



First Baptist Church of Sunny Side

FOCUSING ON CHRIST
March 2019 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

In a few weeks, many across this nation and world will take the opportunity to dress in green and participate in all manner of frivolity as they celebrate St. Patrick's Day. What is unfortunate is that most of these individuals will ignore the reason for this special day. The man who would be called St. Patrick was a 5th-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. It is believed that he was born in Romano-Britain in the fourth century, into a wealthy Romano-British family. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the Christian church. At the age of sixteen, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and taken as a slave to Gaelic Ireland. He spent six years there working as a shepherd and that during this time he "found God". After making his way home, Patrick went on to become a priest. According to tradition, Patrick returned to Ireland to convert the pagan Irish to Christianity. He spent many years evangelizing in the northern half of Ireland and converted "thousands". Tradition holds that he died on March 17th.

Like so many of our celebrations, what started out as spiritual has become secular. Not to take away from people's fun, but should we not at least acknowledge the reason for celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Lives were changed and God was glorified. In keeping with the spirit of St. Patrick's day why not make it your mission to share Jesus with someone this month.

God Bless, Joel

Volunteers in Preschool for March

March 3rd
Rick Betsill
Emily Holmes
Miranda Barr

March 10th
Lindsey Betsill
Victor Barr
Fran Neesmith



March 17th
Linda Muehlberger
Lynn Varnadoe
Farah Betsill

March 24th
Nikki Howell
Emily Dunn
John Crankshaw

March 31st
Rick Betsill
Emily Holmes
Miranda Barr

March Birthdays



Jordyn Holmes 3
Lynn Varnadoe 7
Victor Barr 8
Jasmine McGhee 11
Angie Nichols 12
John Crankshaw 16
Matthew Dunn 23
Devon McGhee 27
Nikki Howell 30

We will be working on a policy and procedure manual for the church. If you have suggestions please submit them to the Church council.



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Open the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.



First Baptist Sunny Side
2019 Vacation Bible School
June 3rd -7th
9:00 - 12:00



Making Plans for this years
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 20th
11:00 AM
Bring Plastic Egg donations and
Candy by April 14th



Paul's Pen

Panel 12E Line 27 & 28 (The Vietnam Wall) During Operation Paul Revere IV, one of my scout dog handlers, George Dallas Grundy along with his scout dog Sparky, was attached to Alpha Company, First Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment. On November 5th, 1966, Sparky alerted on enemy ahead of the patrol and Dallas stopped the unit's movement. 2nd Lt. Richard Glen Collins came forward, but before he could disperse his platoon, the enemy, who were in a dug-in position, opened fire with a 50 caliber machine gun. Both Dallas and Lt. Collins were killed. The patrol was then able to overtake the dug-in position of the NVA. We extracted Sparky out of the jungle the following morning and flew back to our base camp at the 4th Infantry Division HQ at Camp Enari.

A few days later, the 4th Infantry Division Commander, Major General Peers, spoke with me. He noted that I now had one dog with no handler and asked if I could bring that dog, Sparky, to the Brigade Commander at the fire support base (FSB) Oasis. So we brought Sparky to FSB Oasis and introduced him to the commander. He had had pet dogs all his life and Sparky became his best friend in about 5 minutes. Within a few days, Sparky was riding with him on his observation helicopter.

Five months later that commander was re-assigned and the new commander really didn't appreciate having a dog next to him 24 hours a day. So Sparky disappeared.

In early June, 1967, at our division base camp at about 5:00 am, the empty Coke cans with pebbles in them that we had on our barbed wire along our perimeter began making noise. We immediately prepared for defense and alerted the division of a possible attack. IT WAS SPARKY! He was trying to get through the barbed wire and was making all that racket. This was almost a month and a half since Sparky disappeared. Since Sparky had never traveled on the ground the 20 miles from FSB Oasis to our camp, the way he survived and found his way back to our camp was his desire to be with the family he knew loved him and would take care of him. Ten pounds lighter, but Sparky still had his spark!

(2nd Lt. Collins was the first officer killed in the 4th Infantry Division and Dallas Grundy was the only scout dog handler killed during the entire conflict in South Vietnam.)

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Sunday Morning

9:45AM Bible Study fellowship

11:00AM Worship

Wednesday Night 7:00PM

Preschool and Children - Team Kids

Youth - Discipleship

Adult - Bible Study

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
						Work Day at the Church
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Deacon Meeting @ 5:00 Church Council meeting @ 6:00				Ladies Bible Study @ 7 PM		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Food Pantry Open 4:00 -6:00			Ladies Bible Study @ 7 PM		Make up Work day if 2nd rained out
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Senior Adult Lunch at Broadway Diner in Fayetteville 11:30			Ladies Bible Study @ 7 PM		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
VBS meeting 5:00 -7:00 Lesson Overview Decoration planning	Food Pantry Open 4:00 -6:00			Ladies Bible Study @ 7 PM		
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