

March



Keith's Quill



THE COMMUNITY
CHURCH OF MOAB
SUNDAY SERVICE
TIMES:

10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship

11:00 a.m.
Fellowship Time

11:15 a.m.
Connection's Class

As I am writing this quill, it is the Tuesday before what we call Ash Wednesday. Some people celebrate today as "Fat Tuesday". It is called that I suppose because of the practice of eating very high calorie desserts on this day. Of course, it is Mardi Gras also with all the celebrating that goes along with it. All of this festivity and eating of sweets is to prepare folks for the sacrifices called for during the Lenten season. Lent is a time of repentance and dedication that is to prepare the hearts of Christians for Easter and the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. A number of Christian groups have ashes put on their foreheads as a symbol of repentance and as a reminder that life is short and there is a need to prepare for eternity. Ash Wednesday to Easter is a reminder of the forty days that Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert while dealing with the great temptations. There are obviously more than forty days between Easter and Ash Wednesday. The churches that participate in these liturgical rituals generally will not count the Sundays that occur during the Lenten season thus the forty days. Even though as a church we do not observe the Lenten season we do like to remind each other that these days approaching the Resurrection Day can be very special to us and occasions for us to seek a more intentional relationship with the Lord through repentance and faith.

Some of us have actually had times in our lives when during this season we gave something we really liked up as a sacrifice to the Lord. I gave up chocolate one year. I don't know that this induced anything in me but perhaps pride. Here is a list of things we might give up in preparation of our resurrection celebration that might actually encourage us and bless others. We might give up *gossip, lying, unforgiveness, hate, greed, malice, envy, and cursing*. You may add to the list of those evil actions that tear people down and do nothing to add to anyone's spiritual growth. It is necessary when we are giving things up to add something to our lives. So a short list of those actions might be helpful here. How about adding to our lives *love, faith, hope, joy, prayer, fellowshiping with others, walking with Jesus daily, and sharing our faith*.

One of the reasons that people walk around with ashes on their foreheads when it would be quite acceptable to immediately wash them off is to have people ask them what is going on with their messy faces. It is an *opportunity* to witness to the love of Christ and His wonderful gift of redemption by His death and Resurrection. I think that when we sacrifice something for the Lord during Lent there is a tendency to look at ourselves with pride in what we have done. The purpose of Lent, if we are indeed to celebrate it at all, should be to give glory to the Lord. The Apostle Peter in his second letter writes this to the church concerning adding things to their lives. "To your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

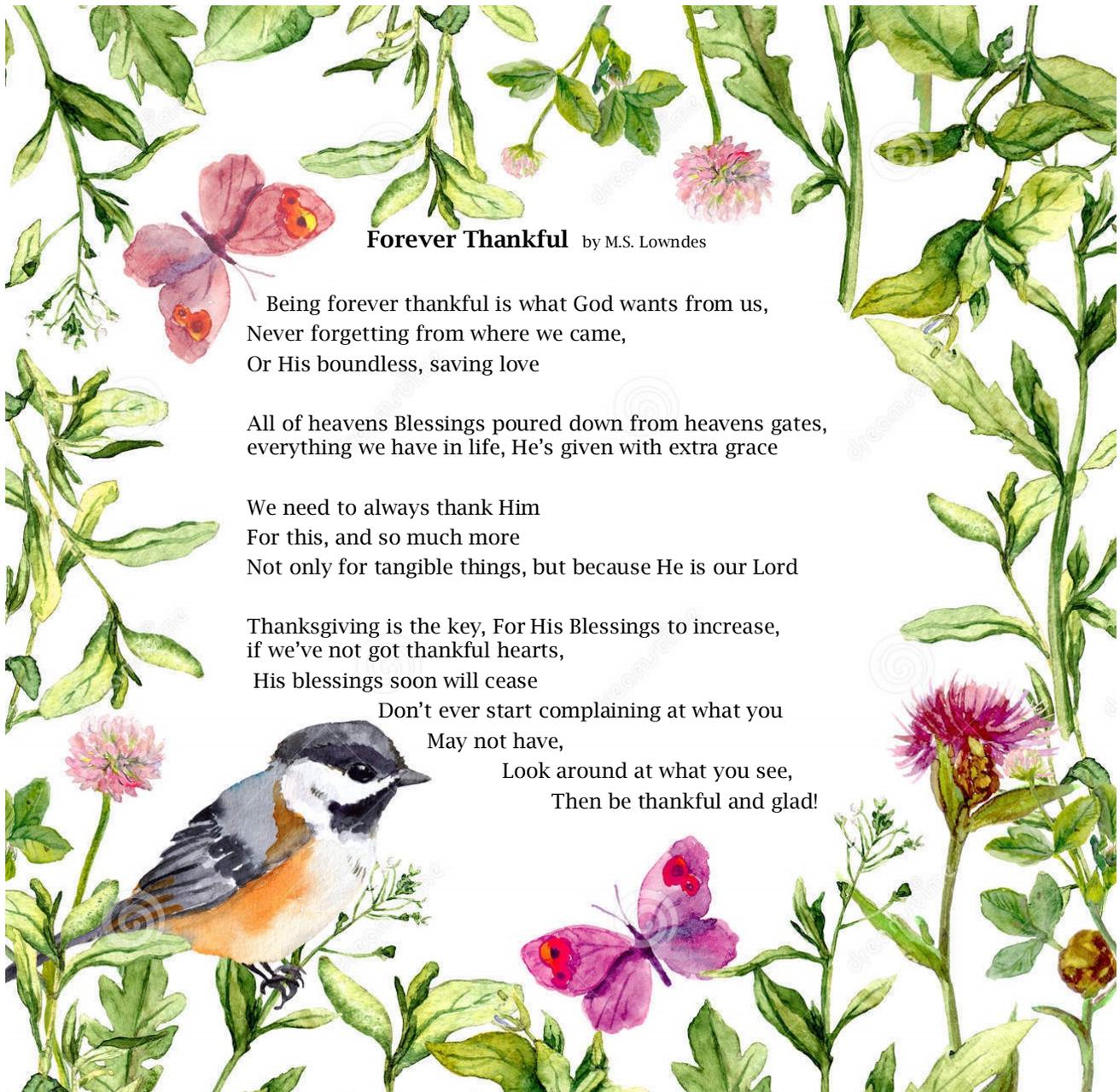
(2 Peter 1:5-8)

Have a wonderful month. Make it profitable for you and for the kingdom.



Please join us Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Kathryn Colestock Dyas, will be with us to share concerning some exciting ways to draw closer to the Lord in prayer. Specifically she will be covering the topics: “The Power of Spoken Blessing” and “The practice of Listening Prayer”. We will be meeting in classroom off of the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This is a one time opportunity to share with Kathryn.



Forever Thankful by M.S. Lowndes

Being forever thankful is what God wants from us,
Never forgetting from where we came,
Or His boundless, saving love

All of heavens Blessings poured down from heavens gates,
everything we have in life, He's given with extra grace

We need to always thank Him
For this, and so much more
Not only for tangible things, but because He is our Lord

Thanksgiving is the key, For His Blessings to increase,
if we've not got thankful hearts,
His blessings soon will cease

Don't ever start complaining at what you
May not have,
Look around at what you see,
Then be thankful and glad!



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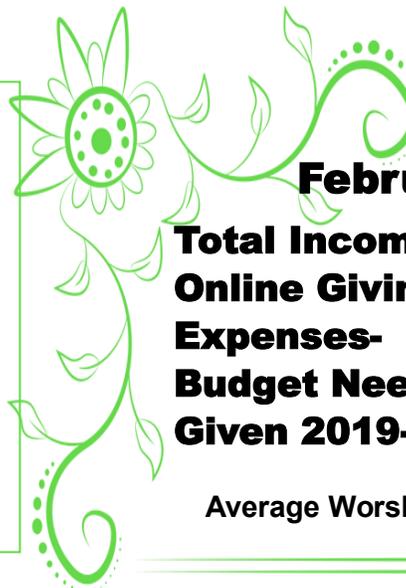
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. 	2.	3.	4. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Grill	5.	6.	7. 
8.	9.	10.	11. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Grill Bible Study & Prayer Kathryn Colestock Dyas	12.	13.	14.
15.	16. Arches Open House Debbie Nelson 11-1	17. 	18. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Grill Board Meetings	19.	20.	21.
22.	23.	24.	25. Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Grill Bible Study 6:30 pm	26.	27.	28.
29. 	30.	31.	Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 a.m. at the Moab Grill			

March Birthdays



3/1) Amy Walling 3/5) Lauren Drake
 3/6) Jill Jacobson, Jessica Stotz 3/10) Crystal Bowden
 3/13) Lonnie Campbell 3/15) Brian Jonas, Tracy Renn
 3/17) Merrick Relph, John Smith 3/19) Martha Lamb, Janet McLean
 3/20) Shannon Scherer 3/21) Crystal Senter
 3/26) Amber Hughes, Heather Taylor 3/30) Kenzington Penner

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February Fund Report

Total Income-	\$25,747.66
Online Giving-	\$6,165.00
Expenses-	\$18,419.63
Budget Need-	\$40,612.00
Given 2019-	\$36,712.00

Average Worship Attendance 116



Church News



*For your convenience, we now have
"Deacon Fund" envelopes in the
back of the sanctuary pews.
Thank you for helping those in need.*



**Please stop by the Pregnancy Center on
March 16th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
In Honor of Debbie Nelson's retirement!
205 S 400 E Moab UT (435-259-5433)**

