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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

March is a month of birthdays in our church, as you may notice when you see the birthdays and anniversary section of this newsletter. That includes my own birthday, which this year happens to be a "big" one as I turn 40. Somedays I think, "I don't feel that old!" then there are other days when I go to the chiropractor because I threw my back out putting on my socks.

As I reflect upon 40 years of life, one of the things I realise is that 40 years is an awfully long time. 40 years ago is when the Challenger space shuttle exploded and the Chernobyl nuclear meltdown happened. I still remember when the 9/11 attacks occurred... I was in my sophomore year of Highschool, a lot has happened since then.

You may be wondering, "How is pastor going to turn this into something scriptural or theological?" The Israelites wandered the wilderness for 40 years under Moses leadership in Exodus - Deuteronomy. 40 years is a really long time! For me as I reflect upon my own 40 years, I can't help but be drawn to this Biblical story where God's people had no home, had no land, they were waiting for the promised land, but due to their disobedience God decided to wait for a new generation to bring into the promised land. I find it helpful to have this 40 years of life to recognize the extent to which they had to wait, and follow the Lord, and wait, and wait.

That's not to say I feel that bad for them, their waiting was their own doing. They had the opportunity to go into the promised land after their journey out of Egypt. Instead of trusting the Lord, who had already overthrown the most powerful nation in the world through various plagues and wonders, they gave way to fear and the result was that the generation of leaders would wander for 40 years until a new generation had risen to take their place. It makes me wonder what their conversations were with the kids that were growing up in this wilderness age. Were they bitter and complaining, "I can't believe we have to live out in these tents, why would God do this to us?" or would they be encouraging, "Don't make the same mistakes we made. The promised land is yours. When the time is right, seize the opportunity, because God is with you." I would love to believe it is the second of these options, but that generation's habit on whining and complaining prior to that time doesn't make me too optimistic about it.

This brings me to my point, whining and complaining doesn't actually do anything to fix your situations. This is a lesson we have tried to teach to our children, that throwing a tantrum because you didn't get your way is never going to change our minds on things. It is easy for us to think of that for a kid's situation with a tantrum, but I think it applies just as much to adults as well. Complaining to your friends about a relationship, finances, walk with God, schedule, country, politics, media, sports team, etc. doesn't actually change anything. Perhaps instead of saying, "I can't believe they did that!" We can begin to converse in a different way, "I want to have a healthier relationship with this person, can you help me to show Jesus through my thoughts and actions?"

Love you all and happy birthday to all my birthday buddies!

*Pastor David*

Pastor David's Office Hours:

Mon 9 - 12 & 1 - 4 pm | Tues & Wed 1-5 pm | Thurs 9 am - 12 pm | Pastor David's Phone: 906-290-3510

*Visit many good books, but live in  
the bible. - Charles Spurgeon*



# Holy Week Challenge

## March 29-April 5



### Palm Sunday March 29

Luke 14:13-15; Hebrews 13:2

On Sunday, Jesus rode into Jerusalem. The people spread their coats in front of Him and greeted Him with palm branches

Challenge: Think of someone on the outskirts of your life and invite them into deeper friendship. Invite them over for a meal or take them out for ice cream or a coffee.



### Spy Wednesday April 1

Mark 14:10-12; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

On Wednesday, Judas agreed to betray Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.

Challenge: Do the reverse of Judas and give don't take....Clean out your purse, wallet or couch and leave the coins you find in a tip jar somewhere.



### Holy Monday March 30

Matthew 21:12-13; Psalm 8

On Monday, Jesus cleansed the temple in order to restore it to a place of worship

Challenge: Grab some trash bags and clean up your community. You can walk down your road, or pick a park or beach to clean.



### Maundy Thursday April 2

Johm 13:1-17; Philippians 2:6-8

On Thursday, Jesus showed His friends how much he loved them by washing their feet.

Challenge: Find some feet to wash....literally or figuratively. You could wash your families feet or go the nursing home and do someones hair or nails. You could also ask to clean someones house who might need help.



### Holy Tuesday March 31

Matthew 23:37-38; Jeremiah 29:7

On Tuesday afternoon, Jesus went with His disciples to the Mount of Olives which overlooks Jerusalem. There He talked about His second coming.

Challenge: Take a prayer walk around your community. Pray that those in your town would know Christ. Pray for revival! Meet at church at 5:30pm if you'd like to do it with us.



### Good Friday April 3

Mark 15:16-47; Romans 5:8

On Friday, Jesus died on the cross.

Today is somber. Draw a cross on your hand with a pen or marker and really take time to pause and pray when you see it throughout the day. Welcome these interruptions as a chance to grow closer with God and to find a deeper understanding of the sacrifice He made for you.

## The Collar

GEORGE HERBERT

DON'T BE AFRAID OF THE OLD TIMEY LANGUAGE, JUST PICTURE A BRITISH GRANDPA SAYING IT WITH JUSTO WHILE DRINKING TEA.

I struck the board, and cry'd, No more.  
I will abroad.  
What? shall I ever sigh and pine?  
My lines and life are free; free as the rode,  
Loose as the winde, as large as store.  
Shall I be still in suit?  
Have I no harvest but a thorn  
To let me bloud, and not restore  
What I have lost with cordiall fruit?  
Sure there was wine  
Before my sighs did drie it: there was corn  
Before my tears did drown it.  
Is the yeare onely lost to me?  
Have I no bayes to crown it?  
No flowers, no garlands gay? all blasted?  
All wasted?  
Not so, my heart: but there is fruit,  
And thou hast hands.  
Recover all thy sigh-blown age  
On double pleasures: leave thy cold dispute  
Of what is fit and not. Forsake thy cage,  
Thy rope of sands,  
Which petty thoughts have made, and made to thee  
Good cable, to enforce and draw,  
And be they law,  
While thou didst wink and wouldst not see.  
Away; take heed:  
I will abroad.  
Call in thy deaths head there: tie up thy fears.  
He that forbears  
To suit and serve his need,  
Deserves his load.  
But as I rav'd and grew more fierce and wilde  
At every word,  
Me thoughts I heard one calling, Child!  
And I reply'd, My Lord.

CLASSIC LITERATURE WAS MEANT TO BE READ OVER AND OVER AGAIN - NOT CONSUMED QUICKLY LIKE MODERN LITERATURE.

## Classic Poetry Analysis and Interpretation

This poem was written in 1633 by a clergyman named George Herbert. Similar to many of the Psalms of David we see him struggle with God. He isn't hiding his emotions or pretending like he's okay when he's not. He is exploring the Christian struggle of duty, persoanl freedom, and ultimate submission to God. He lets us hear his frustration and witness his rebellion before seeing his beautiful submission.

This poem begins with striking a board-declaring rebellion. He longs to be "free as the road" or "lose as the wind" and resents sacrifices he's made or the guilt that comes from not making sacrifices he knows he should make.

He imagines abandoning his faith-viewing it as a cage. But the poem concludes with devine intervention. The writer hears a voice call "child" and we see his response of "My Lord" signifying his submission and love for God.

The resolution emphasizes how empty our personal desires are compared to a simple whisper from the Holy Spirit.

How many times have we called desperate to the Lord-wanting freedom from our duties to community, family, work, or church. How many times have we called desperately tired of doing the right thing, putting others first, and receiving "nothing" in return. How many times will we try to run and have the Lord gently hold us back, whispering to us, "child" and when we finally submit receive the peace of God washing over us.

### Shoebox updates

We want to thank everyone for helping Faith EPC send shoebox gifts to children around the world. This year Samaritans Purse sent over 12,290,000 boxes with "The Greatest Journey" included. So many children followed up with this study and became Believers!

We have a chart of things we will need for boxes in November. If you would use this to shop when you're out we will have a basket under the missions

### SHOEBOX 2026

Items	Needed
Cash	\$570
Toothbrush Covers	100
Combs	100
Washcloths	100
Colored Pencils	100
Pencil Sharpeners	100
Erasers 2 or 3 pack	100
Pencil 5 pack	100
Pens 5 pack	100
Crayon 24 pack	100
Scissors	100
Shirt Box 2-4	50
Dresses Box 2-4	50
Shoes Box size 7-9	50

# MARCH 2026



## COMMUNION

March 1st	Derrick M & Randy C
March 8th	Mike Y & Howie E
March 15th	Jim P & Lyle C
March 22nd	Howie E & Brenda W
March 29th	Derrick M & Mike Y

## COUNTING

March 1st	Derrick M & Randy C
March 8th	Mike Y & Lynn B
March 15th	Jim P & Lyle C
March 22nd	Howie E & Brenda W
March 29th	Derrick M & Mike Y

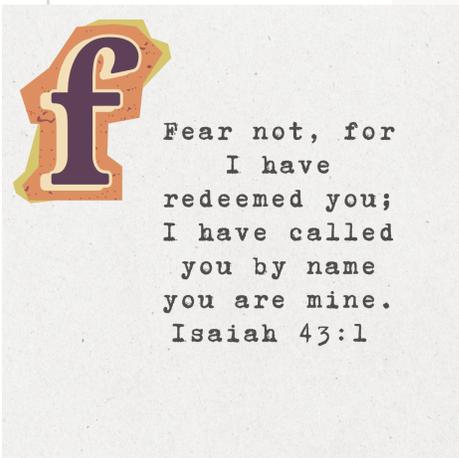
Kitchen Person- Dave & Lynn Edge

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dianne McDowell	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Colton Arpke	5 <sup>th</sup>
Wendy Glynn	6 <sup>th</sup>
Evelyn Messman	6 <sup>th</sup>
Taylor Pelkin	6 <sup>th</sup>
Jerry Reiss	7 <sup>th</sup>
Brian Arpke	8 <sup>th</sup>
Kathy Chapek	9 <sup>th</sup>
Cindy Brandt	12 <sup>th</sup>
Derrick McGee	14 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Loomer	17 <sup>th</sup>
Patrice Sessler	19 <sup>th</sup>
Eloise Pleuss	20 <sup>th</sup>
August Heabel	20 <sup>th</sup>
Randy Chapek	21 <sup>st</sup>
Brenda Reiss	21 <sup>st</sup>
Kim Koelzer	21 <sup>st</sup>
Dawn Ducaine	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Rob Wenzel	22 <sup>nd</sup>
Cecelia Malke	26 <sup>th</sup>
Bryon Boehmke	26 <sup>th</sup>
Dave Edge	27 <sup>th</sup>
Amy Kaufman	29 <sup>th</sup>
David Pleuss	29 <sup>th</sup>

Tom and Linda Loomer 17<sup>th</sup>  
Rick & Marianne Ricciardi 29<sup>th</sup>

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we (hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!



# MARCH 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>1</b> Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck after service	<b>2</b> Jail Outreach Homeschool Choir 6:15pm	<b>3</b> Sarah's Circle 12:30 Special Olympics 5:30	<b>4</b> Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 2pm Able Church 5:30pm	<b>5</b> Men's/Women's Group Potluck 5:30pm Study 6:15pm		<b>7</b>
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<b>15</b> Sunday School Deacon Mtg 9am Worship 10am Deacon Offering Potluck after service	<b>16</b> Jail Outreach	<b>17</b> Sarah's Circle 12:30 Special Olympics 5:30 Homeschool Choir 4pm	<b>18</b> Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 2pm Able Church 5:30pm	<b>19</b> Session 6pm		<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck after service	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Sarah's Circle 12:30 Special Olympics 5:30	<b>25</b> Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 2pm Able Church 5:30pm	<b>26</b> Men's/Women's Group Potluck 5:30pm Study 6:15pm		<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Palm Sunday Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck after service	<b>30</b> Homeschool Choir 6:15pm	<b>31</b> Sarah's Circle 12:30 Special Olympics 5:30 Prayer Walk 5:30pm				