

# Crossroads Southern Baptist Church Newsletter

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The month of February went by faster than a penguin on ice-skates. If you have never seen a penguin on ice-skates, then that just shows you how fast they are! February was a good month for Crossroads. Among the highlights, we had a fantastic ordination service for our Deacons. My thanks go out to everyone who helped with set-up, cupcakes, clean-up and providing hospitality to our guests and our guest speakers Pastor Byron Banta and Dr. Charles Simmons. You are the best! Additionally, we are rejoicing in our newly sealed and striped parking lot. Did you notice our new signage? It looks like our whole church is getting ready for an open house.

Since we are promoting ourselves as a "Great Commission Church," it might be a good idea to begin to put some legs on that vision. Perhaps you feel a little reticent when you think about telling others about the gospel. You know that you should - but knowing and doing are two different things. I agree. That is why I am looking at training tools to help each of us witness to others. You will be hearing more about this later.

In my studies, I came across a testimony from J.D. Greear. Pastor Greear is the 62<sup>nd</sup> President of the Southern Baptist Convention. This is a good story, and it reminds us that Godly zeal, mixed in equal parts with brotherly love, can melt resistant hearts.

Pastor Greear says: "When I served as a missionary in Southeast Asia, my best friend was Ishmael, a local Islamic youth pastor (more or less) with whom I had shared the gospel at least 25 times. Every time I shared with him, he would put his hand on my shoulder and say, "J.D., my brother, you are a great man of faith, and you make your parents very proud. But you are a Christian because you were born a Christian, and I am a Muslim because I was born a Muslim, and that is how it will always be."

The day I left to return to the U.S., he showed up at my house, and I could tell something was on his mind. He told me he had had a vision of a road springing up before him and stretching to heaven, and—to his surprise—I was on it. He watched me walk up to the gates of heaven, which were shut until someone inside called my name. The gates opened, I went in, and they shut again, and he was sad because he wanted to go with me.

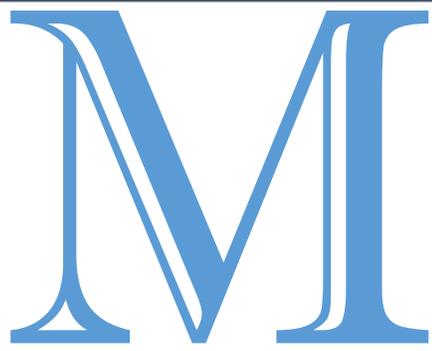
He said to me, "When I first woke up, I thought this was a dream that came from eating strange fish. But those dreams are different. I know that this is a dream from God. What does it mean?"

I explained to him the straight and narrow path, explained the gospel, and explained everything I had already told him, *again*. He did not believe in Jesus for salvation. But he did say, "J.D., I know now that you came here to show me the way of salvation. My dream has to mean that."

Is it so hard to believe that you and I are the answer to someone's dream? Did Jesus really intend for all of us to bring other's to the knowledge of His saving grace?

**God Loves You and so do I!**

—Pastor Rick



# Missions News

-- News from missions supported by Crossroads Southern Baptist Church

Matthew 25:40

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

## Taken from a letter from Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries:

“Dear Friends at Crossroads Southern Baptist Church:

Thank you for your generous gift...to ABCS. We are grateful for the way God is using you to help provide hope and care to hurting Children and families through Arizona Baptist Children’s Services & Family Ministries (ABCS)....

“When you give a gift to ABCS ,you are helping families like Clara’s. During her open case with the Arizona department of Shield Safety (DCS), Clara\* received parenting education and supervised visits with her daughter through ABCS; Parent Aide ministry to help her grow as a mom. After 230 days in foster care, Clara’s baby girl was returned home and Clara was granted primary custody of her child. Clara shared, “I am very open about this process so others can see you can change and life does get better.: We’re grateful for this picture of God’s redemption.

“Your support makes a difference in the lives of hurting children and families. In 2020, we served 1,600 DCS-involved families through ABCS ministries. Thank you for helping us meet physical, emotional and spiritual needs in your community, and spreading the gospel Of Jesus Christ.”

In Him, Steve Hanna, President/Executive Director

### **Be Not Afraid**

After church one day, a mother asked her daughter what the Sunday School lesson was about. The daughter replied, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." The mother was perplexed and couldn't figure out what her daughter could be referring to. So she called the teacher and asked her what the lesson was. The teacher said, "Be not afraid, your Comforter will come."

## We honor & celebrate all our members and friends who will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in March



May you truly count it all joy on your birthday! Wishing you a year filled with the warmth of family, the joy of friends, and the love of the Father. Happy Birthday!!



May the Lord bless you and keep you for many more years to come. With the grace of God may you have the most amazing time as you celebrate. Wishing you a very happy anniversary!



Martha is continuing her card ministry for the church for birthdays, anniversaries, get well, bereavement, encouragement, etc. Each card is sent on behalf of the church (each of you). Through her ministry, friends and family are extended the love of Jesus through the mail. Thank you!

\*March Birthstone: Aquamarine, Bloodstone, Jade, Rock Crystal

\*March Flowers: Jonquil, Violet

*\*The birthstones tradition can be traced back to the first century. The stones were used in the breastplate of Jewish High Priests, symbolizing the 12 tribes of Israel.*

If we missed your special day, please contact our church secretary, Beth, in the office at 480-982-9120 or email her at [crossrdsbc@yahoo.com](mailto:crossrdsbc@yahoo.com).



**“MARK OF THE LION”** by Francine Rivers

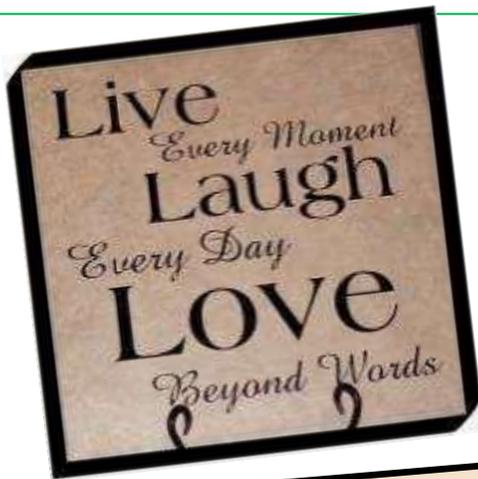
We have an excellent fiction series called “Mark of the Lion” by Francine Rivers. The titles of the three-book series are “A Voice in the Wind,” “Echo in the Darkness,” and “As Sure as the Dawn.”

The stories take place about 40 years after Jesus was here. There is a great story behind the historical fiction of that day and time, telling of how the Christians were persecuted and how crowds flocked to the arenas to see the gladiators kill each other. It isn’t all gore and there is much to learn about how it was in those days.

I invite you to read these beautiful books. There are also other books by Francine Rivers. ~~Carol Korte

*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.”*  
Proverbs 3:5-6

If you have questions, see Carol Korte or Dolores Moody.



**A Good Laugh!**

**The Bible Answer**

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 100 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES."  
When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION."

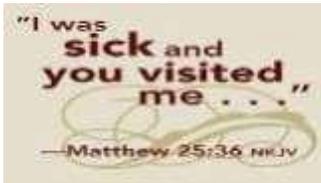


February Average Sunday Worship Attendance: 73 (3 of 4 Sundays)  
 February Average Sunday School Attendance: 44 (3 of 4 Sundays)  
 February Average Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study Attendance: 22 (3 Wednesdays)



If you or someone you know needs prayer immediately, contact our Prayer Chain Chairperson

◆ Martha Finton, 685-223-4890



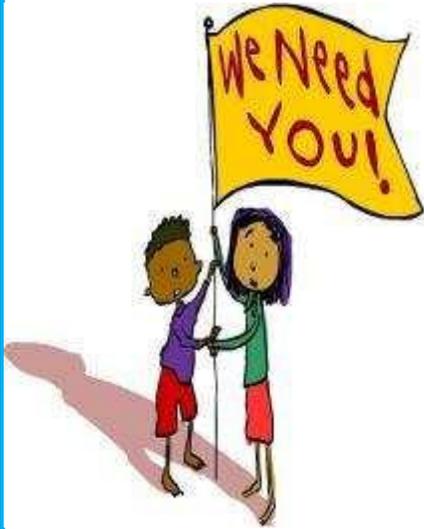
If you know of a church member who is a shut-in or in the hospital, and would like a visit and the Lord's Supper taken to them, contact Pastor Rick or one of the deacons.



- Sunday Fellowship - coffee & donuts 9:00 a.m.
- Bible Study at 9:30 a.m.
- Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.
- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7 p.m. Join us for a great study and discussion; bring a friend.
- The Ladies' Breakfast is the third Tuesday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at IHOP on Signal Butte and Southern, Mesa.
- The Ladies' Bible Study starts Thursday, March 4m 2021 @ 9:30am in the sanctuary.
- The Men's IMPACT meets one Saturday each month for breakfast at the church.
- Volunteering your Time: The church needs your gifts and talents. Volunteer to serve on a committee and bless others through your service.

**KIDS SAY THE FUNNIEST THINGS!**

"At the pool my little sister asked, 'How does that rope stop the deep water from going in the shallow water?'"



Your help & service is needed within the following 2021 Committees. Please volunteer or say “yes” when asked to serve. Contact the Committee Chairperson or the office.

- ✓ Benevolence
- ✓ Decorations
- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Missions
- ✓ Nominating
- ✓ Personnel
- ✓ Property
- ✓ Finance (Stewardship)
- ✓ Trustees

## COMMITTEE INFORMATION

### **Benevolence Committee**

Assist with the distribution of funds (money, gift cards, food) for people in the church and our community.

### **Decorating Committee**

Assist with decorating the interior of the church for different seasons and holidays. No special skills needed, but a willingness to help.

### **Finance Committee**

Assist with developing the church budget, interacting with committee chairperson with budget concerns, and monitor the budget as needed. A knowledge of numbers is recommended.

### **Hospitality Committee**

Assist with kitchen functions (setting up food and beverages) for luncheons and special occasions. NO special cooking skills needed, but a desire to serve others.

### **Library Committee**

Assist with receiving and categorizing donated books. Able to replace books on shelves, and help as needed.

### **Missions Committee**

Assist the chairperson with the church’s missions outreach and missionary support locally and abroad.

### **Nominating Committee**

Interact with committee chairpersons for needs within their committees and encourage others to join.

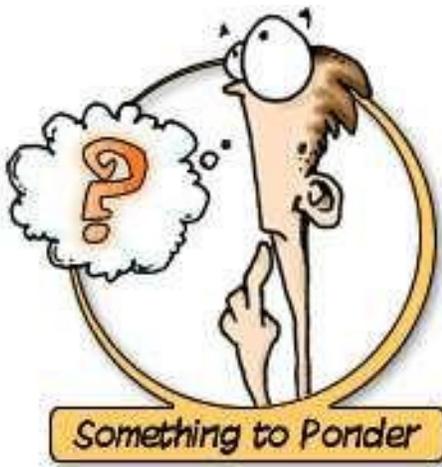
### **Personnel Committee**

Assist with interviews and recommending candidates for employment in the church.

### **Property Committee**

Assist with projects in and around the church. Give input for decisions for the improvement of the church. No special skills needed.

**WE NEED YOU TO HELP OUR CHURCH GROW. NO SPECIAL TALENTS ARE NEEDED, BUT ARE ACCEPTED. EACH OF YOU IS VALUABLE TO CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH!**

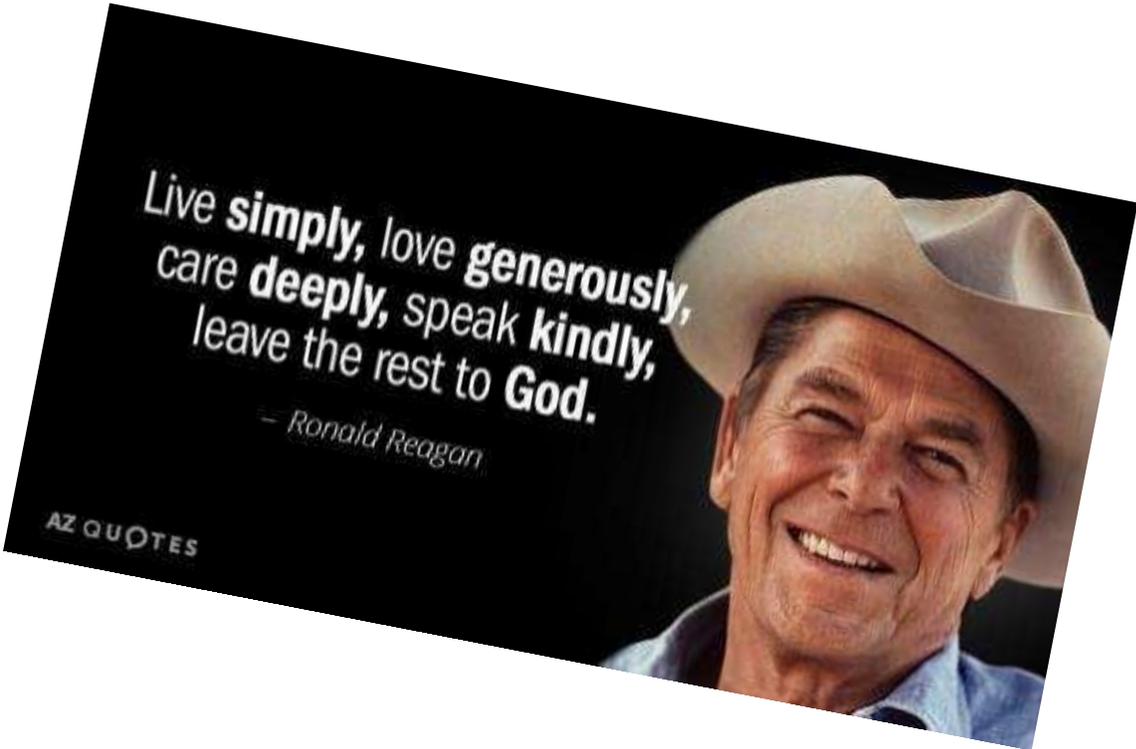
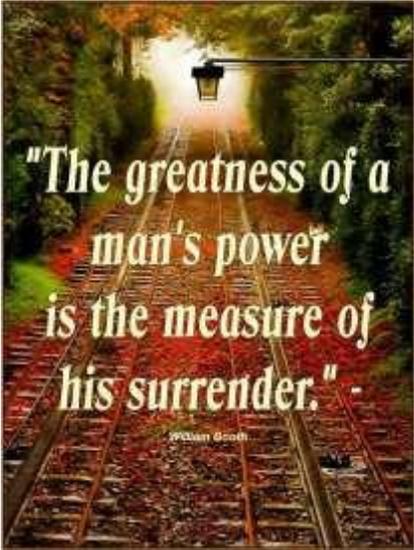


We ought to be living as if Jesus died yesterday, rose this morning, and is coming back this afternoon.

—Adrian Rogers

“The whole idea of motivation is a trap. Forget motivation. Just do it. Exercise, lose weight, test your blood sugar, or whatever. Do it without motivation. And then, guess what? After you start doing the thing, that's when the motivation comes and makes it easy for you to keep on doing it.”

— John C. Maxwell



**On the back of Satan's neck is a nail-scarred footprint.**

— C. S. Lewis

**May the strength of God pilot us, May the wisdom of God instruct us, May the hand of God protect us, May the word of God direct us. —St. Patrick**

## **HISTORY OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY. WHERE DID THIS NATIONAL HOLIDAY COME FROM?**

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for over 1,000 years. On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.



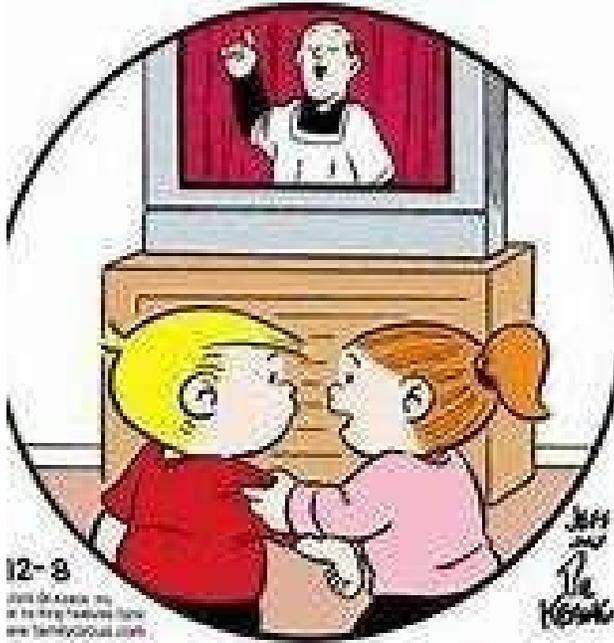
## **WHO WAS ST. PATRICK?**

Saint Patrick, who lived during the fifth century, is the patron saint of Ireland and its national apostle. Born in Roman Britain, he was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave at the age of 16. He later escaped, but returned to Ireland and was credited with bringing Christianity to its people. In the centuries following Patrick's death (believed to have been on March 17, 461), the mythology surrounding his life became ever more ingrained in the Irish culture: Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Patrick is that he explained the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) using the three leaves of a native Irish clover, the shamrock....

## **WHEN WAS THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATED?**

Since around the ninth or 10th century, people in Ireland have been observing the Roman Catholic feast day of St. Patrick on March 17. The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland but in America. Records show that a St. Patrick's Day parade was held on March 17, 1601 in a Spanish colony in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. The parade, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration a year earlier were organized by the Spanish Colony's Irish vicar Ricardo Artur. More than a century later, homesick Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched in New York City on March 17, 1772 to honor the Irish patron saint....Over the next 35 years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies....Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums. In 1848, several New York Irish Aid societies decided to unite their parades to form one official New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today, that parade is the world's oldest civilian parade and the largest in the United States, with over 150,000 participants. Each year, nearly 3 million people line the 1.5-mile parade route to watch the procession, which takes more than five hours. Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia and Savannah also celebrate the day with parades involving between 10,000 and 20,000 participants each.

—Excerpts from <https://scotweek.org/features/history-of-st-patricks-day/>



**"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."**

**BEARDS ARE THE FASTEST GROWING HAIRS ON THE HUMAN BODY. IF THE AVERAGE MAN NEVER TRIMMED HIS BEARD, IT WOULD GROW TO NEARLY 30 FEET LONG IN HIS LIFETIME.**

**YOU TYPICALLY BREATHE THROUGH ONLY ONE NOSTRIL AT A TIME**

You might think that your nostrils share the workload when it comes to inhaling and exhaling. And while they do, it's not quite in the way that you might expect. You actually inhale and exhale through one nostril at a time, according to definitive research published in the journal *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* in 1977. Every few hours, the active nostril will take a break and the other one will take over until they ultimately switch back again. Put your finger under your nose and try it. Prepare to be amazed!

<https://bestlifeonline.com/health-facts/>

**THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**

Mar 1, 1872: Yellowstone become the U.S.'s first national park.

Mar 2, 1836: Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

Mar 2, 1962: Wilt Chamberlain of the Philadelphia Warriors scores 100 points in a basketball game.

Mar 3, 1931: The *Star Spangled Banner* becomes the National Anthem.

Mar 4, 1789: The Constitution of the United States of America goes into effect.

Mar 5, 1770 : The Boston Massacre occurred.

Mar 6, 1950: Silly Putty is invented.

Mar 7, 1876: Alexander Graham Bell patents the Telephone.

Mar 10, 1876: Alexander Graham Bell places the world's first telephone call to his assistant in the next room.

Mar 12, 1912: Girl Scouts were founded.

Mar 14, 1932: Eli Whitney patents the Cotton Gin.

Mar 17, 1845: The rubber band was invented.

Mar 21, 1963: The infamous Alcatraz prison is closed.

Mar 26, 1953: Dr. Jonas Salk invents a vaccine to fight polio.

Mar 28, 1797: Nathaniel Briggs patents the washing machine.

Mar 29, 1848: Ice jams stop the flow of water over Niagara Falls.

Mar 30, 1970: The 15th amendment goes into effect, giving black men the right to vote.

Mar 30, 1964: Jeopardy debuts on television.

Mar 31, 1889: The Eiffel Tower opens in Paris, France.

# Stress Diet

We all deal with stress one time or another.  
Here is a diet designed to help you cope.

## **BREAKFAST**

1/2 grapefruit  
1 slice whole wheat toast, dry  
8 oz skimmed milk

## **LUNCH**

4 oz lean broiled chicken breast  
1 cup steamed spinach  
1 cup herb tea  
1 Oreo cookie

## **MID-AFTERNOON SNACK**

Rest of the Oreos in the package  
2 pints of rocky road ice cream  
1 jar hot fudge sauce nuts, cherries, whipped cream

## **DINNER**

2 loaves garlic bread with cheese large sausage, mushroom and cheese pizza  
3 milky way candy bars

## **LATE-EVENING SNACK**

Entire frozen cheesecake, eaten directly from freezer



## **RULES FOR THIS DIET**

1. If you eat something and no one sees you eat it, it has no calories.
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar, the calories in the candy bar are canceled out by the diet soda.
3. When you eat with someone else, calories don't count if you don't eat more than they do.
4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER count, such as brandy, hot chocolate and Sara Lee cheesecake
5. If you fatten up everyone else around you, then you look thinner.
6. Movie related foods (Milk Duds, Buttered popcorn, Junior Mints, Red Hots, Tootsie Rolls, etc.) do not have additional calories because they are part of the entertainment package and not part of one's personal fuel.
7. Cookie pieces contain no calories--the process of breaking causes calorie leakage.
8. Things licked off knives and spoons have no calories if you are in the process of preparing something. Examples are: peanut butter on a knife making a sandwich and ice cream on a spoon making a sundae.
9. Foods that have the same color have the same number of calories. Examples are: Spinach and pistachio ice cream; mushrooms and white chocolate. NOTE: Chocolate is a universal color and may be substituted for any other food color.
10. Foods that are frozen have no calories because calories are units of heat. Examples are ice cream, frozen pies and popsicles.
11. Foods off someone else's plate have no calories for you.

**Enjoy :)**

# March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nat'l Irish American Heritage Month Nat'l Nutrition Month	1 Peace Corps Day World Compliment Day	2	3 7 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study National Anthem Day	4 Hug a GI Day	5 World Day of Prayer	6 8am Men's Breakfast
7 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship The Lord's Supper	8	9	10 7 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	11 Johnny Appleseed Day Popcorn Lover's Day	12 Girl Scouts Day Plant a Flower Day	13
14 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship Nat'l Pi Day Daylight Saving begins	15 Ides of March	16 8:30 am-Ladies' Breakfast @ iHop	17 7 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Day	18 Supreme Sacrifice Day	19	20 First Day of Spring Int'l Day of Happiness
21 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship World Poetry Day	22 Nat'l Goof Off Day	23 Nat'l Chip & Dip Day Nat'l Puppy Day	24 7 pm-Prayer Meeting & Bible Study	25 Feast of Annunciation Waffle Day	26 Live Long & Prosper Day Nat'l Spinach Day	27 Passover begins at sundown
28 9 am-Fellowship 9:30 am-Bible Study 10:45 am-Worship Palm Sunday	29	30 Take a Walk in the Park Day	31 Nat'l Crayon Day			
<p><b>His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.</b>  <b>Lamentations 3:22, 23</b></p>						

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