

# Happy New Year!

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Senior Adults Living Triumphantly

Rainbow Presbyterian Church

## BIRTHDAYS

**4**

Michael Wichlan

**7**

Mattie Dodd

**13**

Vivian Smith

**15**

Martha Knight

**16**

Lynn Rogers

**18**

Carol Hill

**22**

Joel Latham

Paula Stewart

**25**

Ryburn Clay

**28**

Calvin Herring

Diane Short

**30**

Marie Akin

## ANNIVERSARIES

**2**

David & Suzette McEwen

**13**

Imogene & Ryburn Clay

**22**

Joel & Sarah Latham

**28**

Bob & Mary Alice Kenley

Bob & Diane Short

## January SALT Meeting

**15th at Noon**

The January meeting is scheduled for January 15, at **noon**. We will be hosting a special guest. Elizabeth Elliott will be sharing her life as a missionary. Don't know who Elizabeth Elliott was? She was born December 21, 1926 and died on June 15, 2015 and was an American Christian missionary, author, and speaker. Now that I've peaked your interest, you will have to come and see for yourself.

### Potluck

A-E Salads

F-L Vegetables

M-R Desserts

S-Z Proteins (Meats, Cheese dishes, etc)

Tea & rolls will be provided by the church.

## Looking Ahead!

### February

SALT will not meet during the month of February. (Please make plans to attend the Missions Emphasis events scheduled for January.)

### March

We look forward to gathering together in March for a special Easter program. Our own Dr. Jamie Robinson will bring the program and we will have a special time of singing.



Fellowship Family Dinner and all normal Wednesday evening meetings and classes will resume on

**January 21, 2026.**

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## Encouragement from John Hamilton, Elder

Prior to Christmas, many people are thinking about the ideal gift they want to receive. What is the thing that we want most in life? What is our ultimate desire? Not all desires are bad or sinful, but all desires, absent of God, are unfulfilling. Even if one is able to achieve their greatest desire, it is still, as Solomon describes, a vanity, a striving after the wind due to the inevitability of death (Ecclesiastes).

In Psalm 73, Asaph was envious of the arrogant and the prosperity of the wicked (3). Asaph saw that the wicked had no pain in their bodies and no trouble (4-5). When Asaph saw that the wicked had a life of continual ease and increased their wealth (12), he stated, "all in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence" (13). After entering the sanctuary of God, Asaph understood that although the wicked may prosper for a season, their end is destruction (17-20).

Despite having an embittered soul (21) and being brutish and ignorant (22) towards God, God did not depart from Asaph. In fact, God was continually with Asaph (23) and guided him (24). As a result, Asaph declared in verse 25, "Whom have in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you."

In Philippians 3:8, the apostle Paul said, "Indeed I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ." Did Paul practice what he preached? In Acts 16:23-25, Paul and Silas, despite being beaten by rods and imprisoned, prayed and sang hymns to God.

True and lasting fulfillment can only be found in Christ, because "all the promises of God find their Yes in Him" (2 Corinthians 1:20). As the late John MacArthur said, "All God's OT and NT promises of peace, joy, love, goodness, forgiveness, salvation, sanctification, fellowship, hope, glorification, and heaven are made possible and fulfilled in Christ."

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### January 18th National Sanctity Life Sunday

Please fill the 'baby bottle banks' and return them on January 18, Sanctity of Life Sunday. A box will be placed in the gathering space for you to return your banks. Remember to complete the form in the bottle so Etowah Pregnancy Center can provide you income tax documentation. It is not too late to request a bottle. Send Missy a text at 205-799-1566 and we will provide you as many bottles as you wish. You may also include a check payable to Etowah Pregnancy Center.



## RPC *Women's* RETREAT

JANUARY 23-24

FRI: 5PM-9PM  
SAT: 9AM-12PM

Noccalula Falls Pavilion



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to sign up!

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