

March Calendar

- Mar 03 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Mar 04 Guest Speaker: J Horne
- Mar 04 SAC Lunch—Thai Café
- Mar 10 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Mar 11 Teddy Bear Sabbath
- Mar 12 DST Begins
- Mar 14 OCC Zoom Church Board
- Mar 17 Youth Zoom In Touch
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 24 Youth Zoom InTouch
- Mar 31 Youth Zoom InTouch

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SAC Lunch March 4



Thai Cafe
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Newsletter

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Good News... March Madness...

By Pastor Ken Studer

March Madness is the name given to the annual men's National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) basketball tournament. This year the Las Vegas oddsmakers favor the Houston Cougars to win the National championship.

A committee selects sixty-eight teams to play in the tournament. This year the madness begins on March 14 as teams madly scramble to come out on top of the single elimination tournament.

"March Madness" was first applied to an Illinois high-school tournament in 1939. The term stuck and is now used to describe the NCAA basketball tournament.

"Madness" isn't used only to describe what happens on the basketball court. The prophet Daniel interpreted King Nebuchadnezzar's dream to mean that the king would become mad for seven years. See Daniel 4.

Becoming mad was a punishment from God for the sin of pride. After seven years King Nebuchadnezzar's reason returned to him and he praised the Lord.

Being mad at someone is really a type of insanity. Often when I do premarital counseling I see a couple who is insanely "in love."

Later, I do marriage counseling with the same couple who is having issues and I often hear one or both of them say, "He/She makes me so mad."

Getting mad at someone is a common experience. In the Bible we have many examples, e.g., Moses, Noah, Peter, etc. All of these people, and many others, got mad at God?

Have you ever gotten mad at God. I have. I got mad at God when my wife got cancer. She had medical treatment and like Nebuchadnezzar, after a time I found myself praising God because she has been cancer free for the last 36 years.

I have gotten mad at God many more times and each time I ended up being glad, not mad.

That's Good News. God can change your madness to gladness. That's March madness.

March Events

Teddy Bear Sabbath—March 11



When worshippers arrive at church on the 11th they will discover more than 100 15” teddy bears lining the windows in the rear of the church. These teddy bears will be awaiting adoption. The cost to adopt a teddy bear is \$5 and includes the teddy bear, shipping and tax.

During the worship service, at the stated time, members and visitors can adopt a teddy bear by donating \$5 for each teddy bear. Donations can be made at a donation station in the rear of the church. When you adopt a teddy bear you can bring it to the front of the sanctuary and place it on the stage.

During the week, teddy bears will then be taken to Children’s Hospital of Orange County. The hospital will distribute the teddy bears to children who come into the hospital’s Emergency Room.



March Worship Schedule

This month Jeff Horne will be our guest speaker on the first Sabbath. Then Pastor Ken will begin a 4-part series entitled *Unlikely Heroes*. This sermon series will conclude in April.

- 03-04** **Guest Speaker: Jeff Horne**
- 03-11** **Unlikely Heroes, Part 1**
- 03-18** **Unlikely Heroes, Part 2**
- 03-25** **Unlikely Heroes, Part 3**

March Birthdays

Jacqueline Ngo	March 01	Alex Sims	March 17
Cherie Byfield	March 02,	Emily Jones	March 18
Taiko Lacey	March 02	Jesus Camacho	March 19
Tim Azuogu	March 03	Eli Ghelfi	March 19
Theo Do	March 03	Chloe Riddle	March 20
Marissa Bolz	March 04	Cathy Escalante	March 21
Paloma Martinez	March 04	Daniel Chung	March 22
Gage Meyer	March 04,	Gary Jones	March 22
Agustina Riffel	March 06	Natasha Green	March 22
Kalpana Roy	March 06	James Lii	March 23
Sofia Sideris	March 06	Alexis Prado	March 23
Luke Chang	March 07	Eniyan Ravindran	March 24
Kara Martin	March 07	Delicia Ramos	March 25
Bola Ola	March 09	Alina Avelar	March 26
Geoff Frazier	March 10	Paul Dompas Jr.	March 26
Stefan Caputo	March 13	Geoffrey Spellen	March 26
Will Chappell	March 13	Evyn Barb Mingo	March 27
Lorna Martin	March 13	Adrian Rivera	March 27
Brendon Brockmann	March 14	Brook Tooma	March 27
Geoff Farley	March 14	Lauren Ysseldyke	March 27
Kevin Hszieh	March 14	Caroline Jensen	March 28
Mira Anderson	March 15	Priscilla Butaya	March 29
David Byfield	March 15	Nader Nasralla	March 29
Anthony Njroge	March 15	Connor Seaman	March 29
Aidyn Carlson	March 16	George Sideris	March 30
Patrick Bitzer	March 17	Carlos Castillo	March 31
Archana Roy	March 17		