

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Anita Tinker
- 9 Dylan Quintana
- 9 Arthur Terry
- 10 Bailey Terry
- 13 Larry Kelly
- 14 Nancy Harris
- 15 Vivian Darling
- 15 Jenny Seitz
- 16 Becky Terry
- 17 Jack Knoy
- 19 Jackson Allen
- 23 Zoie Nichols
- 26 Bev Pattee
- 30 Jeff Hanson
- 31 Kenneth Tolbert



### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We really want to keep a focus on OCC all throughout the year. We would love for you to join us in this ministry in any way that works for you. Some of us like to collect items for the shoeboxes throughout the year. Just in case this is you too, and you struggle with ideas for items to save, we would like to provide some ideas for you each month. This month's idea is quality crafts.



Quality Crafts

March

### The Conductor's Call:

#### **"What God Does And Doesn't Care About."**

Since the Garden of Eden, God has conveyed to His children what He does and doesn't care about. For example, to paraphrase, "I don't care which tree you eat from. Any tree is fine, EXCEPT THAT ONE!" God cared about that tree, because it was the only harmful tree. It had one rule, and one consequence if the rule was not followed. Well, the rule was broken and the consequence was received. So, when God cares about something, it's probably best for you to care about that "something" as well. For thousands of years, God has conveyed what He cares about. He clearly communicates regarding His rules, the rewards for following them, and the consequences for disobedience. After the Garden of Eden, the rules were conveyed again, and some obeyed, but most disobeyed. So, the next big rule was, "Build an Ark!" There were no rules against Noah receiving help. But no one outside of Noah's family helped. There were no rules against more people coming into the Ark, until God said, "Close the door." But once the door was closed, and sealed, so was the fate of everyone. God cared about the people, but He also, clearly, cares about obedience. Do you remember how the Rainbow came into existence? The world seems to want to suggest a different reason for rainbows today. Does God care about His creation celebrating disobedience with a symbol of grace and mercy? He seems to. The irony of what a rainbow brings to mind for many people today, does not escape God's notice, I assure you.

God eventually conveyed His rules once again to His people, and the blessing that would come from obedience and the curse that would come from disobedience. Moses received 10 Commandments and passed them on to the people. . . who were already breaking most of them, and in his anger he didn't break the commandments spiritually, He broke the actual tablets! Was it right for Moses to be angry about his people worshipping a golden calf, and engaging in all kinds of immorality? Well, as it turns out, not only Moses was serious about those 10 commandments. God really means what He says. Read Exodus 20-34 the next time you think redefining what God cares about is a good plan. All throughout the Bible, God clearly, and repeatedly, conveys His desires, His rules, the immediate and future penalties for disobedience, and His love, with His immediate and future rewards for showing your love for Him, by your obedience. Does God care about you? Of course! Does He care about you resisting temptation? Absolutely! Does He care about your social status, your heredity, your skin color, your gender, your age, your physical wealth, your political preference, your sports team, when it comes to His love, grace, mercy, and forgiveness? No! God doesn't

change, but His plan moves forward, so it often seems like He changes. Once Jesus paid the perfect sacrifice for sins, ceremonial laws no longer were needed, because the need for the ceremony of sacrificing animals was no longer needed. So, God no longer is concerned with that kind of sacrifice, but does that mean He no longer desires any kind of sacrifice?

For instance, sacrificial giving. Does God still desire the gifts that cost you something? Your time for instance. Does God truly care about Church attendance? He either does, or He doesn't. God doesn't "kind of care" or "merely suggest" anything. It matters or it doesn't. It's a command or it isn't. Would Jesus attend church faithfully today? Well, did Jesus go to Temple or Synagogue regularly, if not always? Yes! So, in His perfection, did He care about where His was at all times? Yes. What about the environment of the worship service? Were all of those in attendance with Him as holy and blameless as He was? Did that, understandably, keep Him from attendance? No! Jesus probably didn't care about the temperature inside the building, but He seemed to want people in the building. It seemed to matter to Him enough to attend.

Another example, does Jesus no longer care about baptism? There are many people who claim to be following Jesus, in His steps, while also implying, or flat out declaring that baptism is not important. Many have chosen not to be baptized to make a point, to show others how "grace oriented" they are by not doing the "work" of baptism. But was Jesus earning His salvation when He was baptized? Did He suggest or command that people were baptized? If the thief on the cross was set free and joined the disciples, do you believe he would have avoided being baptized, and made sure he didn't teach about baptism or baptize anyone? It seems like Jesus still might care about you being baptized. Are there examples in the book of Acts regarding baptism being obsolete? I'm guessing God doesn't really have a required amount of time you must be held under water, but He does still seem to care about baptism. Does God care about gender in marriage? He seems to. Does God care about gender in baptism? Not at all. Does God care about the rights of any unborn children? He seems to. Is there ever any talk in scripture of an embryo in a womb that did anything viable? How about unborn John The Baptist? Is Idol Worship and Honoring Parents still something God cares about? Does He care if people believe He created the heavens and the earth? Are people born to steal, lie, get drunk, and commit adultery? Does God no longer care about these things? Are people born with fleshly desires to do these things? Should they therefore yield to those desires and do what makes them happy? Does God care? He seems to.

In conclusion. . . Does God care about which country received the most gold medals? Probably not. Does God care about you? Of course! **1 Peter 5:7 "Cast all your anxiety upon Him, because HE cares for you."** Jesus died for you. But does God also care about how you live, what you say and do? Yes! **Romans 8: 13-14 "For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God."** God cares about everyone. He loves everyone. But because He cares, and loves, He gives rules, and discipline. If God cares, so should you. I think we could improve on that. I'll start with me. Take care!

See ya Sunday!

*Pastor Jim*

Has your contact information changed? If your address or phone number have changed (or Debbie has copied it wrong into the church directory) please give us a notice on one of the comment cards and put it in the offering plate at church, or email her at [dinubach@comcast.net](mailto:dinubach@comcast.net). We are hoping to update the directory for 2018. By the way, if you have the Instant Church Directory app on your phone or computer, your directory is updated as soon as we input new information. It's pretty awesome!

# MARCH 2018

## GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANTS

### GREETERS

- 4 The Ortega Family
- 11 The Oxford Family
- 18 The Quintana Family
- 25 The Nichols Family

**COMMUNION:** Sandy Allen

**BAPTISM:** Jane Chang

**SOCIAL SUNDAY:** Julie Nichols & Darlene Franks

**DEACONS - BIRTHDAY SOCIAL SUNDAY**

\* Bruce Tinker, Noe Larralde, Joseph Larralde

### MEALS ON WHEELS CORDINATOR

**FOR MARCH:** Jackie Knoy @ 591-2459 or 289-2271

### DEACONS & USHER:

- 4 Bruce Tinker
- 11 Jeff Hanson
- 18 Rod Gerbrandt
- 25 Jim Melban

### ELDER MEDITATIONS:

#### COMMUNION

- 4 Rudy Gonzales
- 11 Corky Seitz
- 18 Jerry Chang
- 25 Chris Franks

#### OFFERING

- 4 Roger Starkey
- 11 Jason Nichols
- 18 Steve Worthley
- 25 Mario Delgadillo

#### HOMEBOUND VISITATION

- 4 Rudy Gonzales
- 11 Corky Seitz
- 18 Jerry Chang
- 25 Chris Franks

#### CHURCH LOCK UP

- 4 Roger Starkey
- 11 Jason Nichols
- 18 Steve Worthley
- 25 Mario Delgadillo

### MARCH CHILDRENS CHURCH:

*for ages 4 - 3rd grade - Kelly Schiller*

**Nursery is available for ages newborn to age 4**



*1 Peter 5:2  
Be shepherds of God's  
flock that is under your  
care, serving as overseers  
– not because you must,  
but because you are  
willing, as God wants  
you to be; not greedy  
for money, but eager  
to serve;*



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The "Next Spiritual Step" Sermon Series Continues:

March 4	"Believe"
March 11	Roger Starkey
March 18	"Repent"
March 25	"Be Baptized"

2018 theme: "The Year of God's Favor"



# MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	Men's Breakfast Friendship Dinner
4 Birthday Social	5	6	7	8	9 Man Camp	10 Man Camp Hall Rental
11 Kids Klub & Youth Group	12 Elder's Meeting	13 Fellowship Meeting	14 Praise Team	15	16	17 
18 Kids Klub & Youth Group	19 4-H	20 Stewardship Meeting	21 Praise Team	22	23 Youth 4 Christ Banquet	24
25 Movie Night	26	27	28 Praise Team	29	30	31 Prepare Easter Food Baskets

## Upcoming APRIL Events:

Easter Breakfast—April 1  
 Elder's Meeting—April 2  
 Fellowship Meeting—April 3  
 Men's Breakfast—April 7  
 Birthday Social—April 8  
 Stewardship Meeting—April 17

## Weekly Events:

Sunday--- Kids Klub for kids 4 years through the 6th grade  
 Youth Group for Junior and Senior High school students  
 Wednesday-- Praise team practice