

How Did You Do Last Year?

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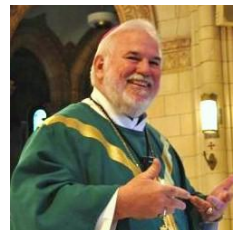
So how did you do last year? When you came to the end of the year, were you better off or were you disappointed? What about those projects you planned to do? That weight you were going to lose? The savings and investing you were planning you were going to do? The breaking of bad habits and the beginning of good habits? Did you get closer to your friends? To your family? To God? At the end of the year were you satisfied or did you have regrets?

While some things are beyond our control (hurricanes, where the economy will go, whether a deer jumps into the path of

your car), for the most part, we are where we are in life because of the choices we have made. If we will be honest with ourselves, the truth of that statement is undeniable. We make choices and choices have consequences.

The power to choose is a God-like attribute. In the Creation account, mankind is made in "God's image." That means, among other things, that, unlike every other created being on the earth, we have the power to choose. In fact, the theme of choice is found throughout the Bible. In the Book of Genesis, Adam and Eve have the opportunity to choose to

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Death to Double Time, Graveyard to Glory Time 1/2/13

By Archbishop Chuck Jones

I have been involved in more funerals during the month of December than in several years combined. Christmas just didn't happen this year. In the midst of all the external

things that were happening around me, The Lord allowed me to go through a Dark Night time internally, with all the upheaval of glory and warfare that goes with those times. For weeks I just tried to cling, and learn, until The Lord spoke

clearly to me "Chuck I'm doing some important things in you, but it's not just personal, it's prophetic." This is Graveyard to Glory Time; a Death to Double Time. Continued on Page 3

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What's Happenin !

Bible Study & Future Events Highlights

Ash Wednesday Service will be held on February 15th, 7pm at the Sam R Marks Chapel at JU Campus.

Next Parish Council Meeting is February 5th at 7pm in the Church office.

4th Day Ultreya – February 12th, Tuesday at the home of Greg & Diane Looker.

Youth Fellowship – Meets every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Check out www.mycomjax.com for a

complete schedule of events.

Women's Ministry - Bible Study –Monday Evening, 7pm. "Discerning The Voice Of God" by Priscilla Shirer.

Location Diane Looker's
This is a six week study and will finish on Feb. 18th.

Women's Ministry presents—"Repeat Retreat" Saturday, February 9th. Did you miss the Women's retreat in October. Here is your chance to hear the

wonderful word that was brought to us by Brooke Shimp, "A Women's Worth". It will be held from 10am to 3pm at Cathie Shimp's home located at 1664 Hammock Circle West.. Brunch will be provided. DVD copies are available upon request—please see Brooke for more information.

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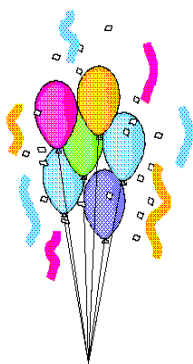
obey God or not. They chose "not" and trouble followed. Some things never change. For the most part, life is the result of a series of choices, some good and some bad. Sometimes I ask people, "Do you have any regrets?" If they respond in the affirmative, almost always, the regrets are about choices they have made and, given the opportunity to do it over, they would make a different

choice. We cannot change the choices we have made. We can, however, plan a better future by making better choices.

What about those events over which we had no control? How do we deal with those? Columnist Rick Ryckley, in writing about his father (who had his own share of troubles in life) quotes his dad as saying, "Bad stuff happens to

everybody. You can't control that. The only thing you can control is how you react to it." And that, too, is a choice. What about dealing with the bad choices we have made? We can learn from them, of course, and determine not to make those choices again. But, eventually, we need to move one and let the past be the past.

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Birthdays

February

2/4	Patti Russell
2/7	Cyndy Melanson
2/11	Dru Pardee
2/17	Greg Looker
2/19	Susie Smitha
2/22	Carla Bitancor
2/23	Fr. Ed Shiell
2/27	Kyla Paysinger

March

3/6	Diane Looker
3/7	Janice Paysinger
3/11	Tom Klimoski
3/16	Mary Hughes
3/20	Kristin Baker
3/20	Alexa McGrew
3/24	Justin Pardee
3/25	Myles Abbott

April

4/12	Amanda Shiell
4/20	James Luck
4/22	John Cunningham
4/26	Dn. Tom Abbott
4/27	Jennifer Abbott
4/28	Craig Stafford
4/29	Meredith Harlow

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Zac Brown, in his song, "Let it Go," offers this advice about life:

*You keep your heart above your head and your eyes wide open
So this world can't find a way to leave you cold
And know you're not the only ship out on the ocean
Save your strength for things that you can change
Forgive the ones you can't
You gotta let 'em go*

The Old Testament Book of

Deuteronomy recognizes the power of choice:

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it.

(30:15-16)

We stand at the beginning of a new year with the possibility of unlimited choices. May your choices, and mine, be wise. Then, with fewer regrets at the end, it really can be a Happy New Year!

Death to Double Time, Graveyard to Glory Time 1/2/13 continued

Many of you have been through a death time, a graveyard time during the last of this calendar year. As you know, 12 is the number of harvest, and this has been a year of harvest, but 13 is the number for double portion, and the harvest that will be experienced in 2013 is going to be a double portion of the Spirits activity. Death always proceeds harvest. The harvest, in seed form, has to be planted into the ground so it can die. In it's dying it gives birth to the promised harvest. A Double Portion harvest requires a Double Sowing, and a Double Dying. If you've been through a Graveyard Time, it's because God has been preparing you for the Double Glory that is on its way. A dear friend reminded me of this verse yesterday from Isaiah 43, "Do not call to mind the former things, or ponder the

things of the past. Behold I will do something new, NOW it will spring forth; will you be aware of it? I will even make a roadway in the wilderness (that's right, you are coming up out of the wilderness leaning on your Beloved) and rivers (rivers of living water) in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people. The people whom I formed for myself, will declare My praise." YOU ARE ABOUT TO MOVE FROM PRISON AND PAIN INTO PRAISE as you celebrate the Double portion of glory and favor. As you finish your graveyard time you may have staggered, but even in the deep darkness your faith never failed completely, because He was praying for you the whole time that your faith wouldn't fail. Now your faith will rise like a rocket, soaring in the Heavens, where Double Portions are realized. As you

walk out of the graveyard of testing and preparation you Will soon realize that you are walking in a glory realm you have only hoped for. With Him, Hope never disappoints. Start Thanking Him for it NOW. Start declaring it as Substance NOW.

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The mission of our church is to bring the rich sacramental and liturgical heritage of the early church, the power of Pentecost, and the infallible truth of Scripture together in one expression of Christ's church for this generation, providing a home for all Christians who seek a vital, powerful energetic, and yet stable church in which to grow in love with one another and in our knowledge and love of God.

February Daily Office

February 2013	AM Psalm	PM Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament	Gospel
1-Friday	40,54	51	Isaiah 50:1-11	Gal 3:15-22	Mark 6:47-56
2-The Presentation	42,43 1 Samuel 2:1-10 John 8:31-38	48,87 Haggai 2:1-9 1 John 3:1-8			
3-Sunday	24,29	8,84	Isaiah 51:9-16	Hebrews 11:8-16	John 7:14-31
4-Monday	56,57	64,65	Isaiah 51:17-23	Gal 4:1-11	Mark 7:24-37
5-Tuesday	61,62	68:1-36	Isaiah 52:1-12	Gal 4:12-20	Mark 8:1-10
6-Wednesday	72	119:73-96	Isaiah 54:1-17	Gal 4:21-31	Mark 8:11-26
7-Thursday	71	74	Isaiah 55:1-13	Gal 5:1-15	Mark 8:27-9:1
8-Friday	69:1-38	73	Isaiah 56:1-8	Gal 5:16-24	Mark 9:2-13
9-Saturday	75,76	23,27	Isaiah 57:3-13	Gal 5:25-6:10	Mark 9:14-29
10-Sunday	148,149,150	114,115	Deut 6:1-9	Heb 12:18-29	John 12:24-32
11-Monday	25	9,15	Deut 6:10-15	Heb 1:1-14	John 1:1-18
12-Tuesday	26,28	36,39	Deut 6:16-25	Heb 2:1-10	John 1:19-28
13-Wednesday	95,32,143	102,130	Jonah 3:1-4:11		Luke 18:9-14
14-Thursday	37:1-18	37:19-42	Deut 7:6-11	Titus 1:1-16	John 1:29-34
15-Friday	31	35	Deut 7:12-16	Titus 2:1-15	John 1:35-42
16-Saturday	30,32	42,43	Deut 7:17-26	Titus 3:1-15	John 1:43-51
17-Sunday	63:1-11,98	103	Deut 8:1-10	1Cor 1:17-31	Mark 2:18-22
18-Monday	41,52	44	Deut 8:11-20	Heb 2:11-18	John 2:1-12
19-Tuesday	45	47,48	Deut 9:4-12	Heb 3:1-11	John 2:13-22
20-Wednesday	119:49-72	49	Deut 9:13-21	Heb 3:12-19	John 2:23-3:15
21-Thursday	50	19,46	Deut 9:23-10:5	Heb 4:1-10	John 3:16-21
22-Friday	40,54	51	Deut 10:12-22	Heb 4:11-16	John 3:22-36
23-Saturday	55	138,139:1-23	Deut 11:18-28	Heb 5:1-10	John 4:1-26
24-St. Matthias	80 1 Sam 16:1-13 1 John 2:18-25	33 1 Sam 12:1-5 Acts 20:17-35			
25-Monday	56,57	64,65	Jer 1:11-19	Ro 1:1-15	John 4:27-42
26-Tuesday	61,62	68:1-35	Jer 2:1-13	Ro 1:16-25	John 4:43-54
27-Wednesday	72	119:73-96	Jer 3:6-18	Ro 1:28-2:11	John 5:1-18
28-Thursday	71	74	Jer 4:9-10,19-28	Ro 2:12-24	John 5:19-29