THE PROCLAIMER



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### Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. As a child, the only thing I remembered about Saint Patrick's Day was that if you didn't wear green on that day, you got pinched. This day is filled with parades, and in Chicago, they turn the Chicago River green for this special day.

Originally, this holiday was about none of those things. It was about celebrating the life of a great Christian named Saint Patrick, who died on March 17, 461. Saint Patrick was born in Great Britain to wealthy parents. However, when he was 16-years-old, he was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. For the next six years he spent his time working as a shepherd. It was during this lonely time that he turned to God for solace and became a devout Christian.

One night, the Lord spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland. He escaped and walked nearly 200 miles to freedom. For the next 15 years, he was in religious training, and after his ordination as a priest, he was sent back to Ireland, not as a prisoner but as a missionary. It was here that he used the Shamrock to explain the trinity and helped to convert many to Christianity. It is estimated that he baptized 100,000 people.

While it is a myth that he drove the snakes out of Ireland, he is remembered for his "Breastplate Prayer of Blessing." In part, it reads: "Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I rise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me." May that be said of us as well.

May God bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you. RCA



Sunday M	Nonday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Please don't forget about our Easter egg, candy and "Guessing Jar" Donation collections this month for the Easter Egg Hunt in April. Thank you 3			1 Ladies Retreat 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
3 Sunday Services Ladies Retreat 1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Ingathering	4	5	6 Wednesday Night Services	7	8	9 AWANA: Spark-O- Rama AWANA: Van; Associational VBS Clinic at Antioch Baptist Church 9-11 AM
10 Sunday Services/ Church Conference; Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12	13 Wednesday Night Services	14	15	16
17 Sunday Services Sanctuary Flowers: Evans' Family	18	19	20 Wednesday Night Services	21	22	23
24 Sunday Services 31 Sunday Services Communion	25	26 Deacon's Meeting	27 Wednesday Night Services	28	29	30

### **CHURCH SCHEDULE**

Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship; 4:30-6:30 PM-AWANA;
6:30-AWANA Supper; 6:00 PM Youth, Adult Bible Study; 7:00 PM Evening Worship
Wednesday: 7:00 PM Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, GIC; WMU on 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Night;
Adult Bible Study on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Nights

**Family Life Center Schedule:** 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of Month: Mission Friends; 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. of Month: GA Class; 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. of Month: RA Class; 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of Month: Youth Class

March, 2019



### March

- 1- Zack Porter, Lane Haigler
- 3-Melba Zimmerman
- 4-Luna Ann Rollins
- 5- Sandy Mills
- 7-Kyle Beard, Makayla Lowery, Chase Rushing
- 8-Amy Ashcraft
- 10-Dana Thomas
- 13-Levi Rorie
- 14-Brandi Mabe
- 15-Chad Cave
- 19-Deborah Sullivan, James Taylor
- 20-Bobby Mills, Kim Newland
- 23-Tonya Helms, Garrett Mills
- 26-David Ross
- 27-Ryan Porter
- 29-Kim Outen
- 31-Bryson Lowery, Damon Price

### 1<sup>st</sup> Week of April

- 2-Jerri Pittman, Raelyn Tucker 3-Christi Phillips, Kasey Strawn
- 4-Daniel Guffey, Darren Guffey
- 7-Ray Rickard, Michael Thomas



Children's Church

### NURSERY WORKERS March

3rd - Kaylee Duke and Lacy Lee

10th - Chad Clay and Sarah Clay

17th - Michelle Simpson and Emma

24th - Tonya Helms and Amy Duke

31st - Carla Bowers and Volunteer

### April

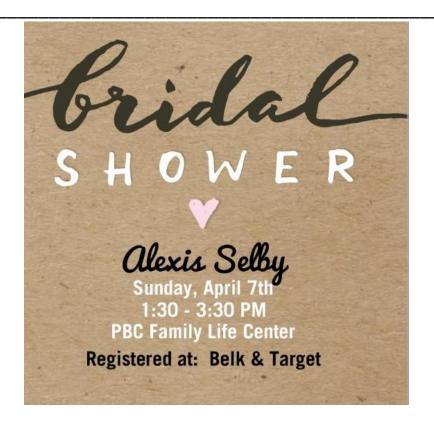
7th - Kaylee Duke and Lacy Lee

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS: For ages 2 to 5 years old.

2/3 Year Old's March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Deneice H. & Erin F. March 10<sup>th</sup>: Crystal C. & Chad Clay March 17<sup>th</sup>: Lauren Duke & Helper March 24<sup>th</sup>: MK & Michael Atkinson March 31<sup>st</sup>: Jennifer & Bob Selby April 7<sup>th</sup>: Carla Bowers & Kaylee Duke Kim Outen & Ashlynn Porter

### 4/5 Year Old's

Deborah S. Jennifer Helms Skyla Anderson & Luisa Price **Tonya & Kerstyn Helms** Kathy Brock & Jill Aldridge Lauren Davis & Mindy Jenkins



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# Saint Patrick's Day Word Search



CELTIC IRELAND LEPRECHAUN POTOFGOLD SHAMROCK

DUBLIN IRISH LIMERICK RAINBOW SNAKES

GREEN LEGEND PATRICK SAINT





If you would like to have a **rightnow MEDIA** library account, please contact Sheri on Monday – Wednesday at 704-624-5121. She will need your email address. Thank you.



The food pantry is accepting items (canned goods, especially kid friendly items, personal hygiene items, and cleaning supplies) or if you would like to give a donation, please mark an envelope **"FOOD PANTRY"** and we will SHOP for you. Thank you.

Ladies Retreat 2019 "Be Still and Know" March 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Location: Ft. Caswell

### 2019 Family Reunions, Weddings, Showers, etc.

As a reminder, if you would like to reserve the Family Life Center for your events this year, please fill out the Facility Use Request Form and turn into the folder in Pastor Caroll's mailbox located beside his office door. Thank you.

### **2019 FLOWER CALENDAR**



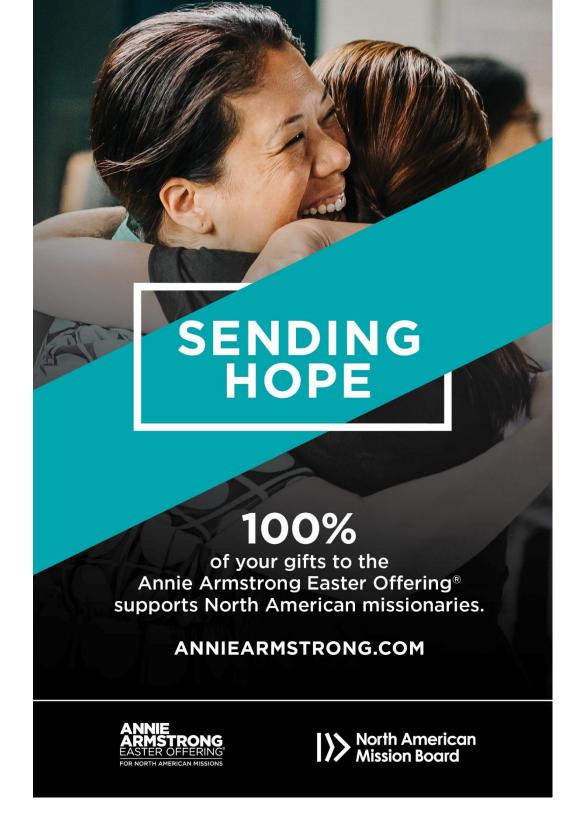
If you would like to place alter flowers in the sanctuary, please contact Ms. Ona Ruth Smith at 704-624-5740. Thank you.



The Awana games will be held on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Pitts Baptist Church in Concord. Pop-tarts and water will be available for breakfast if your child doesn't have time to eat. We will feed them lunch at McDonalds after the games. On Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> we will be at Spark-O-Rama. This is the games event for the Sparkies. It will be held at Central Baptist in Kannapolis. Pop-tarts and water will be available for breakfast if your child doesn't have time to eat. We will feed them lunch at McDonalds after the games.

We had 5 children that were able to compete at Gear Up last month. They all did a wonderful job.

We are so Proud of all the Awana children and what they have learned this year. Thank you for allowing your child to be a part of Awana. Thank you, Kathy Brock



Our Ingathering is Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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Christmas in August has been such a wonderful blessing to our church, community, and children. We have been overwhelmed by the tremendous response from mission groups around the country. We have received more than 400 boxes of school supplies, backpacks, Bibles, and gift-cards from churches as far away as Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

Somedays we received a dozen boxes from UPS and then another dozen from the UPS. It gave us a chance to share with the carriers how much churches around the county love our community, especially the children from low-income families.

We enjoyed reading all of the cards from the children, teens, and adults. Many were handmade with personal notes of prayers for our family, our church, and the children that we have been ministering to with these supplies. They made us smile and reminded us of the children we minister to here in Annapolis.

In the middle of August, I had to have back surgery and was unable to assist with the work, but volunteers from our church stepped in to do all of the work. Many of these volunteers are new believers and were amazed at the generosity of the churches.

We were able to help more than 80 families directly and hundreds indirectly through these donations. Our living room often had 20+ boxes of supplies sitting around for days waiting for our church members to help sort and distribute supplies each week. Our volunteers said more than once that it was just like Christmas opening the boxes to see what was inside. As soon as we delivered supplies, more would arrive. My wife has joked that the boxes just won't stop coming.

Thank you so much for adopting us this year. If you would like to learn More about our mission, watch this video (<u>https://vimeo.com/288604204</u>) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter (elevatechurchmd). God bless,

Steve Poole, Pastor, Elevate Church

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## AMAZING ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS JOHN 20:31 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019 WHAT: ASSOCIATIONAL VBS CLINIC WHEN: SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> TIME: 9:00-11:00 AM WHERE: ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH 6223 LOVE MILL ROAD, MONROE NC 28110 WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

# ALL VBS WORKERS

### **VBS DIRECTOR:**

STACEY THOMAS (ANTIOCH)

**Theme Verse:** But these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31 (CSB) **Motto:** Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!



### Wednesday, April 10, 2019 • Wingate University • 6:00 - 8:00 pm On Wednesday, April 10, 2019, our students will join forces with

Wingate University students to package 50,000 meals that will feed the hungry here in Union County. We hope to have 300 Wingate University students and 300 or more UBA students to participate.

We need to raise approximately \$10,000 to add to the donation that will be given from Wingate University. Our goal is to package 50,000 meals.



Six times a year we prepare and serve a meal at the Community Shelter. If your Sunday School Class or ministry would be interested in helping with this, **April 22<sup>nd</sup> is still available**. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the Sunday School Office. Thank you.



We have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the sanctuary if you would like to help with the Easter Egg Hunt. We need donations of candy filled Easter eggs, and also individually wrapped candy to fill eggs that have already been donated. We also need "Guessing Jars". Please turn in

all items to the Sunday School Office between now and April 14<sup>th</sup>. Our Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM If you have any questions, please contact Whitney Beard. Thank you.



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# MARCH AWANA CLUB MEAL VOLUNTEERS

3<sup>rd</sup>: Kara Keith & Nancy Glidewell

10<sup>th</sup>: Whitney Beard & Luisa Price

17<sup>th</sup>: Kelly Baker & Peggy Smith

24<sup>th</sup>: Kristi & Roger Cox

31<sup>st</sup>: Amy Duke & Tonya Helms

Remember: "Only one life will soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."