



# The Connection

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**Our Mission: To Know Christ, and  
to Make Him Known**



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## National Days for March

- 1 National Self Injury Awareness Day
- 2 National Old Stuff Day
- 3 National I Want To Be Happy Day
- 4 National Sons Day
- 5 National Cheese Doodle Day
- 6 National Oreo Cookie Day
- 7 National I Am Day
- 8 National Peanut Cluster Day
- 9 National Get Over It Day
- 10 National Pack Your Lunch Day
- 11 National 3-1-1 Day –Non-emergency help
- 12 National Working Moms Day
- 13 National Good Samaritan Day
- 14 National Learn About Butterflies Day
- 15 National Everything You Think Is Wrong Day
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- 17 National Corned Beef and Cabbage Day
- 18 National Awkward Moments Day
- 19 National Let's Laugh Day
- 20 National Absolutely Incredible Kids Day
- 21 National Common Courtesy Day
- 22 National Goof Off Day
- 23 National Near Miss Day
- 24 National Chocolate Covered Raisin Day
- 25 National Equal Pay Day
- 26 National Manatee Appreciation Day
- 27 National Spanish Paella Day
- 28 National Weed Appreciation Day
- 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- 30 National I Am In Control Day
- 31 National Clams on the Half Shell Day

## March Daily Scriptures

- 1—Psalm 118:24
- 2—Isaiah 40:31
- 3—Philippians 4:13
- 4—Romans 14:13
- 5—2 Corinthians 5:17
- 6—Proverbs 3:5-6
- 7—Jeremiah 29:11
- 8—Psalm 37:4
- 9—Matthew 11:28
- 10—Psalm 30:5
- 11—Ephesians 3:20
- 12—1 Peter 5:7
- 13—Isaiah 41:10
- 14—Psalm 46:1
- 15—Romans 8:28
- 16—Philippians 4:6-7
- 17—John 16:33
- 18—Colossians 3:2
- 19—Psalm 119:105
- 20—Proverbs 4:23
- 21—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- 22—Psalm 19:14
- 23—Psalm 121:1-2
- 24—James 1:2-3
- 25—2 Timothy 1:7
- 26—Matthew 5:14
- 27—Galatians 5:22-23
- 28—Isaiah 26:3
- 29—Psalm 16:11
- 30—Matthew 6:33
- 31—Lamentations 3:22-23

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## Pastor David's Corner

March is said to come in like a Lion and leave like a Lamb. You will notice that I capitalized the Lion and the Lamb, because Jesus is the Lion of Judah and He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

This month Jesus has set His face toward Jerusalem to finalize His mission to redeem God's creation – that is you and me. He has certain things that need to be checked off on His agenda before the final confrontation with the Sanhedrin and His ultimate offering as the sacrificial Lamb in fulfillment of God's purpose for Him in this world.

The last Sunday in March is Palm Sunday – the triumphal entry into Jerusalem for the week that accomplishes the completion of His Life. He enters as One who identifies with the meek and lowly in order to include all of Creation as beings created by God and worthy of redemption.

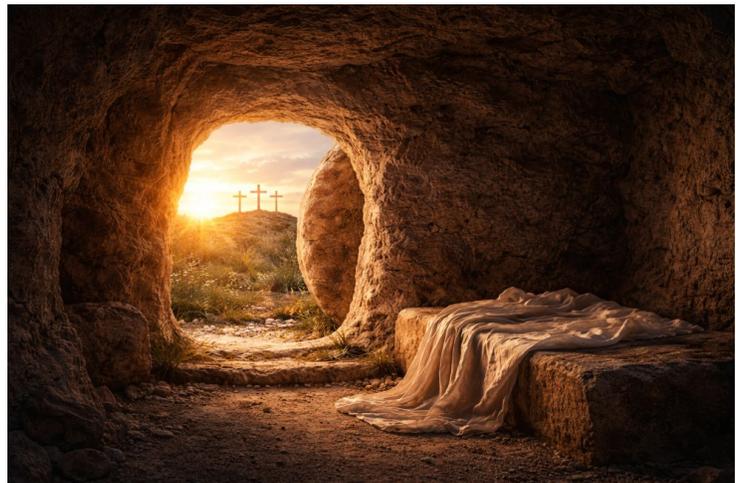
On Thursday of that week, He will gather His disciples for the Seder meal to remember the Passover in Egypt, where those who painted the doorposts with the blood of the perfect lamb were spared the death of the firstborn, as the Angel of Death passed over that house.

On Friday, Jesus offered Himself as our Savior. He was beaten, flogged, and nailed to the cross for our redemption, where He died, and then he was buried in a borrowed tomb in fulfillment of the prophecy.

As we progress with Christ toward the final act of His victorious Sacrifice, we must ask ourselves a great question. Am I prepared with Him for His grace in the empty tomb of the Resurrection?

Blessings in Christ,

*Pastor David*



**Finance**



**Moment**

**In the beginning, God created the Heaven and the Earth! Eventually, God created you, and now  
 All we are, whatever we have and everything we hope for and love, comes from God. How can we  
 give back too much to God, in whom we live and breathe and have our meaning?**

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**Seek joy in what you give, not in what you get.**<sup>0619</sup>

*Anonymous*

The Missions and Outreach Committee will meet at 6pm on Monday, March 9. We will be discussing Palm Sunday and Easter.

We are still able to meet our commitments to the many missions we support, and we continually work to reach out in our community. Thank you for your support. While we are a small-in-number family of faith in Millington, we continue to be a presence to those around us. Most recently the Missions and Outreach Committee members, with the help of the Women's Fourth Day group, furnished, assembled, and delivered small bags of Valentines candy, fruits, and other useful items to 22 people. They all were of a mature age and either infirmed, alone, in need of an emotional love tap/hug of sorts, or navigating health or other difficulties, and are in our hearts and in our prayers. Your monetary support and other donations allow us to be the hands and feet of Christ in our little corner of His world. We have been contacted regarding a "possible" Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Meachum PTO. IF we participate, we would help to furnish, similarly to what we did with Trunk or Treat--it's still in the idea stage. Keep it in mind.

*Sharon*



## Faith and Perspective

A Christian is the keyhole through which other folks see God.  
—Robert E. Gibson

You are as young as your faith, as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair.  
—Samuel Ullman

Faith is to believe what we do not see; and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.  
—St. Augustine

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

The only trouble with Easter coming soon is that we have to walk through a graveyard to get there.  
—Barbara Brown Taylor

## We Have Tomorrow!

During the Korean conflict, journalist Marguerite Higgins, a courageous and award-winning war correspondent, spoke with a young soldier shivering in the bitter cold. He was eating from a tin can, his face streaked with mud, when she asked, "If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?"

The soldier paused for a moment, then answered quietly, "Give me tomorrow."

What a simple yet profound longing. For those living in hardship, tomorrow represents hope—the chance to see another sunrise, to experience peace, to begin again.

As Christians, we live with the blessed assurance that we not only have today, but also tomorrow—an eternal tomorrow promised through the risen Christ. Scripture reminds us, "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54, NRSV). And again, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

Because of Christ's resurrection, we no longer fear what tomorrow may bring. Our future is secure, our hope unshaken. In Him, tomorrow is already ours.



## Faith That Blooms Anew

"Why are you anxious?" asked our Lord. Then He said, *"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."* (Matthew 6:28–29, NIV)

Jesus' words remind us that just as God clothes the lilies of the field in beauty and splendor, he also provides faithfully for his people. The same Creator who tends to the flowers of spring cares for every detail of our lives.

People of faith come to see that truth unfold year after year — in the budding trees, the soft blossoms, and the steady return of color after winter's gray. God's reliability is woven into creation itself.

As poet Adeline Whitney once wrote:

*God does not send strange flowers every year,  
When the Spring wind blows o'er the pleasant places,  
The same dear things lift up the same fair faces,  
The violet is here.*

Each spring, those familiar blooms whisper the same promise: God is faithful still.

## I Believe...

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;  
I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;  
I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger;  
for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.  
—John Killinger in *Lost in Wonder, Love & Praise*

## Lessons From A Little Voice

A woman invited several guests over for dinner. When everyone gathered around the table, she turned to her 6-year-old daughter and asked, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I don't know what to say," the little girl replied.

Her mother smiled. "Just say what you hear Mommy say."

The child bowed her head and prayed sincerely, "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

## The Choice to Be Human

Both Adam and Jesus faced the same temptation—the lure to “be like God.” Adam reached for divinity and stepped over the line, bringing sin and separation into the world. Jesus, however, chose humility. He remained obedient, fully human, and through His obedience brought redemption to all.

Adam’s choice turned humanity into a burden; Jesus’ faithfulness made humanity a blessing. The irony is striking: the one who tried to be God failed even to live as a man, while the one who was content to be human became known as the Son of God.

As Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) reminds us, “[Christ Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross.” May we follow His example in humility and obedience.

## If God Had Voicemail

Have you ever wondered what would happen if God used voicemail to handle all our prayers?

Let’s imagine it for a moment.

I had just finished gossiping and wanted to confess, so I got ready to pray—or rather, to “call.” Immediately, a voice answered:

“You’ve reached the throne room of Heaven, the Prayer Department. All of our representatives are currently assisting other callers. Your call is important to us, and we want to help you. Please stay on the line, and your request will be answered in the order it was received.”

Soft music plays. Then another message comes on:

“Listen carefully to the following options and press the appropriate number.

Press 1 for prayer for a loved one.

Press 2 for prayer for your church.

Press 3 to give thanks.

Press 4 to confess sins.

Press 5 for salvation.

Press 6 for physical needs.

To repeat this menu, press 9.”

Since I had a sin to confess, I pressed 4.

Another voice responded cheerfully:

“We’re so glad to help you with your confession of sins. Please select from the following options:

If you cursed, press 1.

If you yelled at your spouse or another family member, press 2.

If you gossiped, press 3...”

The list went on and on.

About then I decided to hang up and keep on gossiping. But then I remembered what the Bible says about God and how he attends to our needs. He doesn’t route our prayers through a heavenly call center or put us on hold. We don’t get busy signals, menus or automated voices.

March 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day	<b>4</b> 6pm Bible Study	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> World Day of Prayer 	<b>7</b> Turn your clocks forward 1 hour before you go to bed. 
<b>8</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  Daylight saving time begins	<b>9</b> 5pm Trustee mtg.  6pm Mission and Outreach mtg.	<b>10</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day	<b>11</b> 6pm Bible Study	<b>12</b> Noon to 5:45 pm Blood Drive 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day  St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b> 6pm Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day	<b>25</b> 6pm Bible Study	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Sunday School 10am Worship  Holy Week begins  Palm Sunday	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 8:30am Women's 4th Day	<b>American Red Cross Blood Drive is Thursday, March 12th from noon to 5:45 pm.</b> Call 800-733-2767 to Pre-Register ( <b>sponsor code: Mill-Comm</b> ) Or go to <a href="https://redcrossblood.org">redcrossblood.org</a> to download <b>Blood Donor App</b> to schedule an appointment.			

## *A Note from Barb...*

*Jane Truax wrote:*

*"Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.*

*Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A bluster period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances."*

*As I begin a new decade, and a new me, I will try to nurture my faith and look forward to a new spring of life and health and happiness.*



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