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The book of Ecclesiastes has a famous and important sentence that has been quoted often. It reads, "For every thing there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven." When I lived in Texas one of the aspects of life in the southwest that drove me crazy was the lack of seasons. There it was hot from November to April and hotter from May to October. As much as I liked the people and the city in which I lived I just could not get used to a place where there are no seasons. I often told those who would listen that I longed to return north to enjoy the changes of the seasons.

Now that Christmas has passed and January is here I may come to understand the old saying, "Be careful what you wish for. You just might get it." But before I get too down with the thought that spring is far off I remember how wonderful this past spring was, and I know that a large part of my enjoyment came from suffering through the long winter.

Just as our Christmas celebration is so much better after 4 weeks of advent and our Easter celebration so much more joyous after 40 days of Lent, so too is the springtime of our life made all the sweeter by the winter of our discontent. Likewise, our winters are made bearable by the promise of spring's eternal renewal, even if that spring does not come in this life.

But even in winter's coldest moments there are blessings to be found. Snow days cancel school and work and force us to take a much needed short hibernation from the stress of our work. A fresh coat of snow can make any building look nicer than it has looked in years.

Moreover, winter is another side of life that we all experience; another gift from God, whether or not we always see it as such. When we aren't having to shovel snow we can stay inside our warm homes and read that book we have been meaning to read. We can write that letter, make that call, or organize that attic we have been wanting to do for so long.

For every thing there is a season, and this season let us take the extra time we receive from the winter slow down to enjoy what matters most under heaven.

Rev. Chris



JANUARY 2022

- 1 Gena Sheller
- 3 George Ashmore
- 4 Marsha Sams
- 8 Cole Jones
Stephen Rydzak
- 9 Doris Haniford
- 11 Ken Carroll
- 14 Ian Howsare
Perry Riffle
- 20 Shirley Bilby
Keith Jones
- 21 Sharel O'Connell
Lori Riffle
- 24 Melissa Robinson
- 26 Mary Wiseman
- 27 Eric Tarentino
- 28 Matt Shetler
Tom Wallace
- 29 Hannah Rizor
- 30 Diane Sumney
Sandy Todaro
- 31 Cody Cavanaugh
Aaron Vanatta

Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 10 Dick & Nancy McCann
- 16 Carl & Joyce Brandtonies

Dates to Remember

January 12
Elders Meeting 6pm
Shepherds Room
&
Board Meeting 7pm Library

January 18
Stewardship/Finance Ministry
5:30pm Library

January 20
Personnel Committee 4pm
Library

The Church Office will be closed
on January 3rd for the
New Year Holiday.

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Church Office Closed Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Holy Trinity	NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm	Dartball 7pm @ Home	Elders 6pm Shepherds Room Board Meeting 7pm Library NA 6:45pm	Choir 6:30pm NA 7:30pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	Prayer Shawl 11am Parlor NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	NA 7:30pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Sunday School 9am Worship 10:15am	NA 7pm		NA 6:45pm	Life Line Screening 8am-6pm Large Fellowship Hall NA 7:30pm		Food Distribution @ First Church of the Nazarene 1336 N Main St Washington
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New Year – New Collection Method for Heaven’s Basket

Fairhill Manor Christian Church partners with First Church of the Nazarene, 1366 North Main Street Washington, to collect and distribute food through **Heaven’s Basket** to help our neighbors in need in the community. The items that Heaven’s Basket is most in need of are: mashed potatoes, rice, condensed soup, pasta/pasta sauce, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, canned vegetables, pancake mix/syrup, oatmeal, peanut butter, and jelly. You can place your donations in the **"basket" in the Caring and Sharing Center** and they will be delivered to Heaven’s Basket for you. **Food distribution** will be **January 29th** from 10 am-Noon at the First Church of the Nazarene if you would like to volunteer to help or know of those in need.

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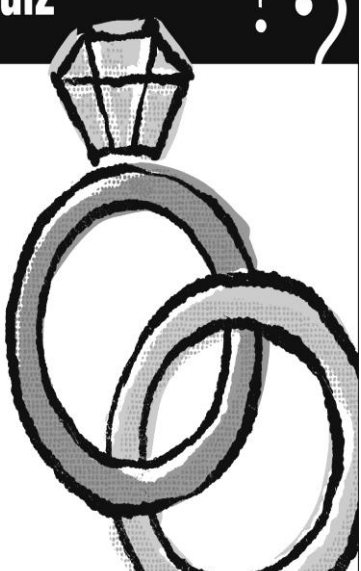
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Bible Quiz

In the book of Revelation, who or what is “prepared as a bride, adorned for her husband”?

- A. The church
- B. The Spirit
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. The new Jerusalem



Answer: D (See Revelation 21:2.)