

March

Psalm 85:11 ~

Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

March 2025

- ◆ **Sunday, March 2 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, New Member's Luncheon, No Evening Service
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 4 ~** Building & Grounds Meeting 6:00 PM
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 5 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 9 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Deacon's Meeting 4:00 PM, Business Meeting 5:00 PM
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 12 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 16 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, No Evening Service
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 18 ~** WFC 10:00 AM
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 19 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 23 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, No Evening Service
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 26 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 30 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Movie Night 5:00 PM

From The Pastor's Pen

Someone commented recently: "There are 10 kinds of people in the world — those who understand binary and those who do not." Do you understand binary? If you do, the previous statement is funny. If not, the statement is meaningless.

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There are many things that we do not understand. When my granddaughter, Elizabeth, was young, she had a stuffed animal named "Pink Bear." When we visited her in Germany, she walked around Regensburg, Germany's pedestrian zone, pushing Pink Bear in a little toy stroller. She would stop now and then and show Pink Bear something. Occasionally, she would walk around to the front of the stroller, carefully pick up Pink Bear, and hold him up to 'see' the sights. If the weather felt cold, she would cover him with a blanket. When she had something to eat or drink, Pink Bear was also allowed to fill himself.

Her mom once told us, "The absolute worst day of Elizabeth's young life was the day she walked into the laundry room and saw Pink Bear through the glass window of the washing machine. He was covered with sudsy water and splashing around in the washer. The poor child screamed and cried and just laid her head against the door jamb and cried her little heart out."

Though we laughed at the scene, it caused me to ask myself: "Don't we sometimes do the same thing about situations we do not understand fully? Don't we become distraught and upset over some things that later prove to be 'blessings in disguise'?" Sure we do. Or, at least, I do!

The Bible reminds us that what we see and understand is incomplete. **1 Cor. 13:12 states: "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known (NIV)."**

Does such understanding apply to the deaths of family and friends? People often grieve **"like the rest of men, who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13-14, NIV)**. Yet, our Bible tells us, **"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15, NIV)**. Our Bible tells us that these saints (Christians) go to be with Jesus (**Philippians 1:21**) when they die. Paul says that is **"better by far."**

When we face pain, suffering, disappointment, and even death, we must step beyond our understanding and have faith in what God has told us through His Word!

Pastor Calvin



March Birthdays

Seth Reid	March 1
Chloe Peikert	March 4
Betty Bagwell	March 13
Israel Reyes	March 24

Coming Up in April

- 4/13 ~ Palm Sunday, Last Week of Jesus 5:00 PM
- 4/14-4/18 ~ Last Week of Jesus 7:00 PM, Lord's Supper on Good Friday
- 4/29~ Fellowship Tuesday 10:00 AM