



## *March Newsletter*

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#### From Our Pastor

There is a ringing question which thunders out from the prophets of God: "Who is on the Lord's side?"

As Abe Lincoln has been quoted as saying: "Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right."

Those are wise words that we do well to think about in an age when so many diverse voices are sure that God is on their side. It is something to be humble and prayerful about.

But, the Bible declares something very exciting. God is on our side: Psalm 55:22 "Cast your burden upon the Lord and He will sustain you. He will never allow the righteous to be shaken."

Psalm 50:15 "And call upon me in the day of trouble and I will answer you, I will rescue you."

Psalm 73:23 "Thou hast taken hold of my right hand. With thy counsel thou wilt guide me."

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you." I Peter 5:7

"If God be for us, who can even stand against us." Romans 8:31

Now, Abe's warning stands. When the Bible says that God is for us, it is not saying He agrees with all of our opinions. But it is saying He works mightily on our behalf, He wants the very best for us. He will, if we allow Him to, take hold of our right hand, guide us and sustain us. He wishes us to know the peace that comes by knowing He is always there, always at our right hand.

So, we are to stand on both truths. We must respond to the prophets call for a decision to give God his place as Lord in our lives. AS Elijah challenged the children of Israel on Mt. Carmel: "How long will you waiver, hobbling along between two opinions. If the lord is God, follow Him. If Baal is God, then follow Him. I Kings 18:21. (By the way, you may want to check the story in I Kings 18 to see how it worked for the folks that stuck with Baal.)

Then, as you make the decision to be on the Lord's side, all of those promises of his care for you will unfold in your life! What a joy it is to be one of God's beloved children.

I love being your Pastor.

## SETTING AT THE GATE (THE ELDERS REPORT)

The Ides of March are here!!!

March winds bring April Showers followed by May Flowers, or something close to that! So there we have the next three months weather report! That makes one less thing to worry about and allows us to turn our attention to more productive thoughts and work.

Work, Church work, is in the offing! We have several activities this Month to support and these are not necessarily in order that is what the Church Calendar posted in the hall way outside the cafeteria is for!! Now! Now! You would not want to get me into trouble by my reporting those dates, now would you????????? Aside from that what if I got the dates confused? You could possibly be all dressed in your Tux and your Bride in her evening gown and end up at the Church's Celebration!!! And who would get the Blame???

I will list these in a separate paragraph for eye catching purposes:

We have the Missions Dinner/silent Auction/Best BBQ dinner, Ron Stanek will answer your questions about this, then we have the Dinner Movie night hosted by the Men's Ministry see Ken Wright, somewhere in the mix we have our Annual Church Celebration See one of the Elders for any input or questions, also Young Life Dinner, Marge Norton is the contact for those great folks, and who could neglect to remind us of the Pregnancy Solutions Walk and Dinner and that would be Linda or Wally Abend for information!! The Walk and Dinner are on separate dates!!

We have had several of the "regulars" to comment on the size and closeness of the crowd particularly during February. A couple of thoughts for your contemplation, those of you that voiced questions, first we, as your leaders, continually are on the "look out" for more convenient, comfortable and cost conscious building quarters and would request each of you to be our eyes and ears. Remember February is always the largest, busiest month of the year for visitors in our area. As you have witnessed our group of "regulars" has increased and through Prayer and Blessings of our LORD those numbers will continue to grow.

Until next time we will be setting at Gate awaiting HIS Return!!



Tuesdays – Bible Study with Pastor John 10:00 am. A study on the Book of Acts

Tuesdays – Weekly prayer meeting with George 6:00 pm

Tuesdays - Ladies Bible Study "He Chose the Nails" 7:00 pm

Wednesdays– Good News Club

Wednesdays – Bible Study 7:00 I Thessalonians with Basil

March 2nd - Mission Dinner

March 9th - Men's Disciple Class and Walk for Life

March 10th - Communion

March 14th - Beyond the Sea - John Tuff and Friends 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

March 15th - Dinner and a Movie

March 17th - Pot Luck

March 22nd - P.E.O. Concert at EUMC - John Tuff and Friends 7:00 \$10.00 per ticket. Patty has tickets.

March 23rd - Men's Breakfast and Disciple Class

*To help people develop a thriving relationship with Jesus Christ by serving God and serving others...This is the Mission of GCC.*