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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father, and the shared-Life of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Someone said to me the other day, "how is it the end of January already?" I agreed! We must be having fun ... as the old saying goes ... because time is sure flying.

After Sunday's Voter's Meeting, anyone of you could easily ask me, "how can 36 years of pastoral ministry be coming to an end so soon?" Another good question. As you may have heard – or not – at Sunday's meeting I announced my intention to retire from pastoral ministry at the end of October this year. That will complete seven full years of ministry among you, with you, for you, and alongside you. Now we can ask, "how did these seven years go by so quickly?" Good question.

Yes, my Forever Family, I am retiring at the end of October 2022.

We still have work to do! I have been preparing for the Lenten Season. Ash Wednesday is March 2. That seems like a long way off, but it will be here before we know it. I want you to consider making this a special and meaningful Lenten Season. If you regularly participate in the Wednesday Services, be sure to come. If you have not regularly attended Wednesday Lenten Services, this will be a year that you will want to participate.

As I have been working, reading, studying, and praying for the 2022 Lenten Season, I have been drawn to focus on the "grand story" of the Scriptures. The Bible wants to "tell a coherent, realistic, positive, powerful Story." In my personal experience, this "Story" is a missing piece that is so helpful to better understand and practice the Life that our Father designed for us, gave His Son that we might possess, and provides the Spirit that we might practice. We are meant to "live Life to the full." This is our focus.

The overall theme for this year's Lenten Season is "I Love to Tell the Story." We will explore "fifteen essential texts" from the Old and New Testaments. These are "essential" because they focus us on the Grand Story of the Gospel from the "first creation" to the New Creation. These texts show how the Triune God is patiently and relentlessly working with people to achieve His intended purpose for the Creation. These texts reveal how God's People – us – are wrapped up in this Divine Purpose and have an important and meaningful role in this amazing drama. I want you to "know the story" so you can "tell the story." You will hear more as Ash Wednesday approaches.

Luv ya'!

Pastor Craig

Happy February Birthdays

02/07 Michael Berdine

02/17 Bettian Carrell

02/18 John Theis

02/24 Will Scheer



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DAY!

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Top Ten Church Bulletin Announcements ... oops!

10. The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
9. Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
8. The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
7. A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
6. Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
5. The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
4. Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
3. Miss Charlene Mason sang "I will not pass this way again", giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
2. For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
1. The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'; the sermon tonight: "Searching for Jesus"