

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER  
February 2022

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Worship 10:00am



*1 John 4:16-19 (NRSV) <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.*



## Birthdays

- Feb 1 Jeremy Hunter
- Feb 3 Ilo Jane Martin (104!)
- Feb 5 Lane Ayers
- Feb 7 Aaron Amick
- Feb 10 Scott Hunter
- Feb 10 Barb Bowman
- Feb 12 Betty Rogers
- Feb 14 Hannah Landis
- Feb 14 Glorial Moore
- Feb 15 Tammy Thornburg
- Feb 15 Carissa Gasper
- Feb 17 Finley Parsons
- Feb 18 Lizzie Colclessor
- Feb 19 Kathy Charles
- Feb 21 Tony Hicks Sr
- Feb 21 Kendall Wisel
- Feb 23 Holly Lengerich
- Feb 24 Joann Dolby
- Feb 28 Cory Johnson

### Greeters

- Feb 6 Reece and Lizzie
- Feb 13 Andy and Andrea
- Feb 20 Sarah and Zach
- Feb 27 Phil and Nicole
- Mar 6 Mike and Cory
- Mar 13 Vicki and Cindy
- Mar 20 Leona And Ashlee
- Mar 27 Monica and Heather

### Acolytes

- Feb 6 Hands
- Feb 13 Wisels
- Feb 20 Amicks
- Feb 27 Colclessers
- Mar 6 Rices
- Mar 13 Amicks
- Mar 20 Hands
- Mar 27 Ayers

FEBRUARY 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

### Events

- Feb 2** – Brofest @ 7am
- Feb 6** – *Experiencing God* 9:00 am
- Feb 7** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- Feb 9** – PC Women @ Ellen's 1:00
- Feb 9** – *Experiencing God* 6:30 (lite meal @ 6:00)
- Feb 13** – *Experiencing God* 9:00 am
- Feb 13** - Souper Bowl following worship
- Feb 14** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- Feb 16** – Brofest @ 7am
- Feb 16** – *Experiencing God* 6:30 (lite meal @ 6:00)
- Feb 20** – *Experiencing God* 9:00 am
- Feb 21** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30
- Feb 27** – *Experiencing God* 9:00 am
- Feb 28** – Bible Study @ Parsons 6:30

**Thank you** to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this! Sign-up papers for snacks are on the table in front of the mailboxes.

**Bible Studies** - All are invited to Parson's home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

**Children's Church** is held each Sunday morning after the children's story for preschoolers and up to third grade. Thank you to Ellen Colclessor and all of her helpers who make children's church a great experience for our young saints!

**Thank you** from By The Book for our support, encouragement, and prayers. This program is part of Huntington County schools and is offered to 3rd, 4th, and now 5th graders. What a great ministry for our students!

**Roanoke Food Pantry** during the month of February, we will be collecting nonperishable food or paper products for the Roanoke Food Pantry. You may bring your donations to the church and place it in the front on the altar rail. Thanks for supporting our local food pantry.

### **PC Women's Group**

The women's meeting met at Jill Law's house on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting had roll call that was answered by singing Happy Birthday to Sherry Rupert.

We delivered eight poinsettias before Christmas to shut-ins and to friends. We signed cards for shut-ins and other friends. This year's missions were discussed, and the women's group will be deciding how money will be used locally since they will not be sending money to the United Methodist Church women's group.

The ladies worked on making Valentine's that will be delivered to nursing homes and shut-ins.

Jill served refreshments to four ladies. The group was small but mighty!

## **SOUPER BOWL!**

On Sunday February 13th, Super Bowl Sunday, Pleasant Chapel Community



Church also celebrates *Souper Bowl* and its intense competition of soup and dessert recipes.



It has been quite the responsibility to be the holder and maintainer of the coveted Pleasant Chapel Souper Bowl champion belt (*trying to be very discreet about the*

*current holder of the belt*). So consider it the greatest of challenges to see if you and your recipe for soup can win and then be the proud steward of the belt for the year.



There is also a contest for the best dessert. Even if you do not wish to enter the competition, come down to the Fellowship Hall after worship service to enjoy a great meal and have a lot of fun.

***And invite a friend!***

## **Looking for a great way to serve in our church?**

We are seeing an increase in the number of children who attend Children's Church each Sunday morning.

It would be great if you are interested in helping with this ministry (not necessarily every Sunday)

Contact Ellen Colclessor or Joel Yeager if interested.

## **Innocent! (One of the rare times)**

Not many times have I been in trouble, and I was actually innocent. But in this instance, I believe I truly was innocent. I know it was a holiday weekend, probably the 4th of July, and more than 20 years ago. My family was at my sister's place on lake Wawasee. We were enjoying our family reunion, great food, and some fun on the water.

My son, Mitchell, was young, maybe seven or eight years old. My sister had some Sea-Doos and Mitch loved to ride them but really wanted to learn to drive. These personal watercrafts are fun and there is a learning curve to them. I'm not on them a lot but I also don't do crazy stunts with them and can maneuver around the lake safely and have some fun. I thought it was a great time for him to learn to operate a vehicle on the water, with me present. We'd go slow and stay safe, and I would be right there with him in case something would happen. Innocent enough?

Mitch did very well at handling the personal watercraft especially since the lake was kind of rough from all the boat traffic and the fact that this particular Sea-Doo was relatively short and narrow and fairly easy to tip.

My brand-new bathing suit nearly got re-wet when a big white boat with sirens and bright blue lights came right up behind us. I didn't know one could get pulled over on a lake! It was the DNR and that kind officer had some words for me.

Again, I felt innocent but according to Office Otherwise, it is not legal for a child to sit in the front position on the watercraft. They are to remain



seated behind an adult driver.

This watercraft is easier to maintain balance when it is moving - kind of like a bicycle. It's easier to maintain balance when you're pedaling the bike than it is to try to keep the bike upright without moving. Did I mention that the lake was fairly rough because of all of the boat traffic? As we were sitting there and I'm being reprimanded, the next thing I know is my feet are up in the air and am completely underwater because we failed to maintain our balance on the little craft.

Really, I was innocent! I couldn't help the fact that the boat was fairly unstable by itself, and that the lake was relatively rough. I couldn't sense a great deal of sympathy from the DNR officer especially since he didn't skip a beat in my reprimand. I tried to maintain a sense of coolness as we climbed back up on the boat to hear the conclusion of his oration only for the exact thing to happen once again. Off the boat we went!

It was a holiday weekend and I'm sure the officer knew that there was a lot of partying going on with the lake people. And my inability to maintain balance on the boat had to cause him to think of me failing any sort of sobriety test. But again, I was innocent!

Back to that new bathing suit. Karla (who claims to be innocent - but the jury still out on this one), knew my bathing suits were getting old and so she purchased a new one for me for the weekend. Unbeknownst to me and her (supposedly), when these swimming trunks would get wet, a new image would appear in the pattern of the material. The image that appeared when the suit was wet was the silhouette of a naked woman! (in reality the image was basically an outline with very little detail but it was clearly evident what it represented) I had no idea! Innocent again!

"Innocent" that's how I saw myself in this situation, but how could the officer see me as anything but? He had to think I was some whacked-out weirdo, perhaps under the influence of something or maybe just moronic. "He can't keep his balance on this small boat, and then who would wear those quasi-pornographic swimming trunks?"

In his eyes I was far from innocent that day, in my eyes I was. The good news: no jail time, no ticket, no requirement to go to court to face my accusations in front of a judge. I did

notice him shaking his head pretty hard as he drove off.

I think Mitch could empathize with me a little bit since he knew more fully the situation but did have questions about those swimming trunks. My family still asks me if I'm going to wear my "naked lady shorts" when we go to the beach.

One of the few times in my life where there was a situation, and I was not guilty. Most other times, I wasn't so innocent.

When I think about "innocence" in the broader sense, there has to be one who accuses, the accused who is suspected of an action that breaks a law or possesses characteristics that are not in line with what has been determined right. And then finally there is a judge who has to make the final decision on guilt or innocence.

In Revelation 12: 10 Satan is called "the accuser of our brothers". That is one of his titles and we are told that day and night what he does is accuse us before the Father.

Unfortunately, for ALL of us, he really has an "open and shut" case. His accusations are valid. Romans 3:23 says " ... ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." His case is solid against us, the accused before the Judge, the Father. We are ALL guilty even though we may feel innocent.

If the DNR officer had required me to go before a judge, I still may have *felt* innocent, but in that judge's eyes,

the accuser would have been correct, and I would have been found guilty.

And in the Father's courtroom, I would (and we ALL would) be found guilty. We would be in the state of the person Paul describes in Romans 7:24 "O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?" We would be in similar despair - knowing our punishment is just and fair.

But we have Counsel. We have the "Wonderful Counselor" (Isaiah 9:6), our Advocate that responds to the accuser and his accusations. He would remind the court that He himself who knew no sin was made *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21). It is as if he is saying, "Yes he is (and all of us are) guilty, but that penalty for guilt has been paid with my blood and cannot be tried again.

Case closed. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, ..." Romans 8:1a.

That is the gospel! That is our good news. Guilty we all are, and all deserve judgment. But in Christ, we are declared innocent! Justified ...  
(Just-if-I'd never sinned!

Thank you Wonderful Counselor for coming along side and silencing our accuser!

Let us be joy filled and thankful that we, though ridden with guilt and kept from the Father, have been made right through faith in the Son.

	November 7, 2021	November 14, 2021	November 21, 2021	November 28, 2021	December 5, 2021	December 12, 2021	December 19, 2021	December 26, 2021	January 2, 2022	January 9, 2022	January 16, 2022	January 23, 2022	January 30, 2022
Attendance	73	39	34	39	53	53	62	43	43	45	41	41	60
Giving	2598	1041	1664	1286	1237	1036	646	2480	2290	3152	35303	673	1016



An old man walks up to the counter of a pawn shop holding an old, weathered guitar

"I'd like your expert opinion on this guitar, how much do you think it's worth?" asks the old man.

The pawn broker looks it up and down. "Well, I can tell now that there's a little warping in the neck, the lacquer is faded and there's scratches and dents all over it. It's an old, well-played guitar but I don't think it's worth any more than twenty bucks."

The old man reaches his hand out and says, "Okay, if that's what you think it's worth, you have a deal!"

"Great!" replies the pawn broker, shaking his hand.

"Here's twenty bucks," says the old man. "I'll buy it right now!"

The broker stops, and suddenly looks confused. "Wait.... buy?" he asks.

"Yes!" smiles the old man as he flips the guitar over, "This one has a sticker price of \$150, but now that I have your honest opinion, I think twenty bucks is a great deal!"

*The actual value of something is not what is on a label, but rather what one is willing to pay. God was willing and paid for you with His Son. You must have tremendous value!*

