

March 2026

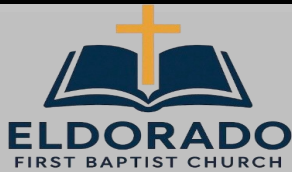
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## News from the Pastor

While it's yet to be seen whether March will come in like a lion or a lamb, we have much to celebrate as we move into the third month of 2026 and move closer to one of the biggest days of the year – Easter! March typically brings many things – the start of spring and extra daylight, the madness of the NCAA basketball tournaments, even the luck of Irish as we all wear green to avoid injury. Yet our biggest focus must be on what Jesus did for us to provide for us the opportunity to have eternal life.

March 16th or 3/16 gives us the opportunity to reflect on another 3/16, this one from John's Gospel. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." This verse reminds us not only who Jesus is but what Jesus did and because of His great sacrifice we get the gift of eternity with Him! At least, those of us who surrender to Him as Lord & Savior. The key to that verse is the personal relationship that motivated God to send Jesus on His rescue mission! Reread that verse but this time place your name where it says world and see how you feel. When we think that Jesus died for each of us personally, it becomes more powerful, right? That's the difference Jesus makes!

Each Sunday morning in March we are going to zero in on the final 72 hours of Jesus' earthly ministry and see how in many ways it was the "72 Hours that Changed the World!" We will look at the end of Mark's Gospel to relive these events and look for the application for us today living in a post-resurrection world. As Jesus said in John 3:17-18 (the verses right after that familiar one) "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already." Our mission is always to make disciples by proclaiming Christ and pointing people to Him. Who is ONE PERSON you know that needs Jesus! Be praying for that one and looking for opportunities to invite that one to join us on **Easter Sunday, which is Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Spring is one of my favorite seasons, despite the allegories, because it brings a renewal of flowers and green leaves as everything comes out of its winter hibernation. It also means longer days, warmer temperatures, and new opportunities to get outside the walls of the church. Be looking for different ways in which we will look to serve in our community and ultimately share the gospel with people who are in need of that spiritual rebirth that only comes from Christ.

On a personal note, be in prayer for Natalie as her and the University of Illinois Marching Illini travel to Dublin, Ireland to perform in the St. Patrick's Day parade during Spring Break. While we will miss having her home during that week, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for her. If you're interested, I believe they will be streaming the parade on the Marching Illini Bands website. Go Marching Illini!

In His Service,

**Pastor Ryan**



Jimmy Atkinson, Esther Bornert, Danny Bradley, Anita Brown, Mike Bundren, John Creamer, Matthew Edwards, Jonathon Foster, Lee & El Frieda Gholson, Karen Griffith, Carol Grisham, Mike Grisham, Cathy Head, Linda Herbert, Sherry Hirst, Brent Hopkins, Dave Horning, Brandy Hughs, Beverly Kunath, Jacquie Langley, Margaret Loudy, Jim Metten, Gene Morris, Mary Ann Penrod, Don Riley, Jeff Rister, Landa Rister, Becky Seely, Landry Smith, Mary Simons, Marcia Simpson, Vince Talkington, Lanny Willis, & George Wilson

**Reflections Memory Care**

220 Ron Crank Drive  
Harrisburg, IL 62946  
**Margaret Loudy**

**Eldorado Healthcare**

1001 Jefferson St  
Eldorado, IL 62930  
**Anita Brown**  
**Linda Herbert**  
**Mary Simons**

**Carrier Mills Nursing Home**

P O Box 68 - 6789 US Hwy 45 S  
Carrier Mills, IL 62917  
**Don Riley**

**Carmi Manor**

615 W Webb Street  
Carmi, IL 62821  
**John Creamer**



*Nursing Home & Assisted Living*



**Here's a list of the Current Life Groups**  
**Sundays @ 5:30pm or Fridays @ 9:00am**

**Sunday Nights @ 5:30pm**

Nate & Betsy's House  
Tom & Chloe Ann's House  
Gene & Nancy's House  
Gipson/Beck ( @ Church)

**Friday Morning @ 9:00pm**

Coffee with Jesus (@ Church)

*Welcome to the Team*

**Get to Know our New Youth Leader: Dathan Case**  
Here's a rapid fire list of a few of his favorites:

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Peter 2:21

Favorite Sports Team: Baltimore Ravens

Favorite Food: Mexican

Favorite Candy: Reeses Outrageous

Favorite Band/Musician: Seu Worship

**If you have pictures of church events,**  
send them to Tom Folder.  
Email: Tomf58@live.com or text  
them to 217-502-4889.

**The TIE** can be found on the church  
website. You can also receive it  
by email by request.



# MISSIONS UPDATES

## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & FELLOWSHIP

### Sunday:

Sunday School	9:00am
Morning Worship Service	10:00am
Mission Friends & Children in Action	5:30pm-7:00pm
Life Groups	5:30pm-7:00pm

### Wednesday:

Men's & Women's Discipleship	7:00pm-8:00pm
Youth & Kids Bible Study	7:00pm-8:00pm

### Friday:

Coffee with Jesus	9:00am
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The WMU ladies met on February 11.

Topics discussed were:

**Thank you** to all who donated cupcakes for Valentine's Day at Eldorado Rehab!

**March 1 - 8:** Week of prayer for Annie Armstrong.

**Theme: "More Than A Gift" - Ephesians 3:20**

Every believer is invited to step into a vision of what our offering can do. **2026 Goal: \$5,000!**

**Children's Ministry Day:**

March 21 from 9am - 12pm with lunch served.

**World Water Day:** Sunday, March 22. Pure Water, Pure Love (WMU compassion ministry). The theme will continue into the May Ladies event (**Save the May 2 date!**)

**4 C's Serve Day:** Thursday, March 19 from 9am - noon. Meet at the church at 8:45am. Contact Debbie Wilson if you are able to attend.

**Blood Pressure Screenings** to be offered on the first and third Wednesdays starting March 4 during the Meal Ministry. Open to anyone! Thank you to Ferrell Hospital for donating standard size blood pressure cuffs!

**Next Meetings** will be Wednesday, March 11 @ 6:00pm in the church library. Day meeting will Thursday, February 12 @ 2pm at Shirley's.



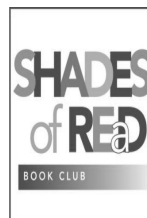
**Looking at going on a mission trip this summer?**

We are praying about partnering with "Big Creek Missions" in Bear Creek, KY to work in the Appalachian Mountains Region. The project we choose will depend on who signs up and what the group wants to do. Possible Date is **July 26-Aug 1** - Cost is **\$275**

See Pastor Ryan for more details!

Register at [www.bigcreekmissions/go](http://www.bigcreekmissions/go)

**Thank you to everyone** who helped make our Brazil Mission Study such a blessing. Special thanks to Pam Plunkett for teaching in such a fun and engaging way, and to all who helped with décor, displays, table setup, food, audio/visual, children's leadership, and behind-the-scenes support. Thank you to Pastor Ryan and to the parents who encourage their children's involvement. Every act of service - big or small - helped us see God's work in Brazil. — Debbie, WMU



This is our church's **WMU Book Club**. We meet the first Monday of the month at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall. All Ladies are welcome to join us!

# Upcoming Events & Birthdays



Beginning March 4th, there will be blood pressure screening every 1st and 3rd Wednesdays during the meal ministry. Thanks to Ferrell Hospital for the donation of standard blood pressure cuffs.



## YOUTH

### To Go Meal Fundraiser

Monday, March 9th

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Tickets can be purchased for \$12 from any of the youth

Menu: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll & Dessert



March 17



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DAY

Saturday, March 21

9am - Noon

Lunch Provided

## VBS CLINIC

Saturday, March 28

9am - Noon

First Baptist Church, Carterville

Contact Gayla Heath (841-6305) or Brittany Wix (841-8079) if interested

*Save the Date*

## "Illumination Station"

VBS 2026

June 22nd - 26th

## Crossings Youth Camp

June 11th - 15th



March 1st	Fred Boyer	March 22nd	Nancy Morris
March 2nd	Johnny Biggerstaff	March 22nd	Jane Sechrest
March 2nd	Harold Mills	March 23rd	Brittany Wix
March 7th	Brooklyn Biggerstaff	March 25th	Rachel Davidson
March 11th	Mark Gilley	March 26th	Loy Owen
March 13th	Ashlynn Bergman	March 27th	Sue Taylor
March 16th	Walt Hammond	March 27th	Janet Braddock
March 19th	Angie Attebury	March 30th	Jonah Durham
March 20th	Cecile Deneal	March 30th	Jean Pollock
March 21st	Donna Alvey		

# Volunteer Rotations

March 1, 2026	March 8, 2026
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b> (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114) Brian Heath (313-2108) & BJ Moore (926-6959)	<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b> (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114) Brian Heath (313-2108) & BJ Moore (926-6959)
<b>USHERS:</b> Don Durham & Jonah Durham	<b>USHERS:</b> Rocky Grief & Jerry Mitchell
<b>GREETERS:</b> Miriam Richardson & Kim Hammond	<b>GREETERS:</b> Don & Jennifer Durham
<b>KID'S WORSHIP</b> ( Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079) Kristen Gipson & Cindy Bergman	<b>KID'S WORSHIP</b> (Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079) Debbie Wilson & Richard Wilson
<b>NURSERY:</b> Karen Parks & Susan Sigler	<b>NURSERY:</b> Nate Oldham & Betsy Oldham
<b>MISSION FRIENDS:</b> Gayla Heath & Angie Attebury	<b>MISSION FRIENDS:</b> Cindy Bergman & Vicki Sullivan
<b>CHILDREN IN ACTION:</b> Brittany Wix & Denise Bourland	<b>CHILDREN IN ACTION:</b> Lu Horning & Angie Attebury

March 15, 2026	March 22, 2026
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b> (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114) Jason Farmer (841-7114) & Gene Morris (841-6761)	<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b> (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114) Jason Farmer (841-7114) & Gene Morris (841-6761)
<b>USHERS:</b> Roger Bergman & Jerry Vinyard	<b>USHERS:</b> Harold Mills & BJ Moore
<b>GREETERS:</b> BJ & Rosemary Moore	<b>GREETERS:</b> Miriam Richardson & Kim Hammond
<b>KID'S WORSHIP</b> ( Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079) Debbie Wilson & Vicky Sullivan	<b>KID'S WORSHIP</b> (Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079) Amanda Alvey & Betty Vaughn
<b>NURSERY:</b> Vicky Sullivan & Angie Attebury	<b>NURSERY:</b> Chloe Ann Clore & Jennifer Durham
<b>MISSION FRIENDS:</b> Pam Plunkett & McKenna Millis	<b>MISSION FRIENDS:</b> Denise Bourland & Amanda Alvey
<b>CHILDREN IN ACTION:</b> Debbie Wilson & Rosemary Moore	<b>CHILDREN IN ACTION:</b> Sarah Farmer & Sydney Farmer

March 29, 2026	
<b>DEACONS ON-CALL:</b> (Jason Farmer, Chairman, 841-7114) Don Durham (499-8683) & Jerry Mitchell (841-8700)	<b>KID'S WORSHIP</b> ( Gayla 841-6305 & Brittany 841-8079) Kristen Gipson & Cindy Bergman
<b>USHERS:</b> Don Durham & Jonah Durham	<b>NURSERY:</b> Karen Parks & Susan Siglar
<b>GREETERS:</b> Miriam Richardson & Kim Hammond	<b>MISSION FRIENDS PRE K:</b> Gayla Heath & Angie Attebury
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