



From Your Resident “Friar”

Another year begins and again gives us the opportunity to make better choices. As you reflect on the past and ponder the future, maybe this unpublished manuscript of Dr. Seuss can help.

“The Zode”

Did I ever tell you about the young Zode,
Who came to two signs at the fork in the road?
One said to Place One, and the other, Place Two.
So the Zode had to make up his mind what to do.
Well... the Zode scratched his head, and his chin and his pants.

And he said to himself, “I’ll be taking a chance
If I go to Place one. Now, that place may be hot!
And so, how do I know if I’ll like it or not?

On the other hand though, I’ll be sort of a fool
If I go to Place Two and find it too cool.

In that case I may catch a chill and turn blue!

So, maybe Place One is the best, not Place Two,
But then again, what if Place One is too high?

I may catch a terrible earache and die!

So Place Two may be best! On the other hand though...

What might happen to me if Place Two is too low?

I might get some very strange pain in my toe!

So Place One may be best,” and he started to go.

Then he stopped, and he said, “On the other hand
though...

On the other hand... other hand... other hand though...”

And for 36 hours and a half that poor Zode

Made starts and made stops at the fork in the road.

Saying, “Don’t take a chance. No! You may not be
right.”

Then he got an idea that was wonderfully bright!

“Play safe!” cried the Zode. “I’ll play safe. I’m no
dunce!

I’ll simply start out for both places at once!”

And that’s how the Zode Who would not take a chance

Got no place at all with a split in his pants.

Throughout the Old Testament, the prophets seem to warn the people of living life like a young Zode. Yet the choice they speak of is much more than a simple “fork in the road.” It was the crucial choice of living faithfully. A choice em-

phasized by Joshua, “... choose this day whom you will serve...” (24:15), and reiterated by Jesus, “No slave can serve two masters.” (Luke 16:13). Jesus also said, “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:13-14)

So, don’t be a Zode. But choose wisely, or you may struggle with more than a split in your pants.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

—Tim



The Mission BEES will meet on
Monday, January 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Place to be announced.

Children’s Choir & Arts resumes on
Wednesday, January 8, at 6:45 p.m. Kids,
invite a friend and join us for a time of sing-
ing and learning about God’s love for us.



The seniors will meet for lunch on
Thursday, January 9, at 11:30 a.m.

Place to be announced.

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 26

7:00 p.m.



The Winter Soup etc. Fellowship will be
Sunday, February 23, at 5:30 p.m. We will set up
serving tables in the hallway.

Suggested items to bring are soups, salads,
sandwiches, cornbread, crackers, and desserts.
The church will provide the drinks and paper
goods.



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Jan 10 Lucas Kelley
 Jan 17 Anne Galloway

Greeters

Anne Galloway & Martha Holliday

Ushers

Jan 5 Jon Holliday & Ray Holliday
 Jan 12 Jon Holliday & Ray Holliday
 Jan 19 Ray Holliday & David Bradshaw
 Jan 26 Ray Holliday & David Bradshaw

Nursery Workers

Jan 5 Ann Miller & Paisley Kelly
 Jan 12 Eranda Bradshaw & Georgia Wall
 Jan 19 Karen Riggins & Erica Zeigler
 Jan 26 Andy Riggins & Johnathon Friar

Worship Leaders

Jan 5 Erica Zeigler
 Jan 12 Wilma Burkett
 Jan 19 Jon Holliday
 Jan 26 Nina Smith

Worship Schedule

Jan 5 **Ephesians 3:1-12**
“The Servant’s Great Work”
 Jan 12 **Acts 10:34-43**
“Peter, Cornelius, and Us”
 Jan 19 **John 1:29-42**
“John’s Epiphany Concerning Jesus”
 Jan 26 **Matthew 4:12-23**
“Jesus Came Preaching”

Tellers

Dora Jane Duncan, Donna Holliday, Debbie Kelley



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 9:15-9:30 am, Silent Prayer 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, Worship		<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> Creative Ministries will not meet in January.	<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> 6:00 pm, Prayer Service 6:30 pm, Youth 6:45 pm, CC&A 6:45 pm, Confident Parenting	<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> RDBC volunteers at Six Mile Elementary (1st Thursday)	<u>REGULAR SCHEDULE</u> RDBC delivers Meals on Wheels	
			1 New Year’s Day Office Closed <i>No Evening Activities</i>	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 6:45 pm Children’s Choir & Arts resumes	9 11:30 am Seniors Luncheon <i>Place to be announced</i>	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 MLK DAY 10:30 am Mission BEES <i>Place to be announced</i>	21 Newsletter Info Due	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Looking Ahead

2/23 Winter Soup etc. Fellowship, 5:30 pm
 2/26 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm
 3/1 First Sunday in Lent
 4/12 Easter



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 With Jesus our example,
 Discipleship our goal,
 And love our action.*