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THE LIGHTHOUSE

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- Trivia Answers:**
1. Paul, he wrote 13 books.
 2. The story of Abram and Lot separation. Gen 13:11
 3. His name was Julius Acts 27:1
 4. Rachel was Joseph's mother's name.
 5. That no one does not sin Ecclesiastes 7:20
 6. Yes one of Jesus's brother Mark 6:3

- True/False Answers:**
1. False It was Isaac.
 2. True Both are used for first five books in OT Torah (law)
 3. True Mysterious priest and King of Salem who blessed Abraham in the name of the "God Most High" Gen 14:20
 4. False It means 1000 years and in Revelations it's used six times
 5. True But he prayed and lived another 15 years.
 6. True Levi was a tax collector in Capernaum.

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Spring Is Around The Corner

Spring will be here before you know it and while it's tempting to wait for temperatures to rise to get your hands dirty, the important work in your lawn and garden starts much sooner. Preparing your garden for spring seed sowing and re-emerging perennials will ensure your plants thrive once April hits. Whether you're beginning your garden from scratch or revamping a mature plot, there are a handful of gardening chores to add to your checklist before spring arrives.

Fertilizing your lawn on a regular schedule is your BEST defense against weeds, fungus, and insect damage! We recommend fertilizing your turf AT LEAST twice a year, in spring and in fall. However, if your lawn is badly damaged, you may benefit from the additional feedings listed between the spring and fall recommendations. The following dates are guidelines for when to make your fertilizer applications. It's important to keep in mind that the weather can dictate an earlier or later application time.

Late March—Late April For Spring Feeding. Grass must be actively growing to absorb fertilizer properly. After the second mowing of the season, apply a simple 19-5-9 formula for an early green-up.

Mid May—Early August For Summer Feeding (if necessary). Apply slow-release 3-1-2 or 3-0-2 fertilizers or a liquid lawn fertilizer.

Vegetable Planting Times	
Cucumber: Mar. 1–Apr. 15	Pepper transplants: Mar. 1–May 1
Beets: Feb. 1–Apr. 20	Carrots – Feb. 1–Mar. 1
Kale – Feb. 1–Apr. 1	Kohlrabi – Feb. 1–Apr. 1
Leeks – Feb. 1–May 1	Leaf lettuce – Feb. 1–Apr. 1
Mustard – Feb. 1–Apr. 1	Potato, Irish – Feb. 1–Mar. 15
Swiss chard – Feb. 1–Apr. 15	Chinese cabbage – Feb. 1–Mar. 15
Tomato transplants – Feb. 15–Apr. 1	Watermelon – Mar. 1–May 1
Corn: Feb. 25–June 15	Sweet Potato, slips: Mar. 20–May 31
Squash, winter and summer: Mar. 1–May 15	Beans, bush: Mar. 5–May 5
Beans, lima: Mar. 5–Apr. 20	Beans, pole or pinto: Mar. 15–May 1
Cantaloupe: Mar. 15–May 1	Southern Peas: Mar. 20–Jul. 10

Flowering Gardens & Landscaping
In Texas, tried and true perennials don't require a ton of work and you will come to love and count on them to always produce beautiful flowers in your yard. The work that these require usually constitutes pruning after winter and sometimes pruning in the growing season to keep them from getting out of hand and of course, general watering and fertilization. Mix in with shrubs such as azaleas, knockout roses, and camellias. Flowering perennials include Phlox, Blue Plumbago, Lantana, Victoria Blue Salvia, Drift Roses, Lily Turf "Royal Purple", Vincas, Trailing Verbena, Dianthus, Mexican Heather, Hibiscus, Daisies, Columbine, Pentas, Zinnias, Marigolds, Petunias, and Daffodils.

HUMOR FOR THE SOUL



Hope Words
Faith is our positive response to what God has already provided.
"There is not a single thing that Jesus cannot change, control, and conquer because he is the living Lord." **Franklin Graham**



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Sunday
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship 11:00 AM
Children's Church 11:00 AM
Thursday
Praise Team Practice 5:30 PM

Churchtrac—Your Web Window Into The Church

<https://elwsjw.churchtrac.com>



The second way to access the site is to open up your smartphone's camera and point it at the QR code shown to the left.

Your login name will be your email address. Click the "Forgot Your Password" to set your password. Contact Emmett Williams or Bill Parker for assistance

The Lord's Supper



The men's Sunday school class is now preparing the Lord's Supper which occurs on the first Sunday of each quarter. The group prepares unleavened bread and pure grape juice.

Dates for upcoming Lord's Supper events are shown below:

- April 7, 2024
- July 7, 2024
- October 6, 2024

From the Pastor Jeremy Tenney



Hello friends!

Well, winter is coming to an end, and spring is upon us. Don't get me wrong, I love the wintertime, not only because it is cold (which is my favorite degree of temperature) but also because so many exciting things happen in winter like Thanksgiving and Christmas. Winter is a great time of the year!

But when we think about spring it is hard to count all the wonderful things that happen during this season. New life happens in the spring. Plants begin to bloom. Animals are born. The birds start to sing again. The grass turns green. Allergies attack. Ok ,allergies aren't great, but you get the idea.

Spring can also mean new beginnings for you and me spiritually. It can be a time to begin reading and studying God's word. We can spend more time in prayer. Spring can be the start of a new ministry or service opportunity in church. There are so many possibilities for growth and for us to reach God's potential and purpose for our lives. Spring is a great time to start that process.

In 2 Peter 2:18, the Bible says, "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." Allow this new season to be a time of growth in your relationship with Jesus Christ. A time of growth in grace and knowledge. Allow Jesus Christ, who is the Living Water, to pour over you and help you to grow into who Christ wants and needs you to be. Oh, and take care of those allergies. In His Love!

Pastor Jeremy

7 Habits Of Highly Effective Church Members

Habits - Actions that are engrained, that have become natural because of continued repetition. They are the things we do without thinking but accomplish with skill and precision.

- Habit #1** - Effective Christians Read and Obey God's Word. Read your bible regularly.
- Habit #2** - Effective Christians Have an Active Prayer Life. Pray to God daily.
- Habit #3** - Effective Christians Set "Spiritual" Goals.
- Habit #4** - Effective Christians Cultivate Talents of Others.
- Habit #5** - Effective Christians Take Responsibility for your soul and then the souls of the weak or lost.
- Habit #6** - Effective Christians Serve Others. Step up your rate and intensity of service.
- Habit #7** - Effective Christians Remain Focused on the Kingdom. Remain focused on spiritual instead of worldly things.

Birthdays & Anniversaries in March
Audra McAdams Mar 2nd Morgan Jernigan Mar 4th
Debbie Williams Mar 6th Sue Hughes Mar 14th
Ayden Gonzalez Mar 18th Jeremy Tenney Mar 27th
Cole & Jessica Skyvara Mar 20th

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Important Dates In March

- Daylight Savings Time - Spring Forward - March 10th
- Good Friday - March 22nd
- Palm Sunday - March 24th
- Easter Sunday - March 31st

True or False

1. Jacob was born to Sarah and Abraham.
2. Did the Torah and the Pentateuch have the same meaning for the first five books in the Old Testament.
3. Did Melchizedek bless Abraham?
4. Millennium means 100 years.
5. Isaiah told King Hezekiah that he was going to die.
6. Levi is another name for Matthew. (Answers on page 4)

The Lamp On A Stand

What is the Parable of the Lamp on a Stand?

The parable of the lamp on a stand is mentioned four times in the gospels. I'm going to take that as a hint. Jesus really wanted us to understand something here. Notice these concepts as you study the following verses:

- The candle is meant to be seen.
- Light does us no good when concealed.
- Others need to see the light.
- God will reveal things we have hidden.
- The light points to God.
- We are to participate in the light. It should be active in our lives.

The Parable of the Lamp in Mark reads:

He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear." (Mark 4:21-23 NIV)

What is the Spiritual Meaning of the Lamp?

We know that Jesus is not simply talking about a real lamp. Why did Jesus emphasize putting the lamp on a stand? What is the spiritual meaning of the lamp? Simply put, God is light and the lamp represents Him. In turn, Jesus is the light and we represent him. We know that God is the light. From the first day of creation, He expressed Himself as light. He expresses himself as light when He speaks to Moses from a bush that was on fire but was not burning. Jesus continues this expression when he calls himself the light of the world.

Words Of Wisdom

"While God, for the most part, allows this cosmos [creation] to work according to the laws of nature, there is never a time when He is not actively involved in every detail of life."
— Swindoll Charles R.

"Springtime Will Arrive" By Dr. B.L. Worsham

"The flowers appear on the earth---" (Song of Solomon 2:12)

Springtime will soon arrive in our land, let us sing and rejoice! The dark and terrible winter of pain and loss is swiftly receding into its place of darkness, and God has brought a new season of hope—of joy—of salvation!

This is the season for small children to frolic; to fill the air with innocent laughter. It is the time that calls teenagers to baseball and football and cheerleading. School bands are marching; music is in the air. Wedding bells, long silent because of "COVID-19 concerns", ring with extra chimes. Christians are free to greet one another with handshakes in the churches—familiar smiles are exchanged from unmasked faces—a new time has arrived.

We sing together again! We pray together; our testimony says welcome: "For lo the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in the land; the fig tree puts forth her green figs, and the vines with tender grape give a good smell. Let me hear thy voice, for sweet is thy voice--" (Song of Solomon 2:11-14)

My friend, God has brought a new year and is blessing His people! Shall we not, in turn, pray and thank Him for His grace! Shall we, read His Bible? – Attend His church? Obey His commandments? Speak his name in daily prayer?

"---The time of singing---is come---" (Song of Solomon 2:12)

God Bless You,



Bible Verse of the Month - Matthew 28:2-7 (NLT)

Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you."

Bible Trivia



1. Which biblical author wrote the most books in the Bible.
2. What is the first mention of the Jordan river in the Old Testament?
3. What was the name of the Roman centurion assigned the responsibility of escorting Paul to Rome?
4. Did the Jews have an IRA?
5. What does the book of Solomon say about sin?
6. Was Joses one of the brothers of Jesus?

(Answers on page 4)

March Recipes

Chicken Noodle Soup

Ingredients:

- 1/2 medium onion, thinly sliced
- 1 small carrot, thinly sliced
- 2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 sprigs flat-leaf parsley
- 6 cups chicken broth, homemade or low-sodium canned
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 can Cream of Chicken soup
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 pound egg noodles (preferably wide ones)
- 1 1/4 cups shredded cooked chicken (meat from about 1 breast)
- 1 tablespoon whole flat-leaf parsley leaves



Directions:

- Put the onion, carrots, celery, thyme, parsley, chicken broth, and water in a medium pot. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, and bring to a simmer over medium high heat. Simmer until the vegetables are almost tender, about 5 minutes.
- Add the noodles and cook until tender, 5 to 8 minutes (depending upon the size of the noodles). Add the chicken, warm through, and then adjust the seasoning, if necessary, with salt and pepper. Serve garnished with parsley.

Baked Chicken Thighs

Ingredients:

- 6 bone-in chicken thighs with skin (approximately 6 ounces each)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2-3 teaspoons chicken seasoning or Italian seasoning
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder or minced garlic
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons of honey



Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 425°F. Line a rimmed baking pan with foil and place a baking rack on top.
- Dab the chicken skin dry with a paper towel to remove any moisture.
- Drizzle chicken with olive oil and season generously with the seasoning, salt and pepper.
- Place the chicken thighs on the rack, skin side up, and bake uncovered 35-40 minutes or until the chicken reaches 165°F.
- Turn the broiler on high and broil the skin for 2-3 minutes to crisp if needed.

Pioneer Woman Apple or Peach Dumplings

Ingredients:

- 1 large apple {I used a Fuji- any apple will do, tart is better} or 2 firm peaches
- 1 can Pillsbury Crescent dough
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2/3 cups sugar
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 3/4 cup or 6 oz. 7-Up or equivalent {half the can}



Directions:

- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F. Grease an 8x8 baking dish.
- Cut each apple or peaches into 8-10 wedges.
- Slice the apple or peach skin off as well and set aside.
- Separate the crescent roll dough into triangles.
- Roll each apple or peach wedge in crescent roll dough starting at the wide end.
- Pinch to seal and cover apple or peach and place in the baking dish. {This is easier if you first pat the apple or peach wedge dry, then wrap dough around it.}
- Melt butter in a small saucepan and stir in the sugar and cinnamon. Heat, whisking to combine. The mixture will slowly combine and thicken. When it's thickened, remove from heat and add vanilla.
- Pour cinnamon mixture over the apple or peach dumplings. Pour soda over the dumplings. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes in the preheated oven, or until golden brown!!!

Oven BBQ Ribs

Ingredients:

- 4 pounds (2 kg) baby back pork ribs
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili or Cayenne powder (optional)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil



Sauce:

- 2 cups (500ml) barbecue sauce
- 3 tablespoons minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 – 1 tablespoon cayenne pepper (optional for heat)
- 1 teaspoon salt

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C).
- Peel off tough membrane that covers the underside/bony side of the ribs. Place on a baking sheet or tray lined with foil (or parchment paper).
- Combine together garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, salt, pepper, cumin and chili or Cayenne. Sprinkle seasoning over ribs and drizzle with oil. Rub the seasoning all over the ribs on both sides. Cover tray with foil and bake for 2 hours.
- During the last 5 minutes of cook time, mix together sauce ingredients.
- Remove ribs from the oven, remove foil and spread the tops of the ribs with the barbecue sauce mixture.
- Increase oven temperature to 460°F (240°C). Return ribs to the oven, uncovered, and bake for a further 10 minutes. Change oven settings to broil (or grill) on medium-high heat to lightly char and caramelize the edges (about 3 minutes).
- Rest for 10 minutes to allow the juices to recirculate back into the meat before slicing.
- Enjoy!

Million Dollar Deviled Eggs

Ingredients:

- 12 large eggs
- 4 teaspoons yellow mustard
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoon butter, softened
- Salt, Pepper, Paprika



Directions:

- Halve the cooled hard-boiled eggs lengthwise.
- Carefully remove the yolks and transfer them to a small bowl. Mash the yolks with a fork until they resemble fine crumbs.
- Stir in the mayonnaise, mustard, and softened butter until smooth and very well mixed. Season with salt and pepper.
- Scoop a spoonful of the mixture into each egg white half. Sprinkle the tops with paprika.