



And Also With You

MARCH 2015

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Satan Is On A Timer

MARCH

SUNDAYS

10:00 am
Worship
(nursery provided)
&
Children's Chapel

MONDAYS

10:30am-
Intercessors Soaking
Prayer-990-8225
6:30pm-Graham
Cooke Group-
Information 455-5940

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am
Women's Bible
Study-
Information 990-2973

12:00 noon
Holy Communion

FRIDAYS

8:15 am
Men's Group-
Information 422-3169

CHALICE BEARERS

March 1
Bob and Jane
Grafe

March 8
Becky Johnson
Jan Bogue

March 15
Susan Jones
Maggie Rockett

March 22
Janic Terry
Kitty Barksdale

March 29
Julian and Maggie
Carnes



The Rev. Scott Davis

Sue Anne recently rescued a kitten and named it, *Clarisse*. *Clarisse* suffered from numerous medical issues and to complicate matters, *Clarisse* went into heat. If you have never experienced the joy of a cat

in heat then let me tell you about it. It yowls and yowls and yowls, announcing to the world that its biological clock is ticking. It ticks for approximately a week. If it goes without mating during the week then the egg within the female dies and the prospect of life vanishes. If she mates during the week, however, new life begins, creating more cats for Sue Anne to rescue.

The Lord used *Clarisse's* being in heat to teach about agreements and spiritual warfare. The Holy Spirit told me to begin seeing thoughts from the enemy as *entities*. For example, if a person is tempted to worry then it helps to treat the worry as a living entity whose essence is anxiety itself. This is why worry can only reproduce worry. Another example might be greed. The entity of greed is consumed by the very lust for things or money. When a person is filled with avarice then he experiences what the entity of greed experiences, a longing that can never be satisfied.

Another realization the Lord taught me from *Clarisse's* week in heat has to do with time. God alone is eternal. He is not bound by time; not so



for the rest of creation, however. This means that the enemy, like us, is on a timer. Every trial has a beginning and an end. Trials feel as if they will go on forever yet they always come to an end at some point. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that there is a time and a season for everything. God alone stands outside of time.

For one week, *Clarisse* yowls louder and louder the closer she comes to the egg dying within her. If the egg remains unfertilized then life cannot begin. Each temptation longs for us to mate with it, yowling louder and louder the shorter its time. Temptation longs for an agreement so that it can go on living. If no agreement is made, then no life. If we make an agreement with worry or greed or lust then the timer resets for another season of existence.

Often people fight the thoughts the enemy sends only to capitulate at the eleventh hour. When this happens, new life begins and the timer starts over. The new dark life lives for another season, hoping that it can again make another agreement, continuing its lifespan for another length of time. If it can repeatedly make agreements then it is able to renew its life over and over again. This is how generational sins pass from one lifetime to another.

The flip side of the coin has to do with verses like Philippians 4:8. This verse functions in the same way as its negative counterpart except in the positive. *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right,*



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whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” These are God entities and each bears the essence of its meaning within itself. God desires that we make agreements with them instead making agreements with the enemy. The holy entities come without a ticking clock. Since God is eternal, His attributes are,

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therefore, eternal. It is as if these virtues are always in heat yet without the yowling desperation. These are not subject to time. A person

can agreement with them anytime and new life will begin. These, too, can be passed on generationally through witness and example.

There is one important consideration when warring against certain thoughts: It is difficult to win the battle of the mind in our own strength. Expert gardeners explain that the best weed preventative is to grow a *healthy* lawn. Healthy grass crowds weeds out. Weeds cannot thrive if a lawn is healthy. The same is true in the battle field of the mind. The healthier the mind the more difficult it is for temptation to find a place to latch onto. A mind stayed on the Word diminishes temptation.

- Remember that temptation is like an entity that is on a timer.
- You can outlast the temptation.
- A dark thought desperately needs an agreement to extend its life span.
- God’s thoughts leave no room for diseased thoughts.

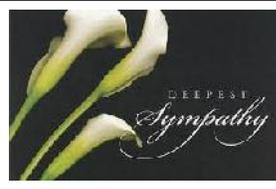
Blessings, Father Scott +



March 8 , 2015
 Daylight Savings Time

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

7 Stella Martin
 11 Diana Parker
 13 Bill Patton
 21 Kathy Patton
 26 Patty Edhegard
 28 Marie Parker
 28 Mary Whittington

Our love and prayers are with Patty, Alan, and Forrest Edhegard on the death of Alan’s father, February 1 and Patty’s mother, February 17, 2015.



Welcome to Gerold Harbin as guest worship leader for March & April. Gerold plays the keyboard, is a music major from the U. of South Alabama. He is a Mobile native and from a very musical family. Gerold is the Worship Leader for The Union, is married to his wife, Steph, who grew up in Birmingham. Steph and Gerold have four children between them, Sky (7), Aiden (6), Amelia (6) and Gabrielle (8 months). Gerold will be absent one Sunday in March and one in April due to the fact that he is in the Air Force Reserves. We look forward to his joining our great worship team.

“ We learn the disciplines of the Spirit through the circumstances of life.”



“God allows in His wisdom what He could have prevented by His power.”