

The New Life

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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

MARCH 4, 2007

Hebrews 13:8

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Two new council members were sworn into the church council. The new additions are Mr. Sam Otto and Mr. Andrew Dickey. Former members Ms. Sharon Mote and Mr. John Ferguson have moved on to become elders of the church.
- Daylight Savings Time begins March 11th.
- 3/17, 8am onwards: Relay for Life is having a yard sale at Central State. If you would like to donate items to the cause contact Marielle at 478-804-1568.

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Submission Deadline for April Newsletter:

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A Holiday, a Victory...

Saint Patrick's Day is a holiday associated with Irish symbols. Legend credits Patrick with banishing snakes from the island, though post-glacial Ireland never actually had snakes; one suggestion is that snakes referred to the serpent symbolism of the Druids of that time and place, as shown for instance on coins minted in Gaul, or that it could have referred to

beliefs such as Pelagianism symbolized as "serpents". Pelagianism is the belief that because God created human life it was divine and therefore its nature was not touched by Original Sin. Accordingly, it was believed that we are able to choose between good and evil without divine help.

Legend also credits Patrick with teaching the Irish about the concept of the Trinity by showing people the shamrock, a 3-leaved clover, using it to highlight the Christian belief of 'three divine persons in the one God

In the Celtic cross He combined the symbol of Christianity, a cross, with the symbol of the sun, to give pagan followers an idea of the importance of the cross by linking it with the idea of the life-giving properties of the sun.

For most of Christianity's first thousand years, canonizations were done on the diocesan or re-

gional level. Relatively soon after the death of people considered to be very holy people, the local Church affirmed that they could be liturgically celebrated as saints.

As a result, St. Patrick has never been formally canonized by a Pope, but he is still widely venerated in Ireland and elsewhere today.

There is, however, much more to this saint. At the root of this holiday is the demonstration of the Victory of light over darkness, good over evil, truth over lies, faith over superstition, the word of God over fables, life over death. Hundreds of years before Saint Patrick came to Ireland the country was an uneducated and backwards place. After God's Word came to them, they advanced in education, learning and culture.

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Pastor Appointed to New Position

Pastor Terry Lee Stair was appointed to a new position within the Foursquare church community. This new position comes with new responsibilities.

He has been appointed to the position of Divisional Superintendent of the South Georgia Division of the Four-

square Churches in the Gulf Atlantic District.

The churches that Pastor Stair will be in charge of in this new position are The New Life Church of Milledgeville, Living Way in Columbus, the church in Augusta, Living Hope Fellowship in Leesburg, Living Way in Syl-

vania and the Spanish church in Warner Robbins.

"I will be assisting Bishop Scott Reece in building the churches and encouraging and serving the pastors in the division. I will also serve on the district council."

- Pastor Stair

From the Pastor's Desk



vances. I would like to encourage you to fill your life with God's word.

March 3rd, 4th and 5th is also the Feast of Purim. Purim is celebrated with the children (and many adults) dressing up as the characters from the story of Esther (naturally, in recent years they dress up in other costumes as well).

The Purim story is read and sometimes reenacted, with the listeners booing and making noise with rattlers every time Haman's name is mentioned, cheering every time Mordechai's name

You see every time God's Word fills a culture, that culture ad-

is mentioned and sighing every time Esther's name is mentioned. It is considered to be the most fun and joyous feast of all.

There is also an exchange of small gifts (usually candy), and the Official Feast Food is Haman's ears - a pastry dough in a shape of a triangle filled with fruit, nuts, chocolate and other sweet fillings.

The spiritual fulfillment of the Feast of Purim is found in God's deliverance (Salvation) that is completed in the Messiah. He is the Deliverer bringing joy and honor to His chosen, royal priesthood of believers.

Let us not be silent, nor hold our peace as nations rise against Israel

and her people, coming boldly before the Throne of Grace, making our requests known to God, asking that the veil would be removed from the eyes of the Jewish people, that they may see Yeshua the Messiah!

Together, let us use our Spiritual weapons which are mighty in God for pulling down strongholds over the Jewish people, fasting and interceding for this nation until the Lord makes Jerusalem a praise on all the earth. We may have been brought to the Kingdom for such a time as this...

Culture: the shared attitudes, values, and beliefs that define and shape your practices.

A Baby Shower Story



A baby shower was held in honor of new mom-to-be Nikki Smith on Saturday, March 3, 2007! The shower was

hosted by Jamie Ussery, friend of the mom-to-be, at her home in Millidgeville, Ga.

ClaraAnn Smith, will be the new addition to the Smith household and will be making her entrance in April. Her projected due date is April 10th, two days after Easter!

Among the guests at the shower were Mrs. Smith (Will's mom), Nikki's sisters and her uncle Randy and his mom Sandra Nix who is ClaraAnn's great-grandmother. Attending members of the church included Debbie, Ayla, Marielle & Crystal Stair, Heather Dickey, Randi Otto & Sharon Mote.

Special gifts included a bassinet, a fetal monitor, a complete wardrobe and tons of diapers!

During the shower Rev. Debbie Stair delivered a special blessing for the new mom-to-be.

We wish the Smiths blessings and much joy during this special time!

Angel Food Menu

- (1) 26 oz. Chicken & Stuffing Bake Dinner
- (4) 8 oz. Hamburger Steaks
- (1) 2 lb. Lasagna Dinner
- (1) 5 lb. Breaded Frying Chicken
- (1) 12 oz. Philly Steak Portions
- (1) 3 lb. Popcorn Chicken
- (1) 1 lb. Hot Dogs
- (1) 16 oz. Gourmet Bean Soup
- (1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese
- (1) 7.5 oz. Southern Style Biscuit Mix
- (1) 24 oz. Steak Cut Fries
- (1) 16 oz. Peas & Carrots
- (1) 16 oz. Turnip Greens
- (1) 15 oz. Sliced Pears
- (1) 8 oz. Pineapple Chunks
- (1) 10 oz. Peanut Butter
- (1) 13.75 oz. 10 ct. Waffles
- (1) Dessert Item

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4-6 oz. Broccoli & Cheese
Stuffed, 4-6 oz. Chicken Kiev)

Price: \$18.00

MARCH SPECIAL #2

3.75 lb. Box, T-Bone Steaks:
(6-10 oz. Steaks)

Price: \$18.00

MARCH SPECIAL #3

5.5 lb. Box, Meat Combo:
(4-8 oz. NY Strip Steaks, 4-6
oz. Thick Cut Pork Chops,
1 lb. Boneless/Skinless
Chicken Breasts, 1 lb. Italian
Sausage)

Price: \$18.00

***One or more specials available only with the purchase of a regular unit*

Last day to place & pay for your order:

March 5, 2007.

Distribution Day:

Saturday, March 17, 2007

9 am till 11 am

(if you don't pick it up it will be given to a needy Family).

We Accept Food Stamps (EBT).

No checks please!

See the coordinator on the Deadline Day between 2pm and 4pm or call after 1 pm for an appointment

478-414-1467

For more information contact us at: www.newlifega.com

This service is available to all church members!

Angel Food Ministries



"A Food Ministry With A Servant's Heart"

Birthdays, a Cause for Celebration!



I was looking at the calendar for this issue and realized how many birthdays came up in the month of March!! My class and I had just sung the Happy Birthday

song in class for someone who turned 22 and the melody was still fresh in my mind. This led me to wonder where the melody first came from! So, I hopped on the good ol' WWW and googled it!

Apparently the tune of the song was composed by an American lady, Mildred Hill, in the 1890s. The words came later and in 1935 the song in its entirety was published. Made popular by the Broadway show *As Thousands Cheer* the song has now gained universal appeal.

Some facts about birthdays in the US state that August is the most popular month for birthdays followed by July and September!

So, following this train of thought I typed in "Christian birthday celebrations" into google just to see what would come up, and I got some results that were frankly, sad.

Many of the articles I pulled up quoted two instances in the Bible where birthdays were celebrated: Gen 40:20-22 and Matt. 14:6-10, both of which refer to ungodly acts!

But what these articles seemed to forget, and completely fail to mention is the fact that we have a whole season, a whole HOLIDAY centered around the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! What would the end of the year be like if there was no Christmas? I couldn't imagine it! How sad our Decembers would be if they were just cold, and wet with no warm family gatherings and Christmas celebrations to look forward to!

There is no other season that brings people together like Christmas. In America people celebrate Thanksgiving, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Martin Luther King Day, and other national holidays. But these aren't all universal holidays. Just as Americans don't necessarily celebrate European, or Asian, or Middle Eastern holidays, although we all have our own excuses for a day off!

But Christmas! Christmas is celebrated no matter where you go, whether it be

on a grand scale or a small private celebration. It touches the hearts of all who participate in it.

I read all these articles about how selfish birthdays were because it encouraged selfish behavior with all the gifts and parties. Children wanting money so they can get what they want, parents having grand parties so they can get their kids more presents! Yes! That all does sound selfish, and it probably is. When Jesus was born his birth was in the lowliest of places! But God wanted the world to rejoice in His son's birth! And a testimony to gift giving can be found in the wise men who brought him treasures of frankincense, gold and myrrh.

When I was a kid I remember my birthdays were always simple! I used to be so excited all day long! Nobody ever said anything about surprising me (although we all knew it was coming!), they'd wish me in the morning before I went to school and I'd leave happy and excited about the coming day!

Where I came from on your birthday you got to pass out candy to all your classmates after they sang for you! It was such an honor walking between the rows of students passing out your best candy and standing up in front of the class while everyone sang for you! You even got to go to each of the classes in your grade and let the professors have some of your candy! And of course, it was probably the only day in the year where you could get away with just about anything!

But then I'd have the long wait to get back home! Mum would get off work at 4p.m. and I know when she gets home she's going to have all kinds of goodies in her car! It was always a treat because we hardly ever went out or ordered food on a normal day!

It was always a Black Forest Cake from Caesar's (which was a bakery and they made the most heavenly black forest cakes with loads of whipped cream and juicy black cherries!) She'd have boxes of savory and sweet delicacies as well! And dad and Michael would always have my gift! Dad usually had one from mum and himself, and Michael would have something he bought with the pocket money he'd collected over the course of the year! I always loved Michael's gifts! We would get 2 dirham every day (an equivalent of \$.54) for whatever we wanted to spend it on! Michael and I would try to save up for special occasions, and so it

was always special when I got a gift from him!

It was only after this private, intimate celebration that was wholesome and always fun that mum and dad would offer me the chance to invite some friends over on the weekend! Afterwards we'd go to church at 7:30p.m. where I'd get a special blessing with a sprinkle of holy water and many prayers and good wishes!

This has been our tradition for as long as I can remember! I have missed it every year since being away from my parents and family. But for me, my birthday will always be like Christmas, a time for family, a time for a strengthening of bonds and a sharing of love and joy.

"I'm grateful my parents always made my birthdays special. They weren't grand or expensive celebrations, they were simple with maybe a gift or two to open. But the memories they made have stayed with me long after those gifts have faded."

For me birthdays are times when we are reminded of how fragile life is, and how fast it goes by. It makes us stop and consider our lives, it gives us a moment to slow down and breathe in the blessings that God has given us.


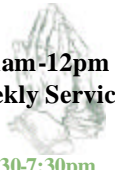
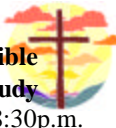


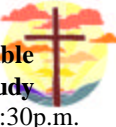





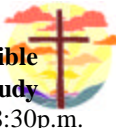



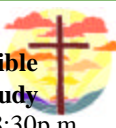


For me, my year begins and ends with my birthday. It's at this time that I look back on my year, on my accomplishments, on my goals for the future. It's a time to be thankful for a new wrinkle, it's a map being drawn on an otherwise empty page.

I'm grateful my parents always made my birthdays special. They weren't grand or expensive celebrations, they were simple with maybe a gift or two to open. But the memories they made have stayed with me long after those gifts have faded.

Just as the Father wanted the world to rejoice in His son's birth, we must cherish and celebrate the lives of all we love! Birthdays should be a time of rejoicing for the blessings we have received and the closeness of family!

Happy Birthday to all who will be celebrating theirs this month!

March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Daylight Savings Time begins March 11th!				1	2 Wendy!! 	3
4 11am-12pm Weekly Service  6:30-7:30pm Knight's Round Table	5 2-5pm Angel Food Deadline	6	7 Bible Study  7:30-8:30p.m.	8  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	9	10 Leadership Training: Conyers, Ga.
11 11am-12pm Weekly Service  2-5pm Knights Tournament	12	13	14 Bible Study  7:30-8:30p.m. Johnna!! 	1  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	16  St. Patrick's Day! Nikki!! 	9-11am Angel Food Giveaway
18 11am-12pm Weekly Service 5:30-7pm Council Meeting Michael!! 	19	20	21 Bible Study  7:30-8:30p.m.	2  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	23	24
25 11am-12pm Weekly Service  Heather!! 	26	27	28 Bible Study  7:30-8:30p.m.	2  3:30-4pm Bread Giveaway	30	31  Men's Retreat: Rock Eagle, Ga.

<p>People I'm praying for this month:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Notes:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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