

## St Patrick's ARMOR

No, he didn't wear real armor. (And he certainly didn't wear that big green hat you see at the parade.) In fact, he would tell you he didn't need armor. Not that he wasn't in danger. As he preached the Gospel in Ireland over 1500 years ago, there were plenty of people that would have liked a shot at him. But he believed he had something better; the same thing he was trying to share with the people. A risen Savior; Jesus Christ. His trust in the power of God is clear in his famous prayer, the Lorica of St. Patrick. A 'lorica' is an armor breastplate that soldiers wore that could save their life in battle. Here is just a portion of this beautiful prayer.

**I** arise today  
 Through a mighty strength, the  
 invocation of the Trinity,  
 Through a belief in the Threeness,  
 Through confession of the Oneness  
 Of the Creator of creation.  
 I arise today  
 Through God's strength to pilot me;  
 God's might to uphold me,  
 God's wisdom to guide me,  
 God's eye to look before me,  
 God's ear to hear me,  
 God's word to speak for me,  
 God's hand to guard me,  
 God's way to lie before me,  
 God's shield to protect me,  
 God's hosts to save me  
 From snares of the devil,  
 From temptations of vices,  
 From every one who desires me ill,  
 Afar and anear,  
 Alone or in a multitude.

Christ with me, Christ before me,  
 Christ behind me,  
 Christ in me, Christ beneath me,  
 Christ above me,  
 Christ on my right,  
 Christ on my left,  
 Christ when I lie down,  
 Christ when I sit down,  
 Christ in the heart of every man who  
 thinks of me,  
 Christ in the mouth of every man  
 who speaks of me,  
 Christ in the eye that sees me,  
 Christ in the ear that hears me.  
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Wouldn't it be great for all of us to always know that same trust in the love and power of God and the work of Jesus.

### In Our Prayers

Louise Barone	Bill Guckert
Lynn Beverage	People of Haiti
Bhutanese Refugees	Diana Heald
Joshua Bostain	Joanne Hunt
Charlotte Churchill	Jim Lupole
Ryan Creel	Candee Pascarella
Joanne Curtis	Edwin Thayer
Violet Draves	Beverly VanSlyke
Pat Gelpi	Syracuse Nepali Church

-Pastor  
 Matt

### March Highlights

- ♣ Annie Armstrong Missions Week  
March 7-14
- ♣ Church Dinner  
Sunday, March 7 @ 5pm
- ♣ Daylight Savings Time Begins  
Sunday, March 14
- ♣ St. Patrick's Day  
Wednesday, March 17
- ♣ Corn Dog Day  
Saturday, March 20
- ♣ Spring (Church) Clean Up Day  
Saturday, March 20 @ 9am
- ♣ VBS Leaders Training  
Saturday, March 27 @ 9:30am  
@ Northside Baptist Church
- ♣ Palm Sunday  
Sunday, March 28
- ♣ Passover Begins  
Monday, March 29

### Looking Ahead

-  Good Friday Worship Service  
Friday, April 2 @ 7pm
-  Easter Morning Fellowship  
Sunday, April 4 @ 10:30am
-  Easter Worship Celebration  
Sunday, April 4 @ 11am
-  BCNY Women's Retreat  
April 16-17 @ Schroon Lake
-  Beth Moore Simulcast  
April 24 @ Northside Baptist

### Spring Clean-up

It's back. We're cleaning up again so we can look our best for our Easter guests. Let's get together on **Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am** to get Bellewood back in shape for spring. There is something for everyone to do so we'll see you there!!!

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

## Say Happy Birthday to:

**Will Hallenbeck - March 7**  
**Betty Taylor - March 22**  
**Heather Doherty - March 23**  
**Shelby Spagnola - March 24**  
**Jocelyne Bassett - March 26**  
**Dorothy June - March 30**  
**Joseph Bort - March 31**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS  
MARCH 7-14, 2010

LIVE WITH URGENCY  
SHARE GOD'S TRANSFORMING POWER



NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 MILLION  
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## North American Missions

In 1895, the first offering for 'home' missionaries totaled \$5000. Since then, the offering has continued to make the work of our missionaries closer to home. Today, there are over 5300 missionaries serving through the North American Mission Board. They do everything from church planting to college ministry to serving in Baptist centers in the inner city. They

continue to need our faithful support to serve where God has called them. Please prayerfully consider giving to the Mission Offering this year.

## Easter – Yea!!!

Believe it or not, Easter will be here before you know it. With it comes one of the greatest times of year to share the Gospel in our worship celebration. We ask you to continue to pray for those you might bring to church that day to hear about the amazing news of Jesus and His resurrection. To help you, we're not holding Sunday School, but are having a time of fellowship and refreshments Easter morning at 10:30am. Invite someone along, offer them a ride, and pray that lives will be transformed as they meet Jesus this Easter.

## Upcoming Women's Events

Ladies. Looking for encouragement, great Bible teaching, fellowship with other women, time away from the 'guys.' Here are some great opportunities.

### Set Apart

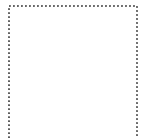
A women's retreat lead by Jennifer Kennedy Dean. This is a great two day **(April 16-17)** getaway at the beautiful Schroon Lake Retreat Center. More info is online at [bcnytapestry.org](http://bcnytapestry.org).

### So Long, Insecurity

Beth Moore presents a transforming message to women about conquering fear and doubt through Christ. The event takes place **April 24 from 10am-4pm** at Northside Baptist Church.



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