



# THE VISION

March 2023



*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”*  
**Amen. Matthew 28:19-20**



### Life Lessons from Good Ole St. Patrick! James 1:22 Micah 6:8 Romans 8:38-39 Romans 5:10 Philippians 2:13

St. Patrick suffered tremendously in his life, however, he managed to demonstrate Christian beliefs through his love for others and his Godly faith. Pirates kidnapped him when he was 16 and he 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. He chose to trust God every day instead of seeking revenge against his captors. After six years of captivity, God revealed to St. Patrick a way off the island. He boarded a ship and was able to return home. Years later, after studying the Bible and becoming a Church leader, St. Patrick heard God tell him to return to Ireland and share the message of Jesus Christ. So, what can we learned from St. Patrick’s remarkable life?

- St. Patrick was obedient to listening to God’s leading. When God calls us to do something He walks alongside us, no matter how impossible it seems. *What is God asking you to do that is out of your comfort zone?*

*“...be doers of the word, and no hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”*  
*“James 1:22*

*“He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8*

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- St. Patrick did not plan to become famous. He was not Irish, he grew up in a wealthy British family and did not become a Christian until later in life. *God changes unlikely people into unexpected leaders. God can use anyone...even you! "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."* Philippians 2:13

Isn't it reassuring to know that God is always with us? We are never separated from God's love! He is there to guide and lead us through life's most difficult situations and we can be used by God to help change the world! People speak about the luck of the Irish but I would say WE ARE BLESSED....we have GOD and JESUS, as our Lord and Savior!!

May God Bless You,  
Leslie Belvin



### Easter Crosses

Would you like to place a cross on the cross in Memory or in Honor of a Loved One? The donations for the crosses will go to support Benevolence. A cross can be placed for a minimum of a \$5.00 donation, but more will gladly be accepted. Watch your weekly bulletin for the deadline date and the crosses will be placed on the cross as the donations are received. The Cross Contributors List will be included in the Easter bulletin. Place your form & payment in the labeled box in the Narthex. Contact Paulette Ashe at 642-3251 for questions. Thanks for your generosity!



### Definition of a Christian

A Christian is:  
 A mind thru which Christ thinks,  
 A heart thru which Christ loves,  
 A voice thru which Christ speaks,  
 And a hand thru which Christ helps.

(Submitted by Barbara Fryer)



MAY THE STRENGTH OF GOD  
 PILOT US,  
 MAY THE WISDOM OF GOD  
 INSTRUCT US,  
 MAY THE HAND OF GOD  
 PROTECT US,  
 MAY THE WORD OF GOD  
 DIRECT US.

- SAINT PATRICK

**Deacon of the Week**

3/5-Stewart Wood  
 3/12-Barry Milligan  
 3/19-Bill Breeden  
 3/26-David Crummett

**Nursery Workers**

3/5-H.Warren & T. Owens  
 3/12-Lynn Walton  
 3/19-TBD  
 3/26-TBC

**March Ushers**

Sonya Anthony  
 Stan Gandee  
 Jamie Moore  
 Stewart Wood



**CHURCH WORKERS**

**March Tellers**

Tommy Ashe  
 Gail Mongold

**Sun. Sch. Nursery**

Sharon/Howard Warren

**Older Children's Church**

3/5-TBD  
 3/12-Jayme & Brody Sanford  
 3/19-D. Gandee & M.McNeil  
 3/26-Connie & Sami West

**Younger Children's Church**

3/5-Nancy Dyson  
 3/12-Sonya Anthony  
 3/19-Joyce Marshall  
 3/26-R. Wells & M. Wagner

*What's Happening  
 In The WMU*

**Missions Moment - Disaster Relief**

Southern Baptist Disaster Relief brings help, healing and hope to those in need. Pray many disaster relief volunteers will commit to participating in long-term recovery efforts. Pray they effectively share the hope of Christ in multicultural environments. Pray for the health and safety of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers who respond to disasters of various kinds around the world.

**Pray for missionaries:**

Barry Alan and Jian Zhang-- Disaster Relief Chaplains,Dana Point, CA  
 Peter and Rita Upreti -- Church Planters, Kitchener, ON, Canada  
 Omar and Tia Loza Burgos -- Church Planters, Oceanside, CA  
 Joey and Katy Buck-- Chaplain, Dollywood Parks and Resorts, Pigeon Forge, TN

**WMU MARCH MISSION**

On **March 16th** we have an opportunity to minister to the 24 residents of Carey House. We will be sharing the love of God and our hope in Jesus while spending some time with these special people. Please bake or purchase 2 dozen cookies which we will put in party bags and deliver. We will meet at the church at 11am and bag the cookies and any other small craft or trinket you would like to give. Our program will be St. Patrick's Day themed, so please keep that in mind as you bake and craft. After packaging the items, we will go to Olivia's for lunch on our own) and be at Carey House around 1:30 for our ministry.

Any questions, please contact Sharon Warren at 757-879-0862.

God bless you as we seek & serve Him together!

**Annie Armstrong  
 Easter Offering Goal  
 \$3500**



**Who was Annie Armstrong?**

ANNIE ARMSTRONG (1850-1938)



Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership .

Contributions

- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Traveled across America in the late 1800s encouraging missionaries and inspiring churches to pray, give and act
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example



The WMU Easter Mission

Offering supports missionaries in the United States and Canada.

Your support will help spread the gospel and lead people and communities to Christ.



**Sunday Schedule**

Sunday School (All Ages) – 9:45am  
 Worship Service – 11am  
 C.A.R.E. Ministry – 2:00pm



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**Wednesday Schedule**

5:30pm: CYM Supper  
 6:00pm: Children’s Choir Practice  
 6:30pm: Children & Youth Bible Study  
 6:30pm Adult Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
 7:30pm: Adult Choir Practice

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27 6:30pm Meeting	28	1	2	3 World Day of Prayer 6:30pm Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	4
5 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (5th-12th) The Lord’s Supper 2:00pm CARE-S. Anthony	6 6:30pm AHG (Troop)	7 6:30pm Building & Grounds Meeting 6:30pm Transportation Committee	8	9	10 NFH Reserved 6:30pm Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	11 10am OFH Reserved 5pm Pastor Candidate Dinner (NFH)
12 Daylight Saving Time Begins Pastor Candidate Sermon NO CARE	13 6:15pm AHG Ministry Team	14 9:30am Community Morning Out	15 6:30-7:30pm Children’s St. Patrick’s Day Celebration	16 Vision Articles Due 10:00am Acree Circle	17 St. Patrick’s Day 6:30pm Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	18
19 Easter Crosses Collections Start 2:00pm CARE-B. Fryer	20 First Day of Spring 6:30pm AHG (Troop)	21 6:30 pm Armstrong Circle	22	23	24 6:30pm Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	25 9:00am Quilting Group (E. Crawford) Widows/Widowers Banquet
26 12:00pm Church Council 2:00pm CARE-B. Milligan	27	28	29	30	31 6:30pm Men’s Bible Study 7:00pm Serenity Group	1 Daffodil Festival 12:00pm AHG Daffodil Parade

**March Birthdays**

- Sarah Saunders – 3/6
- Tammy Greggs – 3/8
- Heidi Gibbons – 3/9
- Jayne Sanford – 3/9
- Brayden Wagner – 3/10
- Connie Stewart – 3/12
- Stan Gandee – 3/12
- Brody Sanford – 3/20
- Linda Breaks – 3/21
- Betty Kelly – 3/23
- Jeanne Thompson – 3/28
- Bill Cahoon – 3/29



**March Anniversaries**

- 3/5  
L. T. & Rachael Wells
- 3/7  
Kendall & Laraine Sentz
- 3/23  
Jayme & Jeremy Sanford