

March

CALENDAR:

- * 12—Daylight Saving
- * 13—Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- * 17—St Patrick's Day
- * 18—Work Day, 8:30am
- * 18—W@C Game Night, 6pm
- * 24—Warming Shelter
- * 26—Missions Meeting
- * 27—Elders Meeting, 6:30pm



"BLESSINGS FOR BABIES"

Now thru March 19th

Geon Christian Children's Home was founded by Dr. Yoon Kwon Chae, our missionary in Seoul, Korea. They care for over 80 children.

Many are infants, some newborn, that are abandoned. Currently they are caring for 17 infants who have been found in church "baby boxes." The boxes keep them warm and alert staff that they are there. **GCCH** feeds, clothes, and educates these once unwanted precious children. While at the home the children learn about the love of Lord. Many have become teachers, preachers, missionaries, social workers, doctors, nurses, and Christian leaders.

Please join us in blessing these little ones!

Donations can be made thru Crossroads to "BABIES" and will be used for diapers, wipes, formula, clothes, etc.

Our goal by faith is \$5000.00!

Please give prayerful consideration as to how you can wrap the strong arms of Jesus around an abandoned infant. Be sure to track our progress on the Missions bulletin board!



CROSSROADS
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Nonperishable Food Items Needed

Crossroads will continue to collect nonperishable food items for Cheryl Camany, the Homeless Liaison for the Salinas City Elementary School District. Put your items in the barrel in the foyer.

If you have any questions, please see Susan Vargas

Thank You!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

DORIS LANDIS	3/03
CHRISTIAN MC COY	3/13
BECKY CROMER	3/19



Warming Shelter Dates Friday, March 24



Crossroads Christian Church will be providing a meal at the Winter Warming Shelter on Market Street. We need several volunteers in multiple areas. We will be providing a meal, drinks and all the paper products etc. needed. The meal is brought to the shelter ready to go. We arrive at 6:45pm to set-up and prepare to serve the meal. Please consider helping with this event. If you have any questions see Deniece. One more date to remember:

Friday, April 21, 2017

Should Christians Celebrate St. Patrick's Day?

John Weirick – newspring.cc

Pinches if you aren't wearing green.
Corned beef and cabbage.
Three-leaf clovers.

We recognize the Irish-themed decorations every March, but what is St. Patrick's Day really about?



Most St. Patrick's Day traditions are less about the person and more about celebrations of Irish-American immigrants in the late 1700s.

St. Patrick was a real man who lived around AD 400, but the folklore we hear doesn't tell the whole story. His life wasn't about wearing green or driving snakes from Ireland, but radical love and faith.

Moving past the modern traditions, we can see what really happened in St. Patrick's life and why it matters to us today.

4 Unexpected Lessons From The Real St. Patrick

1. We can make it through hard times.

Even when we face the most difficult times, we can survive because we're never separated from God's love ([Romans 8:38-39](#)).

When St. Patrick was 16, he was kidnapped by pirates and became a slave to Druids, a violent tribal cult in Ireland. Rather than fighting back, he learned to pray and his faith grew, even while tending sheep in the rugged cold. Records of St. Patrick's life show that he chose to trust God every day instead of seeking revenge against his captors.

2. God invites us to do risky, uncomfortable things.

One day, after six years of captivity in Ireland, God told St. Patrick about a way off the island. St. Patrick boarded a ship and returned home. Years later, after learning more about the Bible and becoming a leader in the church, St. Patrick heard God tell him to return to Ireland and tell people about Jesus.

Just like Patrick listened to God leading him to different places and different tasks, we can listen to God and do what He says ([James 1:22](#)). When God calls us to something He walks alongside us, no matter how uncomfortable or impossible it seems ([Micah 6:8](#)).

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3. Grace changes enemies into opportunities for radical love.

St. Patrick escaped the oppressive slavery of the Druids, but he chose to return to Ireland to share the message of Jesus with them.

When God brings us through a difficult experience, we learn to accept His incredible love and extend that same love to everyone. We were all enemies of God because of our sins, but Jesus loves us even when we rebel against Him ([Romans 5:10](#)). Jesus' love is so radical that it forgives offenders and welcomes enemies.

4. God can use anyone—even you.

St. Patrick wasn't born a Christian superhero who rose to fame and changed his country. He wasn't even Irish. He grew up in a wealthy British family and had no interest in Christianity until he was older.

No matter where you're from or what you have or haven't done, God can work through you to do something amazing ([Philippians 2:13](#)). God changes unlikely people into unexpected leaders.

Who needs the luck of the Irish when we have a God who can use anybody to continue a movement that affects everybody?

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Shepherd's Pie

Ingredients:

6 medium potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
 6 tbs grated parmesan plus extra to garnish
 3 tbs milk
 2 tbs oil
 2 medium onions, chopped
 4 cloves garlic, minced
 500 grams beef mince
 1 large carrot, grated
 3 tbs tomato paste
 3 tbs worcestershire sauce
 2 tbs barbecue sauce
 a few sprigs of fresh thyme
 1 1/2- 2 cups stock
 salt and pepper, to taste



Directions:

Fill a saucepan with potatoes until they are fully immersed. Bring to boil and then reduce the heat to a simmer until the potatoes are completely cooked through. Drain and mash until no lumps remain. I put my potatoes through the mincer attachment on the Kitchenaid to get them completely smooth. Add the grated parmesan, milk and season well with salt and pepper. Set aside.

In a heavy bottom saucepan, heat oil on medium heat. Add to it the chopped onions and fry until just beginning to brown, about 7-8 minutes. Add the garlic and fry for a further minute. Add the mince and keep stirring and mashing the mince until completely broken up and no clumps remain. Keep stirring until the mince has browned and the water has dried up. Add the rest of the ingredients and season with salt and pepper. Simmer on medium heat till the gravy is thick, about 40 minutes. Fill a baking dish with the mince gravy and top with the mashed potato. Use a fork to smooth the top, sprinkle with extra parmesan and bake in the oven for 40 minutes. Serve immediately topped with extra grated parmesan cheese.



Prayer

“What is Prayer?”

The most basic definition of prayer is “talking to God.” Prayer is described in the Bible as seeking God’s favor (Exodus 32:11), pouring out one’s soul to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:15), crying out to heaven (2 Chronicles 32:30), drawing near to God (Psalm 73:28), and kneeling before the Father (Ephesians 3:14). God wants us to talk with Him about everything. How often should we pray? The biblical answer is “pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

“How can I become a prayer warrior?”

Although the phrase “prayer warrior” is not found in Scripture, a prayer warrior is generally a Christian who prays continually and effectively for others. As prayer warriors, we rejoice in all things and have a spirit of thankfulness for what God is doing in our lives and the lives of others. Prayer warriors have a heart for God, a heart for prayer, a heart for people, and a heart for Christ’s church. So, we pray continually and trust that God answers each prayer in His perfect will and in His perfect timing.

“What is intercessory prayer?”

Intercessory prayer is the act of praying on behalf of others. True intercessory prayer seeks not only to know God’s will and see it fulfilled, but to see it fulfilled even if it doesn’t benefit us and regardless of what it costs us. True intercessory prayer seeks God’s glory, not our own. The Bible is clear that *all* Christians are called to be intercessors. All Christians have the Holy Spirit in their hearts and, just as He intercedes for us in accordance with God’s will (Romans 8: 26-27), we are to intercede for one another. God calls all Christians to be intercessors. It is God’s desire that every believer be active in intercessory prayer. What a wonderful and exalted privilege we have in being able to come boldly before the throne of God with our prayers and requests!

Excerpts from: “Prayer, The Great Adventure” by David Jeremiah

The National Day of Prayer is, Thursday, May 4, 2017. This day is set aside to place emphasis on one of the most important things we can do for one another, PRAY! Our country and our world need prayer more than ever. We need to pray for the leaders of our nation, law enforcement, and other leaders of this world. We will provide some resource material before this special day to help us remember those in authority for whom we need to pray continually.

In His love and for His service,

Debbie Lemmon, Prayer Ministry Coordinator

Ladies!! Please join us at CCC, on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at 6:00 pm, for Game Night. Please bring your favorite snack(s) to share. We will play BUNCO, and there will be prizes. If you have not played, please come and join us! It is easy and fun to play! Questions, talk to Debbie Lemmon or Katie Lemmon.

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Like us on  Crossroads Christian Church Salinas

Elders:

Jerry Lemmon

Alan Stark

Lyn White

Current Groups/Classes

Sunday Morning

Please join us for one of our Bible studies.

Plan to arrive early and join us for coffee and pastries.

9am

Class - Leader

Adult – Jerry Lemmon

Men – Perry Vargas

Women – Ginger Stark - Grace

10:30am - See schedules

Nursery/Toddlers

Pre-K

K-5th grades

Sunday Evening – 5:30pm @ CCC

Alan Stark

Wednesday Morning – 9:30am @ CCC

Women's Bible Study

Chronological Walk through the Bible

See Susan Vargas or Tonna Henson with any questions

Thursday Evening – 6:00pm @ CCC

Women's Bible Study

Grace

Becky Cromer

Our Vision

GLORIFY GOD

Our Mission

Grow in Christ

Serve in Love

Bring others to Jesus