

AND HE WHO WAS SEATED
ON THE THRONE SAID,

*"Behold, I am making
all things new."*

Revelation 21:5, ESV

First Church of the Brethren

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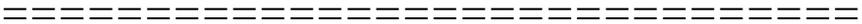
I got an email this morning from a company that I have done business with in the past informing me that today (Tuesday) is opposite day. Now I remember as a kid when we would declare it opposite day and then up was down, yes was no, dark was light, etc. It was fun but the fun usually quickly wore off when it became to difficult to keep things straight.

So I got to think about opposites from a biblical perspective. We definitely see lots of opposites presented in the bible. One of the withstanding themes through scripture is the battle between good and evil, darkness and light. One brings life. One brings death. Along with these come some underlying opposites. An eye for an eye versus turn the other cheek. Hanging onto the memory of our sins and them being as far away as the east is from the west. Living for others and living for self. Being citizens of this world or citizens of Heaven.

I remember an old Petra song that says “we are strangers, we are aliens, we are not of this world.” We spend way too much time trying to fit into this world when really we should try to do our best to offer the opposite of what this world serves up to us.

So, as you contemplate all this, I hope that you have a terrible Opposite Day! (See what I did there?)

You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. Matthew 5:43-44



Be of good cheer

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about “Blue Monday,” supposedly the year’s most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year’s resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as “the best day to book a summer holiday,” and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn’t have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn’t! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God’s promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, “In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (KJV).

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Pray Without Ceasing

Eugene Barton, Lucy Bradford, Katherine Bridges, Carolyn Combs, Melissa Dalton, JT Hale, Barbara Janney, Tania Martin, Salem Nelson, Marie Priddy, Aaron Roach, Jutta Shelton, Roger Shockley, Patsy Underwood, Leon & Gail Walker, Danny Whitley, Frankie Wilson

Thinking of You

Mark Williams

District Prayer Request

Pray for Debbie Noffsinger, Annual Conference Assistant for the Church of the Brethren in Elgin, Illinois. Let us give thanks to God for the commitment of those who serve unseen, but not unimportantly, in the ministry and mission of the church.



While in person Sunday services are on hold you can watch a live stream of Sunday Worship service on YouTube. Find us on YouTube as Eden NC Church of the Brethren and catch up on the weekly sermons.

Ignite Men's Impact Weekend is taking place March 11th and 12th at Thomas Road Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Virginia. There will be special speakers, musical performances, and workshops on various topics. The goal of the Ignite Conference is to "help men align their everyday passions with God's eternal purpose". Any gentlemen who may be interested in attending can find more information, and can also register, at www.ignitemen.net.

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Humor to break up the winter blahs

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited ... until you try to sit in their pew.
- People are funny: They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road and the back of the church.
- Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- Working for God on earth doesn't pay much, but his retirement plan is out of this world.

Upcoming Birthdays

January 26: Sandra Janney

February 1: Kristen Chandler

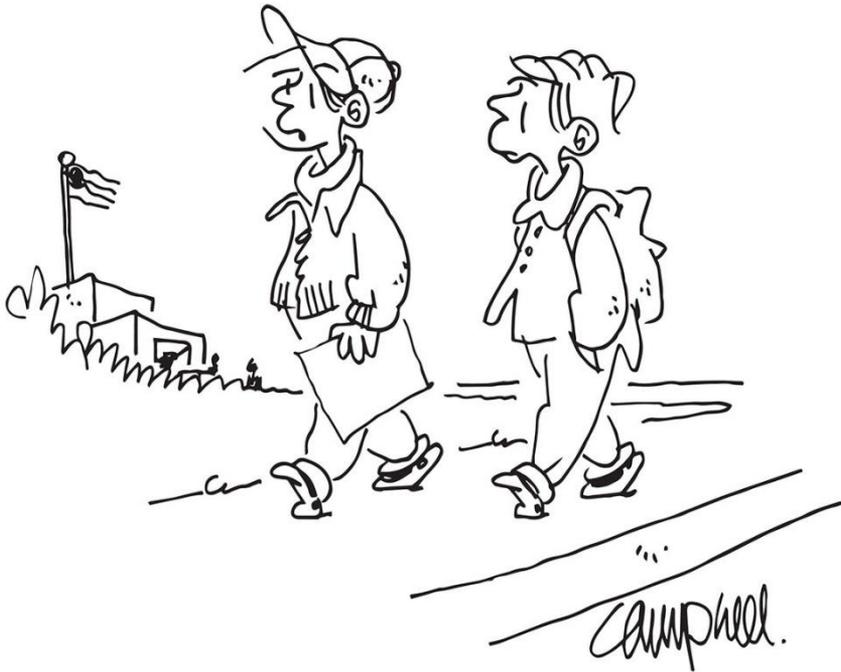
Diane Page

February 2: Hailey Barton

Kitty Shockley

Happy Anniversary

January 28: Michael & Ellen Furstenberg



“I made a New Year’s resolution to eat broccoli.
If I can’t stand it, I’ll give it up for Lent.”