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It's All in Your Perspective

One Sunday morning, Pat Allen and I were in the Sanctuary and needed to update something on the hymn board. Now, neither Pat nor I could reach the spot without climbing on something, so we did what short women worldwide do. We looked for a tall man. When I called out to Jeffrey Crapps for assistance he laughed. I explained that to two 5' tall women, he was, in fact, tall.

Perspective is an interesting thing. In Atlanta, an hour drive to the airport is nothing. In Lexington, a 20-minute ride to the airport is long, but we'll do it if we must. I have friends here that only go "into town" (4 miles down the road) once a week, combining all trips.

Decorating is one of those things where everyone has a different perspective. My mother-in-law and I had two very different ideas when it came to home decor. She preferred to let the Ethan Allen decorator pick it out for her—pairs of jars on the mantel, matching chairs in the parlor, matching bedside tables. It was beautiful. For her.

I prefer a more collected, casual style. A hutch made by my great grandfather. A bedside table made by an old friend. A

pillow made out of an old feed sack. Most of our furniture is antique, some from family, some purchased, but all casual... except for the baby grand.

When Mimi was down-sizing & moving in with us, she made sure we had room for all of her "froo-froo furniture" as she called it, because (and I'm quoting here), "one day you might want nice furniture." It always makes me smile. She called my style "interesting" which is a Southern woman's way of saying, "I think that's tacky, but it's your house."

I like to pair the unusual. A denim table cloth with silver trays. A leather sofa with a quilted throw. I have used old maps for a border, old buttons to cover screws in shelves, & have made lamps out of old jars & jugs. Anything goes. My home is our happy place. It's warm and inviting and comfortable.

Our 3-year old granddaughter has the first signs of that "anything goes" decorating style. When she leaves, I find signs of her handiwork all around. Usually I leave it, because it makes me smile. And we all need more to smile about.

Now for the Important Stuff...

The Week of January 18-24 is:

- Fresh Squeezed Orange Juice Week
- Hunt for Happiness Week
- No Name Calling Week

Some celebrations only last a day:

- 18th**-National Winnie the Pooh Day
 - World Snow Day
 - National Thesaurus Day
- 19th**-National Popcorn Day
 - Get Rid of Fad Diets Day
 - Robert E. Lee Day
 - Tin Can Day
 - National Imagination Day
- 20th**-Camcorder Day
 - National Cheese Lovers Day
 - National Disc Jockey Day
 - Penguin Awareness Day
- 21st**-Squirrel Appreciation Day
 - International Sweatpants Day
 - Mariachi Day
 - National Hugging Day
- 22nd**-National Polka Dot Day
 - Answer Your Cat's Questions Day
 - National Blond Brownie Day
- 23rd**-National Handwriting Day
 - National Pie Day
 - Snowplow Mailbox Hockey Day
- 24th**-Belly Laugh Day
 - National Compliment Day
 - National P-nut Butter Day
 - Talk Like a Grizzled Prospector Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church.

Serving Him & Loving it!

Carol 🍷

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Luke 7:23 ~ "Blessed are those who are not offended by me."



Do you think she knew "Pooh Day" was coming?

Ethan Allen, old junk, & Pooh. A fun combo.

Well done, Josie!

When I told hubby there was a huge pig in our yard, he argued that it was just a little pig. Looks big to me.

Hmm...perspective.



Things That Made Me Laugh This Week

- I never understood how the little drummer boy's parents could just send him outside alone at night to play his drum until my daughter brought a recorder home from school.
- Honestly, we should text like 1800s adventurers. "My trusted friend, I remain alive after yet another week. The terrors do not cease."
- Husband: that was amazing! Can you make it again next week? Me: I combined five recipes, didn't measure anything, substituted half the ingredients, & cooked purely on vibes. so...probably not.
- In order to cook after work you really have to not sit down.