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**March  
2019**

## LOOKING FORWARD...

March has a lot to look forward to such as the daffodils , the buds on the trees, the last snow flurries, and the wind. For those who like the 4 seasons March brings the welcomed change of new life. School is winding down. For some this means graduation and some important decisions that need to be made. For the Christian there is the approach of the most important day in history: Easter.

As we think of Spring Cleaning in the home we think about Spring Cleaning in our hearts. It's time to throw out some accumulation to make room for the new challenges of the new year. What changes need to be made in your Christian life? What issues need to be kept or improved? A thorough spiritual house cleaning is a necessity to stay current with the Lord's will for your life. How about Matt. 6:33 ? Maybe John 4:35 should be considered. How about 2 Corinthians 9:7? Then there is Hebrews 10:25. Are you having fun checking out these scriptures? There is a spiritual reward for us when we spend time in the Bible. Let us make this the best March ever! Who knows what the Lord wants to do in your life. Give it a try and see what happens.

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Joy Club-March 14th

## A Stewardship Moment



The story is told of a man who had a horrible dream. He said, "I dreamed that the Lord took my Sunday offering and multiplied it by ten, and this became my weekly income. In no time I lost my color TV, had to give up my new car and couldn't make my house payment. After all, what can a fellow do on \$10 a week?" If the Lord took your offering, multiplied it by ten, and made that your weekly income, how much would you make?

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When the Cornerstone Bank in Waco, Nebraska, was robbed of some \$6,000 in November of 2012, the bank employees were able to give the police a fairly good description of the teenage girl who pulled off the crime and the car in which she escaped. As it turned out, the investigators didn't really need those descriptions, because the thief recorded a YouTube video titled "Chick bank robber" boasting of her criminal prowess.

Fanning out the cash in front of the camera, 19-year-old Hannah Sabata held up a sign that read, "I just stole a car and robbed a bank. Now I'm rich, I can pay off my college financial aid, and tomorrow I'm going for a shopping spree." Later she held up another sign which said, "I told my mom today was the best day of my life... she just thinks I met a new boy." Hannah's brief criminal career ended later that week when police took her into custody.

The number of people who have gotten into trouble because of something they said goes far beyond boasting criminals. Lies, gossip, criticism, and slander can damage not just those about whom they are spoken but the speaker as well. The words that come from our mouths reveal the condition of our hearts and minds. Jesus said, "*O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh*" (Matthew 12:34). We should exercise great care in our speech, knowing the power of our words. Though there is a time when we should speak, more often the problem comes from speaking too much instead of speaking too little. Let us be good stewards of our conversations.

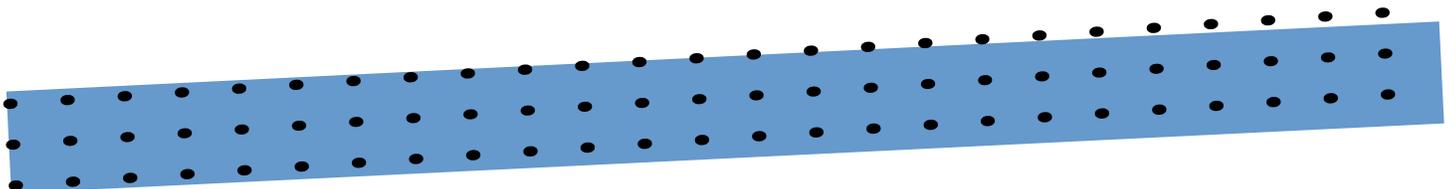
## March Events

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St. Patrick's Day 17th



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Matthew 6:33

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## St. Patrick

The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is broad agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the 5th century. Early medieval tradition credits him with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and they regard him as the founder of Christianity in Ireland, converting a society practicing a form of Celtic polytheism. He has been generally so regarded ever since, despite evidence of some earlier Christian presence in Ireland.

According to the Confession of Patrick, when he was about 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals; he lived there for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked. By the seventh century, he had already come to be revered as the patron saint of Ireland.

Each One Reach One