



The month of March has always been special, it is somewhat like January. Both of these months are known for ushering something new. For January, a "new year", for March, a new season - Spring!

Another great aspect of March is the great anticipation of springing our clocks forward to respond to the time change that takes place during this month.

This gives two great concepts to think about during this month. First, think about the change that is coming to our church. I would ask you to be open-minded and encouraged about the "new" ideas and functions that will be ushered in this year. Secondly, I would ask you to be willing to move "forward" with some of the ideas and programs that will help our church become the place Christ died for.

Jesus gives us wonderful advice and wisdom on this topic in John 12:23-26 TLB. *“Jesus replied that the time had come for him to return to his glory in heaven.”*

In this verse we discover we are all on a time schedule. For Christ, it was his time to return to heaven. For our church, it is time for us to open our hearts and minds to the leading of God's Spirit and be willing to follow His plans for our church.

The principle of life through death is illustrated in verse twenty four: *“I must fall and die like a kernel of wheat that falls into the furrows of the earth. Unless I die I will be alone - a single seed.”*

As a church, we must not forget those who have gone before us here in this ministry. Those who have passed on left us a great opportunity to continue what they started. Though we won't forget their legacy, we must be willing to die to self and old traditions that may hinder our ability to exist.

Notice the promise Christ gave in reference to His death. *“My death will produce many new wheat kernels - a plentiful harvest of new lives.”*

If the church is willing to follow God's plan, by allowing our way of doing things and our plans to die, then there is hope for a rebirth and a resurgence in our membership. We cannot continue to do what we have been doing and expect different results.

Embedded in verse twenty five is a warning against trying to hold on to what we hold most dear. *“If you love your life down here - you will lose it.”* There are dire consequences awaiting those individuals and churches who are not willing to surrender to the leading and direction of God's Spirit.

Embedded in the latter portion of verse twenty five is a promise of hope. *“If you despise your life down here - you will exchange it for eternal glory.”* Whether it is an individual or a church, God wants to bless those who abandon their wants and desires for the sake of what God wants and desires.

I will sum up my thoughts with verse twenty six, *“If anyone wants to be my disciples, tell them to come and follow me, for my servants must be where I am. And if they follow me, the Father will honor them.”* God doesn't need our help in the direction process, but He does need us to be willing and obedient to follow His plans. He has promised to richly reward those who follow Him.

May God richly bless you all,

Pastor Tim

## In Loving Memory Of

Justine Hillard

On Monday, February 3rd Sister Justine Hillard released her bonds to earth and woke up at the feet of her Savior Jesus Christ. Please remember the family in your prayers.

## “A Night Under The Stars” Valentine Banquet

Our gathering was held on February 8th. Sixty two members, family and friends attended. Beautiful decorations were in place. The setting was that of a restaurant.

The dinner included steak, potatoes, green beans, salad, rolls and dessert. We played several games, and at times you couldn't hear the instructions over the laughing. The games included: Heart Stopper, Minute to Win It, Man of the Year, and Kiss the Kings Ring. Pete Dal Ferro, played by Pete Dal Ferro, was Man of the Year and was presented with a certificate. We even had singing by Juanita, Jean Johnson's friend, who sang; “God, You Are So Beautiful to Me”. She did a great job. Several people were caught kissing in the kissing booth. Their pictures are in the main hallway!

Thank you, Fellowship Committee, for the hard work you invested to make the evening so outstanding. Thanks also to Mallory and Dean for their fine job of serving.

## NAMB Dinner & Guest Speaker

Wednesday, March 5th at 5:00 pm

Come join us for dinner at 5:00 pm followed at 5:45 pm with guest speaker Richard Johnstone who is a professor at Golden Gate Seminary.



## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 9th

Don't forget to set your clock forward before going to bed on Saturday Night March 8th.

## Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Week of Prayer - March 23 - 30. Our church will join other Southern Baptist churches in praying for North American missionaries.

North American Missionaries - Though their stories and methods vary, our missionaries are doing whatever it takes to share the gospel with North America. Whether it is starting a church, meeting the needs of the homeless, or leading Back Yard Bible clubs, missionaries depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists.

Please pray for our missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

## Upcoming Events in April

### Mark Your Calendar

Easter Cantata  
April 13th - 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday Service  
April 20th - 10:45 am

Business Meeting  
April 27th - 12:15 pm

## “Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform”

**Devon Henesley** - Grandson of Jean Johnson  
**Branch** - Navy **Rank** - 2nd Class  
**Assignment** - Virginia Beach

**Megan Hines** - Daughter of Pastor Tim  
and Donna Hines - **Branch** - Marines  
**Rank** - PFC- **Assignment** - Virginia Beach



Sunday School 9:30 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 11:00 am  
Wednesday Evening Family Dinner - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study - 5:45 pm  
Wednesday Evening Choir Practice - 6:30 pm.





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## March Calendar

5th - NAMB Dinner/Speaker & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
6th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
9th - Daylight Saving Time Begins  
10th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am  
12th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
13th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
14th - 16th - EBBA Women's Retreat  
16th - Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm  
19th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
20th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
22nd - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am  
23rd - 30th - Week of Prayer & Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering  
23rd - Estate Planning Seminar - 10:45 am & 6:00 pm  
24th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am  
26th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm  
27th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am  
- Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm  
29th - Values, Mission & Vision Seminar - 9:00 am  
30th - Sunday School Teachers Meeting - 5:00 pm

## Happy Birthday

2nd - Ivanka Govednik  
7th - Kenneth Day  
14th - Bob Belger  
17th - Eldora Walton  
17th - Don Walton  
18th - Reva Cohen  
23rd - Michael Fellows  
25th - Jordan Johnson

## Happy Anniversary

23rd - John & Doreen Fellows  
24th - Ken & Barbara Day  
26th - Robbie & Edith Currie

## Weekly Messages Lead By Our Pastor

### Sunday Morning Messages

Sunday Morning at 10:45 am A series on "Effective Ways We Serve God."

### Sunday Evening Messages

Sunday Evening at 6:00 pm A series on "Deeper Look at the Fruit of the Spirit."

### Wednesday Evening Bible Study

Wednesday Evening at 5:45 pm A series on "The Book of Revelation."

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## Estate Planning Seminar

**Date: March 23rd**

**Time: 10:45 am & 6:00 pm**

Discover how to apply the Biblical principles to help you create an inheritance that will be a blessing of faith and values to your family and the Kingdom.

### Information you can expect:

*What makes a Christian will unique?*

*What if I die without a will?*

*How can I be confident I've done everything necessary to be sure my estate plan will work?*

*What is the best way to provide for my family?*

*How can I maximize what I leave to family and the Lord's work?*

*How can the California Baptist Foundation help?*