



# March 2018

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4 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. Evening 6 P.M.	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Men's Refreshing Lunch</i> 12 P.M. <i>All men welcome</i>
11 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. Evening 6 P.M.  <i>Daylight Savings Time Begins</i>	12	13	14 <i>Women's Refreshing</i> 6:30 P.M. <i>All women welcome</i>	15	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. Evening 6 P.M.	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. Evening 6 P.M.  <i>Palm Sunday</i>	26	27	28	29	30 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Walk to Cross</i> 6 P.M. <i>Fellowship after</i>	31

Happy March  
Birthday's

Pleasant Grove Pentecostal Church  
From the Pastor's desk

March  
2018

March is a month that is exciting, we see little green shoots of the early flowers coming up, and we know that winter is about over and some warm days are coming. But March is also know for the wind. The children will fly kites, the mud will dry up. And things will blow all over the yard.

The Bible speaks of the four winds from the North, South, East, and West. Though most people don't care for the wind, the wind helps dry hay in the fields, and dry our laundry on the line. At one time we used the wind to pump water out of the ground with wind mills.

God used the wind to help His people. Exodus 14:21, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong East wind all the night, and made the sea into dry land. The waters were divided, so God's people could cross safely.

Jonah didn't want to do God's will and ran away in a boat. God sent a great wind (Jonah chapters 1 through 4) *and Jonah's plan was blown to pieces.*

In Matthew 14:30 Peter became a great man of faith when he asked Jesus if he could walk on the water. But the wind blew his faith away and he began to sink. Peter cried out "*Lord save me.*"

There are a lot of stories about the wind in the Bible. One of the most exciting story about the wind is in Acts 2 when God's people were in one accord in one place, and God's wind blew away weakness and doubt and blew in strength and faith, also boldness and wisdom. And filled them with the Holy Ghost and Power. The Bible, Acts 2-2 said, suddenly there came a sound like a rushing mighty wind, God let it happen again.

I am looking for the day when we get in one accord and God's wind blows in our churches to change the hearts of people, where all religious doctrine is blown out the door, and we have a pure relationship with God.

We *will* enter into His presence and want to stay there. When everything that grieves God is blown away, then we will have church.

God Bless, Pastor Denny

## No Turning back

The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David”  
Matthew 21:9

Have you ever had a “no turning back” kind of moment? There’s no mistaking it when it happens. A feeling deep inside tells you that from this point forward, things will never be the same. It could have been the birth of a child or the loss of a loved one. Maybe it was a moment when you were presented with two career options, or when you made a decision about a relationship. Can you recall the feelings that accompanied that kind of moment?

Palm Sunday represents such a moment in Jesus’ life. This is the day we celebrate Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. As He entered the city, the crowds shouted, “Hosanna!” and declared Him King. This, Bible scholars tell us, this moment was Jesus’ “no turning back” moment. He “crossed the point of no return,” for those in power simply could not allow Him to continue challenging their authority as He had. Can you imagine the intensity of that moment? Jesus’ entire earthly ministry had been leading Him to this precise point. Every miracle performed and every message preached had been in preparation for this day. The Pharisees and government officials may have previously backed down or overlooked other perceived offenses, but not this one. They could not. In the midst of the celebratory atmosphere, tension hung in the air; there would be consequences. Jesus sealed His fate when He rode into Jerusalem that day. He didn’t cloak His identity in parables or hidden messages; He declared Himself to be the Messiah. An action like that could not be undone. The time had come for Him to reveal Himself, ensuring that His death would come soon. Jesus knew this, yet He did not cower, back down, or change His mind. His love for us carried Him straight to the cross.

As you contemplate Easter and what it means for you, allow yourself to follow in His steps. Hear the shouting crowds. Look into the faces of those who loved Him. Consider the incredible weight that must have rested on His shoulders. What kind of love must have kept Him going to the point of “no turning back” knowing He would soon be despised and crucified? Take in every word of His final teachings. May your love and gratitude for Him carry you straight to the cross. No turning back.

## The Bible Says.....

He who stands firm to the end will be saved. **Matthew 24:13** Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. **Mark 6:16**

Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you.” **Luke 7:50** For God so **loved the world that He gave His only Son** that whoever be believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:16** “I am the Gate; whoever enters through me will be saved” **John 10:9** We believe that it is through the **grace of our Lord Jesus** that we are saved. **Acts 15:11** Believe in the Lord Jesus, and will be saved, you and your household. **Acts 16: 31** If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord” and believe with your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10: 9** By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the Word I preach to you. Otherwise, you believe in vain. **I Corinthians 15:2** It is **by grace** you have been saved, through faith and that not yourselves, it is a **gift of God.** **Ephesians 2:8** They perish because they refuse to love the truth and so be saved. **II Thessalonians 2:10** He saved us, not because of the righteous things we have done, but because of **His mercy.** **Titus 3:5** And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you Also— not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. **I Peter 3:21**

Notice the part in **bold type** is God’s part in our salvation and the underlined type is our salvation.

Spring Forward!



Change your clocks, Spring ahead one hour.  
March 10, 2018

**Men's Refreshing Lunch in fellowship hall at 12 P.M. on March 10th All men welcome.**

**Women's Refreshing on March 14th in fellowship hall at 6:30 P.M. All women invited to come. Theme: Love, Come see what the Lord has for you. Food, fun, Worship and Word !**

Weather permitting, we will leave church at 6 P.M. to walk to the cross for service. Refreshments at fellowship hall after. Please bring a dessert or covered dish. Thank you

**Faith Step:** Ask Jesus to enlighten and lighten your heart with His hope. Ask Him for an opportunity to share His hope with someone.

If you have not received that gift of eternal life with Him, then pray this short prayer to the One who gave us victory over death through Jesus Christ.

I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins. I am willing to turn from my sins. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I will confess you before men, study your Word and live according to your will as you guide me. Thank you for sending Jesus so that I might have eternal life.

Your word says in Romans 10:9-10 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness. And with the mouth Confession is made unto salvation. Amen

## Prayer Request

Place request in prayer basket at the altar, or mail them and we will place them in the prayer basket for you.

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