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- March Dates

Sanctuary Flowers:

March 3: Shonda Chambliss
March 10: Layne Varnedoe
March 17: Kenneth & Phyllis Bennett
March 24: Curtis & Kay Green
March 31: LORD’S SUPPER

Deacons of the Week:

March 3: Thomas Yawn & Ron Nordan
March 10: Verlin Ritch & Cecil Barber
March 17: Russ Goodman & Alan Johnston
March 24: Derek Herlocker & John Strickland
March 31: Brent Beverly & Robert Varnedoe

Tellers:

March 3: Foster Smith, Thomas Yawn, Derek Herlocker
March 10: Matt & Ansley Carmichael
March 17: Danny Leccese, Robert Lee, & Brent Beverly
March 24: Brent & Lori James and Robert Varnedoe
March 31: Fred & Liane Register

Nursery Volunteers:

March 3: VOLUNTEER NEEDED
March 10: Teresa Johnson
March 17: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
March 24: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
March 31: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Children’s Church Volunteers:

March 3: Stephanie Herlocker
March 10: Lily Blitch
March 17: Laura Nipper
March 24: Alison Smith
March 31: Alicia Tolle

Come join us on Wednesdays
and enjoy our Bible Study Series
out of the Book of Acts with
Pastor Paul Fulton!

Bring your children for our
Children & Youth activities!

*AMPLIFY: 5:15p.m.
*CHERUB CHOIR: 6:15p.m.
*KID’S PRAISE CHOIR: 6:15p.m.
*SHEKINAH STUDENT ENESEMBLE: 6:30 p.m.
*IGNITE YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: 7:15 p.m.

March						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 SHANNON SMITH
3 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	4 MELODY FORTNER	5	6 KENNETH BENNETT Wednesday Night Activities	7	8 LUCY MANLEY	9 MATT CARMICHAEL
10 Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	11 SARA KATE CARMICHAEL	12 IKE SMITH	13 Wednesday Night Activities	14 ADDISON LECCESE JAMES STOVALL	15	16 BRAN CALLEY
17 PASTOR PAUL FULTON Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20 LAYNE VARNEDOE Wednesday Night Activities	21 SHONDA CHAMBLESS	22	23 KAMERON LEE
24 HARPER GRAHAM Sunday Worship S.S. - 10:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. - 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27 Wednesday Night Activities	28	29	30 JEAN GERMANO
31 KATIE JAMES J.R. GOODMAN 						



I have been told that my great grandfather was a full blooded Irishman with red hair and a red mustache. This compounded with myself being born on St. Patrick’s Day made the term the “Luck of the Irish” a very important phrase in my life. Although we were very Christian, we were also very superstitious. My family had rabbit’s feet key chains, horseshoes over the door, we threw salt over our shoulder when we spilled it, we were scared to death to break a mirror, and we never opened an umbrella inside. All these superstitions weighed on me as a child, but March was a great month because it was my lucky month!

As I grew in my Christian faith, I began to question all of these things. Particularly, how does luck factor into the sovereignty of God? How could I worry about all these superstitious things I had been taught, when I believed in a sovereign God who has complete control of the universe? If I break a mirror but believe God is in control, does that mean I believe God grants me seven years of bad luck? This does not fit into the kind, forgiving God that Scripture introduces us to. If breaking a mirror is a great offense to Him, which I doubt it is, then he would extend forgiveness instead of a mandated sentence of seven years of bad luck.

Unfortunately, we have allowed many of these pagan ideas to influence us. God blesses us and grants good things in our lives. His providence means He is in control and not some mystical force called luck. So, keep your horseshoes on your horses, throw your wishbone away, don’t worry about spilled salt, rabbit’s feet are disgusting, and don’t waste your time looking for four leaf clovers. With all that said, Have a Happy St. Patrick’s Day and may God bless you.

As always, I love being your pastor!
Pastor Paul Fulton



Hello Church Family!
Derek, the Youth, and I are so thankful for the wonderful meals on Wednesday nights! The kitchen crew always makes sure to take care of our “stragglers” that come in from various sporting events, work, etc. I am thankful that God has placed these ladies and men in our church to serve in such a huge and humble way!! If you don’t come on Wednesday nights, then you are surely missing a treat! I encourage you to find a space to plug in! We have wonderful children’s activities led by an amazing group of people! Our Youth have been working hard to invite and encourage their friends to Youth, and the Lord has blessed their efforts! We have been studying the life of Moses and we will continue this study during the month of March. The Youth have been challenged to not be afraid to go out and encourage their friends to come to church and hear the Gospel. We have also challenged them to be Jesus wherever they go. If you are struggling to find a place to fit in, Derek and I ask that you simply encourage and/or pray for the Youth. Encourage them and pray that they keep pushing on and work for the Lord daily. Just by offering an encouraging word to a teenager means a world of difference. They may not say much about it, but please know they appreciate it deep down. Thank you to all of you that are already serving in this way! We love each and every one of you and pray that God showers his blessing on you this month!

In Christ,
Stephanie Herlocker



Notes from Rob
Winter is ebbing as I write my column today, so hopefully the groundhog was correct and Spring is right around the corner. I look forward to riding with the window down and enjoying some time outside. Speaking of riding, our next Goodtimers outing will be the lunch meal at Austin’s Cattle Co. in Valdosta on Thursday, March 14th. We will leave the church parking lot just after 11:30a.m. and return around 2:30 p.m. My favorite order, the beef tip meal, is only on the lunch menu! Our Goodtimers group is those 55+, but we don’t check IDs if you are not yet of age. I hope you can join us!

March has five Sundays this year, with the last Sunday being Easter. Our choir will present music from the Easter musical “Risen Savior, Conquering King” on Sunday, March 31st in our morning service. We would still LOVE to add your voice to the group if you can join us on Wednesdays at 7:15pm. If you are more of a listening worshipper, then make sure you have Easter 2024 on your calendar. Our KPC Choir (children up to grade 6) will be presenting “Because He Lives” for their Spring musical, so watch our announcements for that date.

I hope to see you this coming Sunday *“With a Song in Your Heart!”*

Pastor Rob

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering

Week of Prayer
March 5-12

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KNOWN

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OUR CHURCH GOAL

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First Supper
Sunday

Sunday,
March 3rd
6:00 p.m.

Martha McLaine's
Home

Goodtimers Lunch

Thursday,
March 14th

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Leaving: 11:30 a.m.

Back: 2:30 p.m.

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There will be a Deacon’s Meeting March 17th
at 5:00 p.m.

There will be a Business Meeting March 17th
in the evening

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday March 24th @ 5:00 p.m.

FBC Easter Sunday Schedule

Common Grounds: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service : 11:00 a.m.

No Evening Bible Studies

HAPPY
Holy Week

Monday, March 25 at Noon
Trinity Baptist Church

Tuesday, March 26 at Noon
New Vision Church Of God

Wednesday, March 27 at Noon
Homerille Free Will Baptist Church

Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.
Homerille United Methodist Church
Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Homerille
Tenebrae Service