

## CHOICES

Joshua 24:15

*Serve who you will but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.*

Each day brings another opportunity to choose the direction of our live. Sometime the choices are easy and other times they are very difficult. It starts from the time we awake until we retire in the evening...CHOICES.

I have been asked why I am a member of the Presbyterian Church and I have to say the choice was easy, it was a girl in the seventh grade, I was smitten and joined the Choir to be near. That didn't work out but the word I was hearing every Sunday got my attention.

The word I was hearing was not hate or fire and brimstone but a message of tolerance and love. Turn the other cheek; now that was hard for me as proved later when I broke another boy's nose.

Someone cuts you off in traffic, very irritating. Someone says that a black person is inferior. What do you say? What do you do? We know what Jesus would do and say but we are far from being like Jesus. Still, we have a choice to say or do something.

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# HOPE PRESBYTERIAN FAMILY NEWS

March 3, 2019



**ASH WEDNESDAY** -- We begin Lent on March 6 with our Ash Wednesday service at 6:00 on the sanctuary. Feel free to invite your friends to join us for the imposition of ashes and the beginning of the Lenten season.

**PLAYGROUND** – Renovations are finished. We are planning to re-dedicate the playground with prayer and a picnic lunch. Stay Tuned!

**MISSIONS** – Thank you a million times over for your support in February. Undie Sunday's during the month was very successful thanks to your support. We netted 13 packs of boy's briefs totaling 84 pairs. The girls got 14 packs of girl's panties totaling 141 pairs. There are 17 packs of socks totaling 136 pairs of socks.

The Flea Market on February 16 was a successful and a great social event for all those who participated. There were about 20 cars, mostly visitors, and about 6+ from the church.

We received a thank you from RCS for clothes, toys, furniture and food donated by our people to Grace House.

Thank You everyone! Mary Ellen Nichols

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And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

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I find when I am under stress to make a decision, a short prayer is my best move. It lessens my anger and allows me to think about what I should do. As a Christian I am supposed to take the high road and try to be like Jesus... Love your neighbor as yourself... easy to say!

We have choices about everything. Who is your master? Do you crave nice things and easy living? Is money your top motivator? When you know what is most important in your life, you will know the choices you should make.

We are at a time in history where the Church seems to be in decline. The choices people are making is to spend time on their bicycle or at the golf course on Sunday morning. Things seem to be going well for everyone. We are not able to control our lives without God's help. The choices we make show the direction we are heading.

As for me and my family, we choose to follow the Lord.

**Chris Howard**

**DRAMA MINISTRY** – Join us on Friday evening March 1<sup>st</sup> for Drama Ministry at 6:30. These sessions will focus on rehearsing scripture presentations for Sunday services. See Angie Cozens for more info.

**HOPE DRAMA CLUB** – In Hope Drama Club on Fridays 7:30-9:00 p.m., we will have fun with playscripts, music and movement. Who knows? You may be the star of our next production! See Angie Cozens for more info.

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD** – The clocks go forward on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 a.m. Try not to forget or you could be late for church.

### CHURCH EVENTS COMING UP

Wed.	03/06	06:00 p.m.	ASH Wednesday service
		07:00 p.m.	Bells practice
		07:30 p.m.	Choir practice
Friday	03/08	06:30 p.m.	Drama Ministry
		07:30 p.m.	Hope drama Club
Sat.	03/09	09:00 a.m.	Men of Hope breakfast
Sunday		03/10	CLOCKS GO FORWARD

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