

SOUL CARE

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This true story was recently told about the pastor of a church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. However, the kitten would not come down.

The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten. That's what he did. He checked his progress while inching the car slowly forward.

He figured that if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. As he proceeded to move the car yet further, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So the pastor prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it.

The pastor asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this. My little girl has been begging me for a cat. I kept telling her no. A few days ago, she begged again. I had gotten so tired of having her ask that I told her 'If God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it.'"

The woman went on, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

*Never underestimate the **power** of God, the prayers of a child, and God's unique sense of humor!*

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Ask the operator to page the Chaplain’s Office.

Upcoming Events

March 13 – 5:30pm, Landsbaum Center, “Meeting the Challenges of End of Life Care”. Call 238-7628

March 21 – Noon – Combs Memorial Chapel, Good Friday Service, Rev. John Turner speaking.

Quote of the Month

“There is a rule in sailing where the more maneuverable ship should give way to the less maneuverable craft. I think this is sometimes a good rule to follow in human relations as well.”

Dr. Joyce

Brothers

Editor’s Note

Contact Neva McFarland at the Chaplain’s Office for any comments or additions. 238-7628.

Primary Sacred Times for World Religions

March

2 – Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian observance, two weeks before the start of the Great Lent, preparing the faithful for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. This is the last day for eating of meat before the Great Lent.

6 – Maha Shivaratri – Hindu festival in honor of Lord Shiva and his marriage to Goddess Parvati. Ceremonies involving prayers and hymns take place mostly at night.

10 – Clean Monday – Lent begins for Orthodox Christians.

13 – L. Ron Hubbard Birthday – Scientology

16 – Palm Sunday – Christian celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The day begins Holy Week. It is observed by worship celebrations and parades using palm branches.

Orthodox Sunday – Orthodox Christian first Sunday of Lent. Restoration of icons to the church is celebrated.

17 – St. Patrick’s Day – Christian celebration of Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland in early days of the faith.

20 – Mawlid e-Nabi – Islamic commemoration of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam, in about 570c.e. Not universally observed. The prophet’s teachings are read and religious meetings are held.

Ostara – Wicca welcoming of spring and the goddess-as-maiden.

Maundy Thursday – Christian observance of the first Lord’s Supper during Holy Week.

21 – Good Friday – Christian remembrance of the crucifixion of Jesus.

Purim – Jewish celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish minority in Persia from genocide. Charity to the poor, sharing food with friends, and vigorous merrymaking mark the observance.

Norouz (New Year) – Zoroastrian celebration of the new year.

Naw Ruz – Baha’i observance of the vernal equinox symbolizing spiritual growth and renewal.

Magha Puja – Buddhist celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha to an assembly of holy men.

22 – Holi – Hindu spring festival dedicated to the god of pleasure. It is observed in a colorful and boisterous manner. People shower each other with colored water and smear red and green powder on each other.

Hola Mohalla – Sikh day when mock battles are fought and martial arts are displayed.

23 – Easter – Christian most holy sacred day. The day commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death by crucifixion. Observances include worship services beginning at sunrise, special music, feasting, and parades.

25 – Annunciation of the Virgin Mary – Christian celebration of Gabriel announcing to the Virgin Mary the coming birth of Jesus as the Incarnation of God.

26 – Khordad Sal – Zoroastrian remembrance of the birth of Prophet Zarathushtra.

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