



DISCOVER~DEVELOP~DISCIPLE
Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ

Be where *God* is.

The God who made the world and all things in it...is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and exist.
 Acts 17:24-28

THERE'S NO PLACE YOU CAN GO WHERE GOD ISN'T AT WORK.

Think about that for a moment. The corner office where decisions get made. The hospital room where hope feels thin. On the road, in the voting booth, and around the family dinner table. God is there first. Working. Moving. Calling us to Himself. That means right now, right where you sit, He's present and active.

The Lord is there when you *watch and listen*.

PRAY WITH US for those who will encounter God's Word through our services and online videos.

The Lord is there when you *slow down*.

PRAY WITH US for people who will encounter the Lord in new ways through quiet moments with Him.

The Lord is there when you're *on the go*.

PRAY WITH US for divine appointments—that people discover God in the moment they need it most.

The Lord is there when you're *hungry to learn*.

PRAY WITH US for our teachers of Small Groups and Bible studies that they may teach God's Word with wisdom to those who seek to deepen their faith.

YOUR INVITATION: *Step into God's work.*

You don't have to create opportunities to serve God. You just have to recognize the ones He's already placed around you ...

...IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. God is working in the elderly neighbor who could use practical help, the young family navigating new challenges, the community conversations about local needs.

...AT YOUR WORKPLACE. God is working in the colleague who asks thoughtful questions about life, the boss who's dealing with a family crisis, the team that needs wisdom for ethical decisions.

...IN YOUR EVERYDAY RHYTHMS. God is working through your patient response to frustration, your generous spirit during tight seasons, your willingness to listen when someone needs to be heard.

...AROUND THE WORLD. God is working through your prayers for missionaries reaching people around the United States and in closed countries.

Friend, God is with you.

And we at Enka Baptist want to be there, too, supporting and encouraging you each day as your relationship with Him grows. We don't want to simply tell you about God's presence—we want to help you encounter Him personally. And to join the Lord in the places He's already transforming lives. *Helping people discover and develop into disciples of Christ* is still our vision. Here is a prayer so no matter what circumstances you find yourself in, you will sense the Lord's nearness and see His hand actively at work in your life.

Heavenly Father, You are present in every corner of our lives—in the expected and unexpected, in the mundane and the extraordinary. Help us recognize Your hand at work each day. And give us courage to step into the moment with You and join You in building Your kingdom. Thank You for being our constant companion, guide, and source of strength on this journey. You are all we need now and forever. In Jesus' name, Amen.

I love being your Pastor,
 Chris

Renewal and New Beginning

As we step into March, we are reminded of the power of renewal in our lives. Just as the earth awakens with new blooms and life, we too can experience personal renewal through our faith and in connection with God's grace. It is during this month that we should reflect on how we can start anew, leaving behind any burdens or doubts that hold us back. Embracing the new beginnings offered in March allows us to align our hearts with God's plan and purpose. Our faith journey is a continuous cycle of growth and transformation, just like the changing seasons. Let's take these moments to rediscover the joy of being made new in Christ and rejoice in the hope of His everlasting love.



"If I am to know spiritual renewal, I must renew my covenant with God."
 ~ Aubrey Johnson

		Small Groups meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (unless otherwise noted) NO EVENING SERVICES
MAR 01	10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	Morning Worship Choir Practice
MAR 03	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
MAR 04	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAR 08	9:00 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	2nd SUNDAY CELEBRATION Choir Practice
MAR 10	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
MAR 11	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAR 15	10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	Morning Worship Choir Practice
MAR 17	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Bible Study Prayer Meeting
MAR 18	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAR 22	10:55 a.m. 4:45 p.m.	Morning Worship Choir Practice
MAR 24	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting
MAR 25	6:30 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
MAR 28	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
MAR 31	10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Group Bible Study Prayer Meeting



The Surprising History of March

March, the third month in the Gregorian calendar, is well-known for its unpredictable spring weather (“in like a lion and out like a lamb”), NCAA basketball (a.k.a. “March Madness”), and, of course, St. Patrick’s Day and Mardi Gras celebrations. But March is also tied to ancient beginnings, historic events and even animal antics. Here’s a closer look.

The Origins of March

The name March comes from the Latin “Martius,” named for Mars, the Roman god of war, as military actions often resumed after winter. Initially, it was the first month of the ancient Roman 10-month calendar. But in the 7th century B.C.E., March became the third month after Numa Pompilius, Rome’s second king, added January and February, creating a 12-month lunar calendar.

Seasonal Oddities & Astronomical Facts

March ushers in the vernal, or spring, equinox—a.k.a. the first day of spring—usually falling between March 19 and 22, when the length of day and night are nearly equal. Additionally, daylight saving time takes place every second Sunday of March, when clocks spring forward one hour to allow for longer daylight in the summer. Meanwhile, March’s full moon is known as the Worm Moon, named by Native Americans for worms that emerge in spring.

March’s Most Unexpected Natural Disasters

March has seen its share of dramatic weather events. The Great Blizzard of 1888 paralyzed the eastern U.S. with as much as 58 inches of snow in some regions, killing 400 people—half in New York City. Heavy winds created snow drifts as high as 50 feet and melting snow caused severe flooding. The storm paralyzed trains, downed telephone, telegraph and electrical wires, blacked out gas street lamps and trapped people in their homes. Undeterred, however, the Barnum & Bailey Circus still performed two shows at Madison Square Garden—though few besides P.T. Barnum himself attended. On March 11, 2011, the Tohoku earthquake struck Japan, the worst in the nation’s history. It triggered a tsunami that left more than 15,500 dead, 450,000 homeless and three nuclear reactor meltdowns that led to mass evacuations.

March’s Animal Mascot (Historically Speaking)

Ever wonder about the phrase “mad as a March hare?” The hare, known for its enthusiastic mating rituals during its spring breeding season, serves as an animal symbol for the month. The mad hare was notably cited by Geoffrey Chaucer in *The Friar’s Tale* and by Lewis Carroll in *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland*. Legends and folk tales suggest the goddess Ostara transformed a bird into a hare that could lay colored eggs, linking the hare to the Easter bunny tradition.

Fascinating Historical Events

March has witnessed some unusual events throughout history. Take March 3, 1876, in Olympia Springs, Kentucky, when hunks of red meat fell from the sky in what became known as the *Great Kentucky Meat Shower*. “Two gentlemen, who tasted the meat, expressed the opinion that it was either mutton or venison,” *The New York Times* reported. The meat was later identified as lung, muscle and cartilage tissue, possibly regurgitated by vultures (Yuck!). And March 23, 1965, will forever live on as the day astronaut John Young smuggled a corned beef on rye into space on Gemini 3, sharing the sandwich with fellow astronaut Gus Grissom.



03 OLIVIA REESE
06 ELLIANA BARE
10 KIM EVANS
21 PAM ELLIS
23 JERRY BRADLEY

HAPPY March BIRTHDAY
from all of us

MARCH MISSIONS

Let’s **RE-STOCK THE PANTRY** at ABCCM during the chilly month of March with Winter Comfort Foods. It’s still cold and “winter foods” will be tasty! What are winter foods, you ask? Comfort food such as:



- Canned Meats: tuna, chicken, beef
- Potatoes including canned white, sweet and instant
- Canned and packaged Soup
- Pasta and Meat Sauce

As always, if you prefer to give cash, please indicate **March ABCCM Project and the amount** on your offering envelope. Thank you!

confident

Stand up straight and realize who you are, that you tower over your circumstances. You are a child of God. Stand up straight. ~Maya Angelou

I first learned to pray in my kindergarten Sunday-school class. Seated at a miniature table in chairs painted in gaudy colors, we bowed our heads and closed our eyes. Three decades later, I was shocked when friends at a Bible study told me, “Hold up your head when you talk to God. You are His child. You have every right to come to Him and ask for what you need and want.” What a radical idea! Then I thought of my own kids. I didn’t want them to hang their heads when they asked me for a favor, but rather to look up confidently, believing that I love them and will freely share everything I have.

~Jeanette
Dear Lord, help me remember that although You are God, You are also my Father. Amen.

~copied from “Pray a Word a Day”



Gardening and Plants

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| BULBS | HARVEST | PRUNING | SUNLIGHT |
| CACTUS | HERB | ROOTS | THORNS |
| COMPOST | MULCH | SEEDS | TULIPS |
| DAISIES | PERENNIAL | SHADE | VINES |
| FERNS | PESTICIDE | SOIL | WATER |
| FLOWER | POLLINATE | SPROUT | WEEDS |