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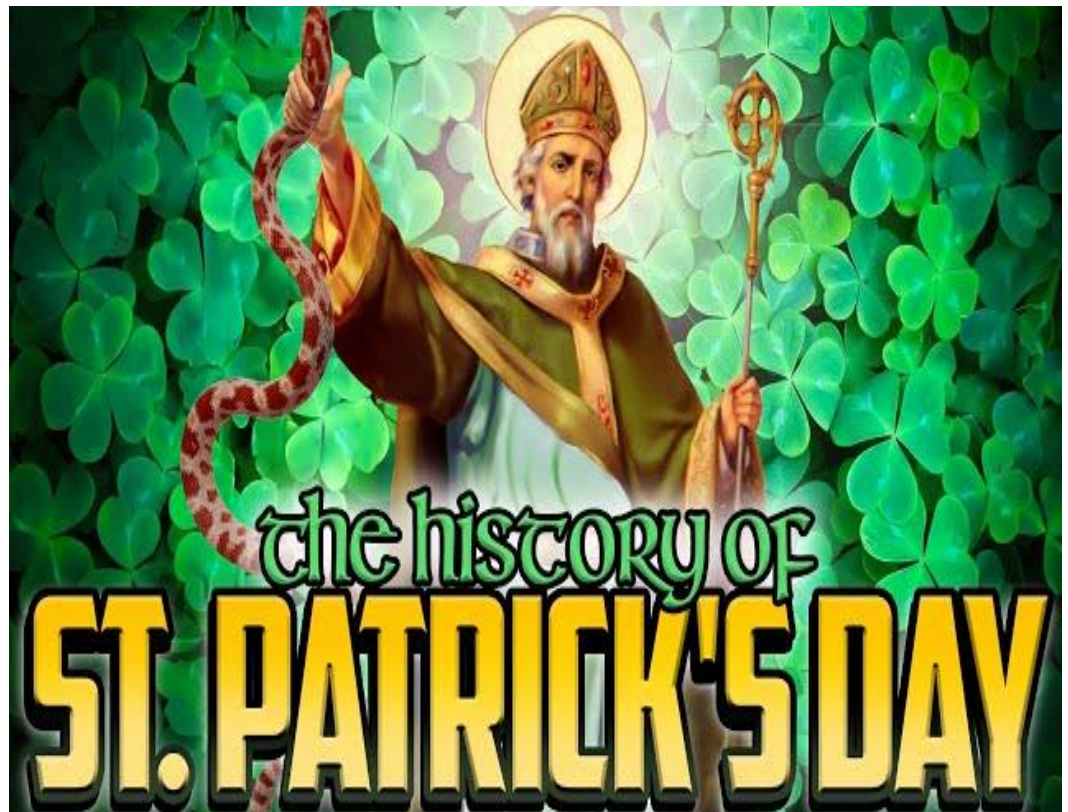
March 2025



**OUR MISSION: Impacting The Kingdom Of
God One Person At A Time**

Pastor: Dr. Dennis Felder

USBC NEWS



St. Patrick's Day is widely celebrated on March 17th each year, known for parades, festive decorations, and the color green. While many associate the holiday with Irish culture and traditions, its origins are deeply rooted in Christianity and the life of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

St. Patrick was a missionary who played a crucial role in spreading Christianity throughout Ireland in the 5th century. Originally born in Britain, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders as a teenager and forced into slavery. During his captivity, he turned to God in prayer, developing a strong faith. After several years, he escaped and returned home, but he later felt called to return to Ireland as a missionary to share the Gospel.

One of the most well-known aspects of St. Patrick's ministry was his use of the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Through his preaching, many Irish people converted to Christianity, and he helped establish churches, schools, and monasteries across the country. His influence transformed Ireland into a strong center of Christian faith.

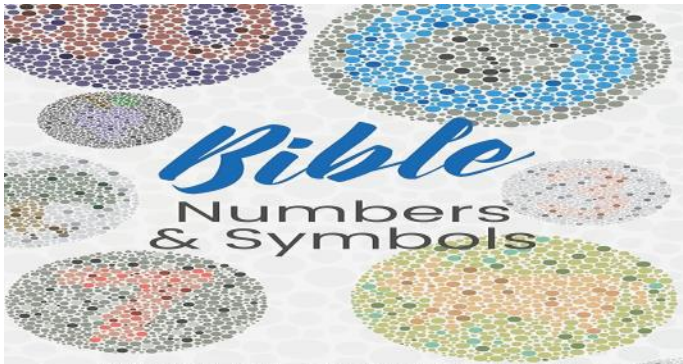
The celebration of St. Patrick's Day originally began as a religious observance, honoring his life and legacy. Even today, it serves as a reminder of the power of faith, forgiveness, and obedience to God's calling. Beyond the cultural festivities, St. Patrick's story encourages believers to trust in God's purpose, share the message of Christ, and stand firm in faith even in difficult circumstances.

As Christians celebrate St. Patrick's Day, it can be an opportunity to reflect on God's faithfulness, the spread of the Gospel, and the importance of living as a witness for Christ. Whether through prayer, acts of kindness, or sharing one's faith, the legacy of St. Patrick continues to inspire believers around the world.

Matthew 28:19-20 – *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

Church Chat

Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 30th for our next **Church Chat**. As usual, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving vital input from our church family. **Church Chat** is a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.



On Sunday, March 30th, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be **“Understanding Numbers and Symbols in Scripture”**. Upon reading the Word of God, you do not get very far before you encounter numbers and symbols. Numbers and symbols have significant importance and meaning in the Bible. Upon knowing how to interpret such numbers and symbols, one's biblical understanding will be enhanced.

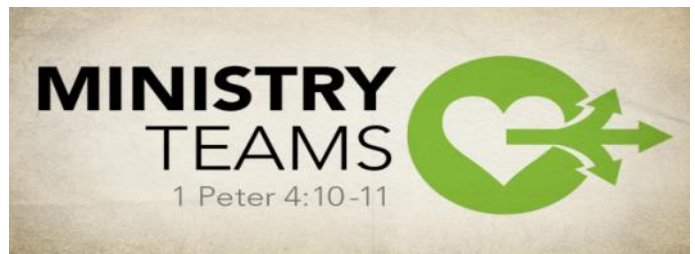
So, join us Sunday, March 30th immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.



On March 16th, our church has been invited to attend the 22nd Anniversary Service of the Vietnamese Love Baptist Church at 3 p.m. USBC has been like a mother church to the VLBC, since its early conception. Now, we have the opportunity to join with our brothers and sisters in Christ to celebrate this milestone with them. During this celebration service, your very own Pastor, Pastor Dennis, will be the keynote speaker.



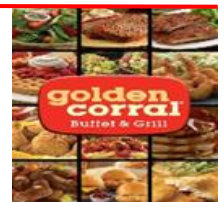
On March 23rd, immediately following our worship service, we will gather in the church's foyer for a virtual baby shower for Yve and Carlos Navarrete. Yve and Carlos will open their gifts for Esther, whose due date is April 11th. Following is the Amazon Registry for Yve's baby shower: https://www.amazon.com/baby-reg/yvelize-navarrete-april-2025-germantown/3IZD5EJZSO9KW?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_dp_DSKGBVDJBEHG2EH5F08N In addition, the church will have a money/card box so that you can make a financial gift.



On March 9th, there will be a meeting, immediately following worship service, for the following Ministry Teams – **Security Team** and **Easter Ministry Team**.

(If you have any interest in helping to develop and participating on the Security Team or helping to plan for USBC's Easter events in April, please attend this important meeting on March 9th.)

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, March 11th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



In the month of March, the church will be collecting items to place in the **Blessing Bags** (“Blessing Bags” are bags that contain personal necessities, toiletries, food, and some extras that you can hand out when you come across an individual dealing with poverty.) There will be a list in the church's foyer of the items that will need to be collected. On March 16th, we will put the **Blessing Bags** together and distribute them at a later date.



MARCH SERMONS

Pastor Dennis Felder

In March, I will be sharing an array of sermons that will focus on finding peace and quiet in a busy world, seeking and hearing from God, and how to persevere when life gets tough.

March 2nd

Sermon Title: *“I Need a Little Peace and Quiet! – Part 1”*

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Synopsis: God’s peace is different from what the world offers. Often, we seek peace in temporary escapes or distractions, but real peace comes only through a deep relationship with Christ. When we pray, surrender our worries, and trust in God’s plan, He provides a Supernatural peace that surpasses understanding.

March 9th

Sermon Title: *“I Need a Little Peace and Quiet! – Part 2”*

Scripture: Mark 1:32-35

Synopsis: It is important to seek peace and quiet in God’s presence amid life’s busyness. Many of us feel overwhelmed by responsibilities, distractions, and pressures, leaving little room for personal time with God. Yet even Jesus, in the midst of His ministry, made intentional space for solitude and prayer. If He needed this quiet time, how much more do we?

March 16th

Sermon Title: *“How to Search for God”*

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:29

Synopsis: There are a lot of things in life that we search for. We often don’t think about searching for God. However, God has called us to search for Him and when we find Him, it is truly amazing what we will discover.

March 23rd

Sermon Title: *“Do You Hear What I Hear?”*

Scripture: Matthew 19:16-22

Synopsis: Two people can listen to the same conversation, but hear two totally different things. This is true with our spiritual hearing. Many people listen to God’s words but struggle to respond in full obedience. Listening is tied to the heart.

March 30th

Sermon Title: *“Throwing In the Towel”*

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-17

Synopsis: Life’s challenges can often make us feel like giving up, whether in our faith, relationships, or personal struggles. The phrase “throwing in the towel” is associated with surrender in defeat, but as Christians, we are called to persevere and lean on God’s wisdom.

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Next Newsletter Deadline
March 23, 2025

God's Plan Of Salvation

Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:

1. Admit you are a sinner.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;" (Romans 3:23)

2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).

Jesus said: *"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."* (Luke 13:5)

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Savior.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13)

What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior.

Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

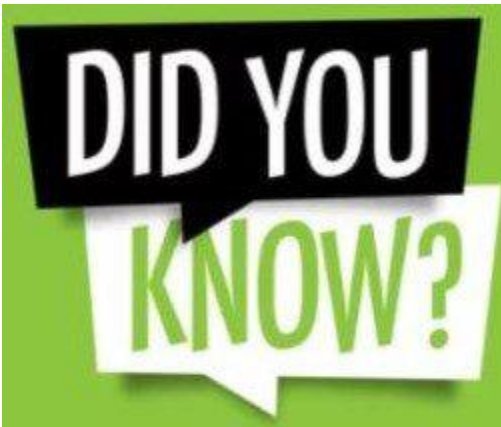
Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a birthday, we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/



Every month, USBC will share with you how you can connect in the church. It is called, *In the Know!*

Facebook Live – You can watch our 11 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service live on Facebook (Go to the church’s website (<http://www.usbchurch.org/>) and click on the Facebook icon or do a Google search for the church’s Facebook page.).

Children’s Church – USBC has *Children’s Church* during our Sunday morning worship service.

Sunday School – Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

After the Sermon Bible Study – Every Tuesday evening from 6-6:50 p.m.

Prayer Meeting – Every Tuesday evening from 7-7:30 p.m.

Thursday Night Women’s Bible Study – Every Thursday night from 6:30-9 p.m., the women gather at the church for their weekly Bible Study and prayer time. You can join either in person or by phone. Please contact the church for information on how to join.

Sunday Morning Worship Videos – If you are not able to attend Sunday morning worship in person or to watch the services live on Facebook, you can still watch all the Sunday morning worship services through the church’s website (<http://www.usbchurch.org/Sermons>).

Financial Giving – You can still give your tithe to the church by mailing it in or through the church’s secure, online giving option (<http://www.usbchurch.org/Online%20Giving>).

Church Council Meeting - Sunday, March 2nd.



Congratulations to Gary Palmer on his first hit single record which was released on February 7th, called “*4 Seasons of Love*”. You can listen to his music by searching “*Gary Palmer 4 Seasons of Love*” this will bring up various platforms for

you to choose from. His first album is expected to be released on March 14th, called “*Gary Palmer Psalm 100:1-5*”. If you love Bluegrass Gospel, be sure to listen—you will love it! Gary wants to thank everyone who helped me on this project, but most of all he wants to thank our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



USBC would like to invite you to attend our *Sunday School* hour (from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.). There is a *Sunday School* class for all ages (young children, teenagers, and adults). Do not miss out on these special Bible studies to help you grow in your faith and understanding of God’s word.



Daylight Savings Time will take place on Sunday, March 9th. So, make certain that you make the proper adjustment to your clocks so that you do not miss out on a wonderful time of worship. Remember, “spring forward.”

GABRIEL PROJECT



Helping babies have a healthy, safe start in life...

Below is a letter from Gabriel Project Cluster that our church received thanking us for the donations that were received.

Dear Members of the USBC Congregation:

Heartfelt thanks for your generous donations of baby items to the Gabriel Project Cluster. Ours is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization helping pregnant mothers in Montgomery County who are in need. We provide them with spiritual, material, and emotional support during and after their pregnancies. These mothers are most grateful for the help that your congregation enables us to provide. Details on you recent work are enclosed. May God Bless all who contributed in any way.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diane and Budne Reinke".

Diane and Budne Reinke, Coordinators

The love was certainly shared during our **Valentine's Party** that took place on February 15th. There were lots of fun, food, candy, and laughter. A big thank you for Mae Settles for decorating and for Jackie and Kevin Grantham for preparing the food and setting up.

