

March

Psalm 85:11 ~

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

March 2026

- ◆ **Sunday, March 1 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, No Evening Service
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 4 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 8 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Business Meeting 5:00 PM
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 11 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 15 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, New Member's Luncheon, No Evening Service
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 18 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 22 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Movie Night 5:00 PM
- ◆ **Wednesday, March 25 ~** Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 11:00 AM
- ◆ **Sunday, March 29 ~** Sunday School 9:45 AM, Church Service 11:00 AM, Last Week of Jesus 7:00 PM



From The Pastor's Pen

While in Army Basic Training, I was once 'chosen' to hide out near where a group of soldiers was. I already had on a uniform that blended in with the green woodland. I painted my face with camouflage paint and added some greenery to my helmet. Then, I patiently waited! Soon, a large group of soldiers came. They never saw me, until I jumped out of hiding, yelling as I 'charged' the group. (Great fun, huh?)

Through the years, chameleons have always fascinated me. Each spring, the bushes around our house are filled with them. They move about the bushes like a swarm of insects. Larger chameleons can be seen easing up a branch or lying still upon a branch or twig – awaiting an insect. Chameleons, usually camouflaged, will often display a brightly colored throat sac, or dewlap, as a warning signal to invaders. Furthermore, when a male chameleon enters another's territory, the "owner's" dewlap display serves as a warning to keep out.

The really amazing characteristic of the chameleon is its ability to change colors. If you see one on a green bush, it's green. If you find one on a pile of dead leaves, the lizard is brown. Scientists tell us that this is due more to temperature than to color. But since I've never seen a lizard with a thermometer, it has to be color. Whatever the reason, it is fascinating.

When our sons were younger, they would often catch them and try to make pets of them. Actually, they do make good pets. The chameleon will remain on a person's shoulder (as long as that individual does not run frantically through the house screaming) and will snag flies with its tongue whenever held close to one.

Blending into the surroundings is something one learns in the military. The soldier will put on camouflage paint, dress in a camouflage uniform, and learn to blend into the surroundings. In jungle surroundings, the soldier will look green like the jungle. In the desert, he will be brown, like the sand. The soldier in winter will dress in white, like snow.

Blending in and even changing colors to fit the background is amazing and interesting in the animal world. It is often necessary in warfare. But it is not a desirable trait for the Christian. Jesus reminds us that we [His disciples] "Are not of the world, even as I am not of the world" (John 17:14, NAS). Since we are in the [unregenerated, lost] world, but not OF that world, we find ourselves in a bind. Is it easier to blend in and be like the world or stand out in that world? Many Christians decide to blend in. They keep quiet when they ought to speak up. They sit and watch TV or movies when they ought to get up and leave or turn the TV off. They remain silent when all around them, their loved ones and neighbors stroll down the wide path toward destruction.

Blending in is no longer amazing. It is a sin! May we pray for BOLDNESS to stand out in the crowd. May we be known as Children of Light. May others see the way we live and glorify our Father who is in Heaven! As our Lord said in Matthew 5:16, 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven (NIV).

Pastor Calvin



March Birthdays

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