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FROM THE



PASTOR

The Nice Lady

It was a couple of days before Christmas and I was in a checkout line at Penny's in Anchorage Alaska. Ahead of me by several people was a woman, shabbily dressed, and obviously intoxicated. She was alternately standing and weaving and holding on to the checkout stand, while clutching a child's little pink sweatshirt.

The longer it took to get checked out, the more bellicose the intoxicated woman became. I feared we were about to have a scene.

Immediately in front of the upset woman was a well-dressed woman, obviously of some means. While the rest of us in line prepared to move to other check out stations, the well-appointed woman turned to the wavering, hyper-focusing woman, smiled and looked down at the little sweatshirt. "Oh, what a pretty, pink sweatshirt. Is it for your granddaughter?" Even in her agitated and inebriated state, the other woman gave a big smile that resembled a picket fence with some slats missing, and said, "Yesth, she's two, my firsth."

The nice lady continued her conversation with the other woman and her belligerence left her while they had pleasant exchanges about grandchildren. When the previously agitated woman finally checked out she was calm and polite, but as she weaved down the aisle toward the doors she muttered, "Nicsh lady, Nicsh lady."

I, along with several others, stood dumbfounded at how that kind, gracious lady had diffused a potentially explosive situation with a smile and a knowing question.

~Pastor Logan

*¹A gentle answer deflects anger,
but harsh words make tempers flare.*

*²The tongue of the wise makes knowledge appealing,
but the mouth of a fool belches out foolishness.*

*⁴Gentle words are a tree of life;
a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit.
(Proverbs 15:1,2,4, NLT)*

Sermon Scriptures for February

February 3 Jeremiah 1:1-10
 February 10 Luke 5:1-11
 February 17 Jeremiah 17:1-10;31-34
 February 24 Luke 6:17-26

UPCOMING EVENTS

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, February 9, at 8:00am at Vic's Daily Café (3600 Osuna).

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday, February 13, at noon.

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HAPPY 66TH ANNIVERSARY!

Rick & Lee Beasley, 2-14



THIS 'N THAT



The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will be collecting items for Ronald McDonald House through March. Items needed are: small pudding cups, crackers with peanut butter, small boxes of detergent, Bounce dryer sheets, small Styrofoam bowls, and paper supplies (i.e. napkins, paper plates, paper towels, and toilet paper). Please put your donations in the green box in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

Albertson's recently gave us a donation of some discontinued/after season fall floral decorations, bags of scented pine cones, and a variety of Christmas decorations. Feel free to drop by the choir room and select any items for which you may have use!



The Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, January 27, are in celebration of Bill's 74th birthday (1-28)!

WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

Dorothy Beckner, June Blair, Gerald Gale, Leon Parrish, Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), Carolyn Tumey, Fred Shoemaker, and Anne Weimer (Bill Beckner's sister)

Our shut-ins are: **Joanne Colvin and Abigail McVeety**