

# Rebirth, Growth, Transformation

March 2026

## BOASTING

When writing to the Galatian saints in chapter 6 and verse 14, Paul confesses that the only boasting he would do revolves around the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The cross is about the last thing which the natural man would ever have selected as a reason for boasting. In 1Corinthians 1:23 Paul states, "But we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness." The cross exposes man's desperate state, his utter bankruptcy that made such suffering necessary. Thus the cross of Christ exposes the folly of human pride.

Keep in mind that Galatians was written to expose the error of the Judaizer's gospel and their impure motives as seen in Galatians 6:12-13. In Galatians 5:1 Paul is steadfast in encouraging these and future believers to stand firm in the freedom that comes from Christ and not to be subject again to a yoke of slavery. This slavery comes from the rules and regulations of the Mosaic Law, which will lead to legalism. (NOTE: law is found 32 times in Galatians.)

Thus unlike the Judaizers, who bragged about their religious accomplishments, Paul takes pleasure only in Jesus' atonement and all the spiritual blessings it brings. How then does Paul boast or glory in the cross of Christ?

- ◆ By surrendering himself to Christ crucified as his own Lord and Savior. See his testimony in Galatians 2:20:

I have been crucified ***with Christ***,

and it is no longer I who live,

but ***Christ*** lives ***in me***.

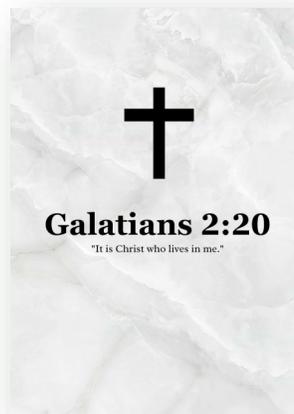
And the life which I now live in

the flesh I live by the faith of

the ***Son of God***,

who loved ***me*** and gave ***Himself***

up for ***me***.



- ◆ By praying that the power of the crucified and risen Savior may more and more assert itself in his own life. See Philippians 3:7-16 - read slowly and carefully.

7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

8 More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ,

9 and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith,

10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death;

11 in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

13 Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,

14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you;

16 however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.

- ◆ By proclaiming the crucified and risen Lord (notice the full title "our Lord Jesus Christ") wherever he is sent (Galatians 1:6), the love of Christ constraining him to do so, 1 Corinthians 9:16 and 2 Corinthians 5:14.
- ◆ By courageously defending the Gospel of Christ crucified over against every attack upon it. (Read Galatians in its entirety).

Can you recognize what Paul was boasting and glorifying about as he walked during his time on earth as a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?

Read Galatians 2:20, 5:24 and 6:14; Then ask yourself, "What do these scriptures mean to you?"



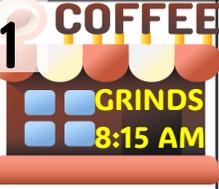
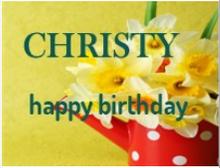
# March

Birthstone: Aquamarine

Youth, Health, Hope

Flower: Daffodil

Forgiveness, Honesty, Trust

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>1 <b>COFFEE</b></p>  <p>GRINDS 8:15 AM</p> <p>10AM Study 11AM Worship</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>NATIONAL ANTHEM DAY</p>  <p>Noon Prayer 7PM Zoom Bible Study</p>	4	5	6	7
<p>8</p>  <p>10AM Study 11AM Worship</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<p>15</p> <p>10AM Study 11AM Worship</p> <p>Celebration in Green</p>	16	17	18	19	20	21
	 <p>CHRISTY happy birthday</p>	 <p>Happy St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>Noon Prayer 7PM Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>11AM Zoom Fellowship</p>	 <p>First Day of Spring! Friday, March 20, 2026 Spring is Here!</p>	<p>FINAL FOUR</p>  <p>MARCH MADNESS MARCH 20-22</p>
<p>22 <b>GABE</b></p>  <p>10AM Study 11AM Worship</p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
			<p>Noon Prayer 7PM Zoom Bible Study</p>	<p>11AM Zoom Fellowship</p>		
<p>29</p>  <p>Palm Sunday</p> <p>10AM Study 11AM Worship</p>	30	31				

# GROW IN GRACE

March 2026

"I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being."

Ephesians 3:16

## Chronic health conditions

### Respiratory:

Ron Murphy - COPD

Seth Karpenko - Asthma

Ken Engemann - serious infection (Gail's son)

### Diabetes:

Joy Karpenko, Susan Haley,

### Neurological :

Migraines: Kendra Cooke, Joy Karpenko,

Dan Haley 3

Patsy Cliff

Chere Peters (crippling arthritis)

Susan Haley neuropathy

### Mental Health:

Jayden and Morgan Cooke

Seth Karpenko

Dean Manchester

## Special Health:

Dan Haley 3 : Alport's Syndrome (hearing, kidneys, pancreas)

Stephen Pratt: cancer with cont. treatments

Joanne Kraemer: cancer and she is stable

Gordie McKinley: liver transplant successful; in hospital and slowly healing

Victoria Murphy: Sciatica along with other health concerns

Judy Hurst (Susan Haley's sister): memory care facility

Jodi Corona: Alzheimer's; successful pacemaker implant! Presently experiencing mini-strokes.!

Gina Stahl, wife of Charles Stahl: total paralysis on her left side, Waiting for Testing Results so treatment can improve. Pray fervently for those results to be realized.

Mark Nicholson: Please continue to pray for strength and mobility.

James Johnson: for more strength to return to his legs so that he can continue walking well. Thankfully, nothing keeps him down. as he trusts the Lord.

Lisa Sperrazza : heart problems

Darcy Haley: serious illness - pray also for her 2 young children

## Loss of Loved Ones

Jeff Payne: Jodi Corona and Christy Auberger's brother.

UPHOLD WITH PRAYER

# HELLO March

## March into Spring



**Welcome Spring!**  
 Isaiah 61:11  
 For as the soil makes the sprout come up  
 and a garden causes seeds to grow,  
 so the Sovereign Lord will make  
 righteousness and praise  
 spring up before all nations.



### A Do-It-Yourself Operation

Founders Gerald Baldwin, Zev Siegl and Gordon Bowker

The three partners, who met by chance while college students, had been looking for a business opportunity together. It was Bowker who came up with the idea for a coffee company. Unable to find good coffee in Seattle, he'd been driving to Vancouver, B.C., to buy his coffee beans, and taking orders from friends.

As of late February 2026, Starbucks Corporation has a market capitalization (market worth) of approximately **\$110-\$111 billion.**

## March Madness

My heart says one thing, but my bracket says another



When President Ulysses S. Grant signed a bill officially declaring the surrounding area as Yellowstone National Park, it had been 66 years since Lewis and Clark traveled to the Yellowstone River

It was March 1, 1872 when Congress passed the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act, which designated 2.2 million acres of land as America's first national park

### Hula Hoop Patent March 5, 1959

by Arthur K. Melin

**ON THIS DAY: MARCH 3, 1931**  
**THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**  
**BECAME OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM**



On March 10, 1862, the U.S. government began issuing the first general circulation paper money, known as "Legal Tender Notes" or greenbacks, to finance the Civil War.



# THE SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

## Excellence isn't a personality type.

Excellence is the fruit of walking closely with God's Spirit. True excellence flows from wisdom, and wisdom flows from intimacy with God.

Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light" (Matthew 6:22). A "single eye" signifies focus, fixing your gaze on Jesus. As you stay focused on Him, His nature begins to shape yours. You think, speak, and act with divine wisdom.

God's Spirit adds a supernatural touch to everything you do. He turns ordinary efforts into extraordinary results. Paul writes that the Spirit searches the deep things of God and reveals them to us (1 Corinthians 2:9-12). When you depend on Him, even small tasks carry eternal significance.

Without God's Spirit, excellence becomes self-driven and exhausting. But with His presence, your work becomes grace-filled and fruitful. So walk in the Spirit--listen, obey, and let God's wisdom refine your creativity. As 2 Peter 1:2 says, "Grace and peace be multiplied to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord."

If the spirit of Christ is with you as your partner, your life will continually reflect the glory of God.

Taken from "Excellence & God's Glory" by Livingstone Oluwalola with edit.

The fullness of Your grace is here with me  
The richness of Your beauty's all I see  
The brightness of Your glory has arrived  
In Your presence God, I'm completely satisfied

"Divine Romance" by Phil Wickham



# SPRING

## WORD SEARCH

### WORD LIST

APRIL  
BASEBALL  
BIRDS  
BLOSSOMS  
BUMBLEBEE  
BUTTERFLIES  
CHICK  
CLEANING  
CLOVER  
CROCUS  
DAFFODIL  
DAYLIGHT  
EQUINOX  
FLOWERS  
FORSYTHIA  
GARDEN  
JACKET  
LADYBUG  
MARCH  
MAY  
PICNIC  
PUDDLES  
RAINBOW  
ROBIN  
SEEDS  
SHOWERS  
SPRING  
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### **Salvation Station local Gospel ministry**

Please take time to read the main article, check the calendar, realize the spiritual and physical needs of the brethren, read the Journal Page which is a beautiful testimony of one of the Lord's beloved in the OBFPresence ministry.

*"Thank you Lord for all of the precious folks at OBF. "*

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A close-up photograph of a hand holding a teal rubber band stretched between the thumb and index finger. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown.

# *Stretched by God*

*There is going to be a tug-of-war in our spiritual life because God is always in the process of transforming us.*

## **SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 AM also on ZOOM

## **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE & MESSAGE FROM THE SCRIPTURES**

11:00 AM also on ZOOM

## **WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION TIME**

7:00 PM only on ZOOM

## **THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP, STUDY & PRAYER**

11:00 AM only on ZOOM

ZOOM LINKS are available on our website on the "Meetings" page