



Fairview Baptist Church

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March 17, 2019

Church Service Schedule:

Sunday School	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Sunday Night Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Night Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
Conference 1 st Wed. night every quarter (January, April, July, and October)	7:00 p.m.

Nursing Home: March 31, June 30, July 28

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- † Happy St. Patrick’s Day
- † We will be singing at the Nursing Home on March 31st @ 2:30pm.
- † We will be having the *Seven Saying of the Cross* on Good Friday, April 19th @ 6:30pm.

Prayer Request: Please pray for Libby Burrell, Denny Dills, Calvin Collins, Brannon Passmore, Sue Potts, Pat Phillips, Karen Gillispie, Don Hood, Heidi Sosebee, Claude Duffey, Colby Duffey, JC Totherow, Ella Mae Cook, Clara Adams, Continue to pray for Jimmy & Judy Thompson, Jack Jones, Dessie Plott, Hattie Moon, Joe & Sara Dyer. Remember the families who have recently lost loved ones. **Remember our troops and our country’s leaders.** Please pray for them. Let’s remember to pray for our church that we might be what the Lord would have us to be. Please pray for the LOST, as well as those in the Nursing Homes and Hospitals.

Who was St Patrick?

St Patrick's exact birthplace is unknown and debated. Born as Maewyn Succat around the year of 385 AD in either England, Scotland or Wales, the patron saint was captured by Irish pirates at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland as a slave.

Working as a shepherd, Patrick was held captive for six years and grew closer to spirituality and prayer during this period of isolation. After a voice in his dream told him it was time to leave Ireland, Patrick successfully fled his master and sailed back to Britain to continue studying Christianity.

Shortly after his return home, an angel in Patrick's dream told him to go back to Ireland as a missionary, and following this, he decided to travel to Gaul, to study religious instruction under Germanus, bishop of Auxerre.

Later ordained a bishop and eventually returning to Ireland, Patrick began his mission to spread the Christian message. During this time, Patrick converted thousands of people to Christianity and built churches, schools and monasteries across the country.

Legend suggests that Patrick used the three-leaf shamrock on his mission to explain the Holy Trinity, teaching his followers that the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit exist as individual elements of the combined entity. While some experts claim this story was invented centuries later, the tale has led to the common practice of people wearing the symbol on the feast day.

Patrick is also thought to have banished snakes from Ireland to help remove the evil and introduce a new age. But experts claim this is a myth due to evidence snakes never existed in the country in the first place. Some say this was due to the icy waters of the Irish Sea while others believe the cold weather stopped the snakes travelling to Ireland from Britain or afar.

Around 431 AD, Patrick was appointed as successor to St Palladius, the first bishop of Ireland, and during his later years, he wrote about his spirituality and life in his 'Confession'.

Believed to have died on March 17, in the year 461, Patrick's spiritual path led him to become a legendary figure, as he left behind an established church and an island of Christians. Today, his work is commemorated annually on March 17.

Saint Patrick’s Day, or the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a celebration in honour of the patron saint of Ireland, Saint Patrick.

The day of celebration, which marks the day of Saint Patrick’s death, was originally a religious holiday meant to celebrate the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and made official by the Catholic Church in the early 17th century.