

**NEAT FACTS**

- **STEWARDESSES'** is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- **Lollipop** is the longest word typed with the right hand.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- **'Dreamt'** is the only English word that ends in the letters 'mt'.
- Our **eyes** are always the same size from birth.
- Our **nose and ears** never stop growing.
- The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog." uses every letter of the alphabet.
- The words **'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level'** are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).
- There are only four words in the English language which end in **'dous': tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.**
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: **'abstemious' and 'facetious.'**
- **Typewriter** is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- A 'jiffy' is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A snail can sleep for three years (me too!).
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- February 1865 is the only month in recorded history not to have a full moon.
- If the population of China walked past you, 7 abreast, the line would never end because of the rate of reproduction.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!
- The cruise liner, QE2 moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel it burns.



**THOUGHT: "Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading. Oswald Chambers**

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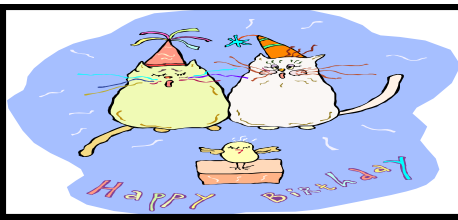
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**Homebound Birthdays**

- January**  
 Mary E. Allen - 1/2  
 Jewel Davis - 1/14  
 Audrey Ferguson - 1/13  
 Estella Fortenberry - 1/16  
 Ruth Hobson - 1/29  
 Mary Hunt - 1/30  
 Ruth Lumpkin - 1/2  
 Marie Matthews - 1/5  
 Jimmie Lois Massey - 1/31  
 Camille Richter - 1/23  
 Hubert Sims - 1/7  
 Maggie Smith - 1/20  
 Solly Smith - 1/27

- February**  
 H. L. Beckham - 2/6  
 Anna Bee - 2/17  
 Inez Boone - 2/9  
 Jan Doehring - 2/6  
 Marsha Ferguson - 2/19  
 Edna Greer - 2/18  
 Bobby Henderson - 2/10  
 Anna Dean Jones - 2/12  
 Dorothy Kent - 2/19  
 Julia Mae Smith - 2/25  
 George Sowell - 2/24  
 Judge R.P. Sugg - 2/21  
 Lois Van Egmond - 2/19

# Cares and Prayers



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*A newsletter for those participating in our Ministry or those who are touched by our Ministry.*

## DANIEL'S LINES!



Ten years ago, February 14th fell on a Sunday. As it began, it was no different from any other Sunday, however, shortly before lunch a perchance meeting changed my life, my world forever. Dr. Pollard was in the pulpit that Sunday, and at the altar call, I was down front to receive any worshippers who wished to make a decision. During the second stanza of, "Just as I am", there she was, walking down the aisle toward me. You know I had to be grinning. I can't remember her dress, all I could see was the most beautiful dazzling eyes I had ever seen, and the brightest smile. She didn't seem to be walking, rather just gliding down the aisle in slow motion. I felt someone had their hand on my shoulder, whispering in my ear... "I told you I had someone picked out for you, what do you think?"

No one was really there, but that still small voice that talks to us when we aren't expecting it, was there smiling with me. I didn't do counseling that service, but remained at the door to greet following the services. However, that Valentine's Day will be forever etched in my mind as the day I met and subsequently asked if we could visit over coffee. Thus began my two and one half years of courtship with the Lady Ginger, whom God had brought into my life on Valentine's Day. What a sense of humor. He is so good and He has a plan for each of us.

Toward the end of February, we will be hosting the Association of Baptist Ministries with the Aging ("ABMA"). These groups of ministers, who work with the aging populace both in retirement centers and in local churches, gather annually to attempt to infuse ideas that both stimulate and meet the needs of an age group that is quickly becoming the largest in the history of man. It is estimated that in the year 2020, over 30% of our nation's population will be over 65 years of age. We hope that during this time, we will be able to not only show how we have been meeting the needs here in Jackson, but also that the speakers will educate us in ways to better serve your needs. I would ask that you set aside a time during February 21 thru 24 when you will join us in prayer for this effort.

If you have the time and energy and would like to assist with hosting, serving, running errands, etc. please let us know and we will find something that you can do. As always, if you have suggestions, please drop us a line and let us hear your thoughts.

Our journey on this earth is just a dress rehearsal for the time we will spend for all eternity in heaven. If you are not practicing your serve, please let us know and we will gladly assist you in helping others. It may surprise you what you can do if you but set your mind on things that are honorable and lasting. In the mean time continue to pray for our efforts and that this conference will be the beginning of something good in the life of our churches and community. Your legacy, like so many who have gone before us, is so important. It is never too late to begin to add jewels to the crown that we will one day cast before our loving and beneficent God. "Keep on keeping on." Dennis

### The Kneeling Camel by Anna Temple

The camel, at the close of day  
 Kneels down upon the sandy plain  
 To have his burden lifted off  
 and rest to gain;

My soul, thou too shouldst to thy knees  
 When the daylight draweth to a close,  
 And let thy Master lift thy load  
 and grant repose:  
 Else how canst thou tomorrow meet,  
 With all tomorrow's work to do,  
 If thou thy burden all the night  
 Dost carry through?

The camel kneels at break of day  
 To have his guide replace his load,  
 Then rises up again to take  
 the desert road.

So thou shouldst kneel at  
 morning's dawn  
 That God may give thee daily care,  
 Assured that He no load too great  
 Will make thee bear.



**"But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 17:7**

**THOUGHT: "A flower can not live without sunshine, and a man cannot live without love" Max Muller**



## A Recipe from Bev's Kitchen!

### Lemon Poppy Seed Cake

- 1 **Lemon Cake Mix** (I prefer Duncan Hines)
- 1/4 **Cup of Poppy Seeds**

### Icing

- 3 **Cups of Powdered Sugar**
- 1/2 **Stick of Butter** (room temperature)
- 2 **8 oz. packages of Cream Cheese** at room temperature)

Prepare the cake batter according to the directions on the cake mix, making two layers. Add the poppy seeds to the batter. Bake at suggested temperature. When cake is done, empty the layers onto rack for cooling. Begin preparing icing. Measure 3 cups of powdered sugar into bowl. Add butter and cream cheese and blend into powdered sugar with an electric mixer. Mix until icing is smooth and creamy.

Take a layer of the cake and place on a decorative cake plate, brown side up. (I like my layer to sit flat, so you may want to trim off the excess cake that rises during baking.) Divide icing in half and place first half on the top of layer.

**DO NOT** spread icing on the sides. When the cake is iced, it will look like a tort. The outside layers of the cake are a beautiful shade of golden brown and make a nice contrast between the pale crème colored icing. Add the second layer and put the rest of the icing on top. Swirl the icing with your knife to make it pretty and decorative. Sprinkle a few poppy seeds on top. Cut & serve.



## Volunteer Corner

Our volunteer person we would like to honor this issue is none other than our magnolia sweet MARTHA CRISLER. Martha serves as director of the Floral Committee. Each and every Monday morning, Martha and her talent laden ladies join as floral designers and begin to resurrect the Sanctuary flowers (and maybe wedding flowers as well) and create wonderful bouquets that are then delivered to those in the hospitals and those who are homebound. We are continually told what joys they bring by the recipients of these crafty creations that have heard many prayers.

In addition to this leadership that keeps Martha busy she still finds time to participate with the Churches very active WMU circles and takes "special needs" members, flowers, gifts and makes time to visit with them. For more fun, she sings with the Reflections Choir enjoying their many activities and contributions. She annually looks forward to the trips to the Cove and other travels. Martha is an encourager to all she meets and is a true ambassador to Christ in all she does. Martha epitomizes the Southern Hostess and brings excellence into everything she does.

It is a joy to be greeted by Martha, as she always shows concern for all. She too has been made wise by the storms of life but knows that her Savior is always with her and shields and protects her. Her family and grandchildren are her delight, and so supportive of her every endeavor. Martha shares with all the "keep on keeping on" spirit and her humility in serving her Lord keeps that twinkle in her eye bright. Martha, we are blessing to call you friend and delight in your presence. Thank you for your years of faithful service and your love for the Lord, as we witness it. .



## Golden Circle Club

At FBCJ, we are privileged to have 64 couples who have been married for 50 years or longer. Please join us in wishing the following couples whose anniversaries are in January/February a Happy Anniversary!!!

### January

**Paul & Helen Nielsen - 1/8 (62)**  
**Charles & Myneka Everitt 1/14 (53)**  
**Shelly & Zelda Stegall - 1/31 (62)**

### February

**James & Jackie Pierce - 1/6 (60)**  
**Bob & Joanne Pittman - 2/19 (54)**



## Heart Thoughts 2009

February is called by many, the heart month. With the new annex to Baptist Hospital dedicated to Cardiac Care I am in awe of the new technologies in this field. Patients in this area have monitors attached to them that send recordings and information back to a central monitoring location. Each beat, skip and irregularity over a period of time is recorded on computer chips that assist the doctors as they check the behavior of the heart. Every time I see these, (almost daily) I am reminded of the spiritual sense in which my heart is being monitored all day, all the time. 1 Samuel 16:7 tells us, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart".

God's got a lifetime, 24 hour, 7 day a week heart monitor attached to each one of us and He knows our condition at any given moment. Spiritually speaking, our heart condition is a very complex matter. The Bible says that our hearts are deceitful and desperately wicked and the situation is worse that we can ever know (Jeremiah 17:9). But our hearts can also love God and desire to please Him.

David was known as the man after God's own heart even when it looked as if he was really blowing the relationship. One thing is sure, only God can fully know our heart. "But I, the Lord, search all hearts and examine secret motives" (Jeremiah 17:10). This knowledge is both frightening and comforting at the same time. Frightening because God knows the worst about us, but comforting in that He seems to accept the good desires of our hearts even when our performance is less than perfect. What is perfect? Maybe perfect is knowing that you have given every bit of effort that you had to give. None of us can live a perfect life and be acceptable to God without relying on Christ and what He has done for us on the cross. But that doesn't mean that we don't have to get out and give life everything that you have. You've got to put your heart and soul into everything that you do. I don't think we can assume that Christ demands anything less than your whole **HEART**. Dennis

## Quotes and Quips

"Whatever you are, be a good one"—Abraham Lincoln

"Always do what is right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest." -Mark Twain

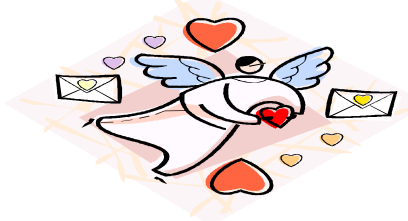
"My business is not to remake myself, but to make the absolute best of what God made." Robert Browning

### Comments on Golf:

"I'm into golf now; I'm getting pretty good. I can almost hit the ball as far as I can throw the clubs."—Bob Ettinger

"Actually, the Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the golf course."—Billy Graham

"It took me 17 years to get 3000 hits in baseball. I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."—Hank Aaron



## "Restoring Your Spiritual Passion"

In Gordon MacDonald's book entitled *Restoring Your Spiritual Passion* (Thomas Nelson Publishers) he concludes with this prayer:

"Holy Father;

In the frenzy of our modern lives at home, in the marketplace, and in the church, keep before us your invitation to intimacy. Help us to locate those safe places, where in still times, you will speak into our spirits from your Word, by your Spirit, through our special friends. May we learn as a result how to live in pursuit of your wishes. For all who are weary, empty of spirit, directionless or numb, I pray for the restoration of spiritual passion. The reason? To be a pleasure to you and a light to the world. AMEN."

## The 1500's

Next time you complain about life, think how hard life must have been for those who lived in the 1500's. Here are a few examples.

- Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May, and still smelled pretty good in June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying flowers during the wedding.
- Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house bathed first; the other sons and men went next, then the women and finally the children and babies. The water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."
- Houses had thatched roofs with straw piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. As it rained it became slippery so the animals would slip and fall. Hence the saying, "It's raining cats and dogs."



## MINISTER ON CALL

Did you know that FBCJ has a direct dial number for the Minister On Call? If you have an emergency, there is an available minister who is on call 24/7. Just call **601-949-1985** and the phone system at FBCJ will transfer you to the Minister On Call.

Of course, you can always get Dennis Daniels at **601-949-1981 (w)**.

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## "ONLY YOU"

By  
**Ruth Bell Graham**

**Dusty my soul tonight,  
 Earth has been dear,  
 Bewildered, I come to You,  
 Father God, hear,  
 Idols that charm me,  
 dreams that allure me,  
 suspense to endure,  
 memories that linger,  
 thoughts that ensnare,  
 a heart that is aching,  
 all crumpled by care,  
 unsatisfied, restless,  
 scarce able to pray—  
 everything, everything  
 take it away.  
 Only You,  
 none but You,  
 Jesus alone;  
 ashes the rest to me,  
 songs with a groan,  
 take them each one away -  
 mind not my tears -  
 lift me above this earth's  
 joys and its fears,  
 give me Yourself alone—  
 nothing beside—  
 so will I be with you,  
 content, satisfied!**

*From Clouds Are the Dust of His Feet*  
 By Ruth Bell Graham