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Silverhill Covenant Church

“To work for God, God’s people, and to win souls for His Kingdom”

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Beware the Ides of March

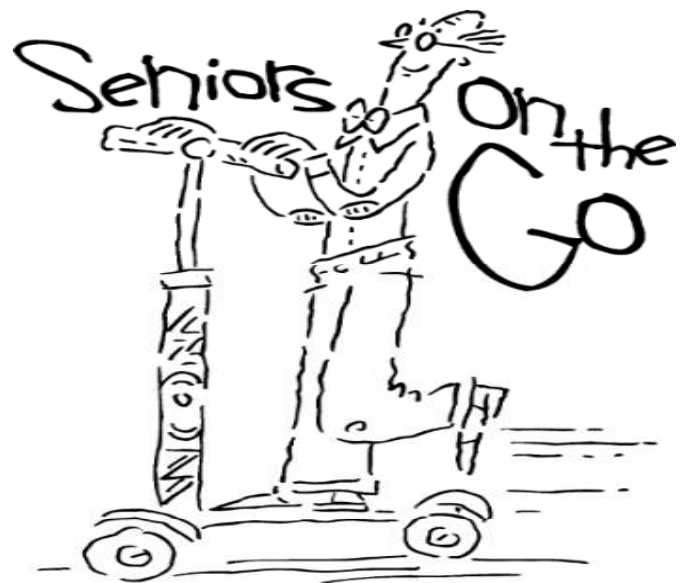
The phrase “beware the ides of March” has a certain foreboding gloom and doom about it. It is a line from Shakespeare’s play, Julius Caesar. In the play, Caesar was warned by a prophecy to beware the ides of March. Ides is Latin and means a half division or as we would say, “middle of the month.” Caesar did not heed the warning and was assassinated on the 15th of March (the Roman month Martinus) 44 BC. This line from Shakespeare has become a modern idiom for an air of foreboding doom and gloom.

As we enter the month of March, maybe our world should “beware the ides of March” as it were. Our world lives under a cloud of foreboding doom. Think of all the Hollywood films that have been produced of late: films about meteors hitting the earth like Armageddon, a global ice age, twisters, outbreaks of deadly disease, killer bees, volcanoes in Los Angeles & Yellowstone Park as well as invaders from outer space. Does the world know that judgment is coming and we are deserving of it?

Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit comes he will, “convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment” (John 16: 8 NIV). By the work of the Holy Spirit, the world knows that judgment is coming and that it is deserving of it. They make Hollywood movies about it,



turning it into entertainment to relieve their angst, their fears and guilt. The flood and Sodom & Gomorrah foreshadow the judgment to come. Deep down inside, men know of the judgment to come. For the child of God, we know that judgment has already come. It came to a hill called Golgotha. Jesus took our judgment upon himself as he suffered and died on the tree that we might be saved eternally. All who believe possess by the same spirit a blessed hope that the world can’t take away. “Beware the ides of March” is a prophecy for a world that is rejecting Jesus Christ. For the world, there is gloom. For the child of God, there is glory.



SWAP Team

The SWAP Team (Seniors with a Purpose) meets the second Tuesday of each month. We’ve taken short trips, had special speakers and shared many memories.

Do you know an exciting new ministry program is about to be launched in Baldwin County? The Home of Grace, a rehabilitation program for women with alcohol and/or drug problems is opening a new facility. The success record of this program has been phenomenal since it

was established in Mobile in 1973, and it is sorely needed in our area. At our next meeting on Tuesday, March 13, we will have a speaker from this ministry who will bring us an up-to-date report and a stirring testimony.

Everyone 55 and over is invited to join us in the Christian Center on Tuesday, March 13 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish to share and a friend, and join us for lunch! For more information, call Pastor John at 945-5957.

Spiritual Disciplines

There is something sad in anyone's running from church to church trying to get an injection of "the joy of the Lord." Joy is not found in singing a particular kind of music or getting with the right kind of group or even in exercising the charismatic gifts of the Spirit, good as all those may be. Joy is found in obedience. When the power that is in Jesus reaches into our work and play and redeems them, there will be joy where once there was mourning. To overlook that is to miss the meaning of the incarnation.

Growing by Grace

I am not what I ought to be. I am not what I wish to be. I am not even what I hope to be, but by God's grace and Christ's love, I am not what I was!

- Natalie Sanders



Corned Beef & Cabbage

1 medium onion, cut into wedges
4 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
1 pound baby carrots
3 c. water
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 bay leaf
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1/2 t. pepper
1 (3 pound) corned beef brisket with spice packet
1 small head cabbage, cut into wedges

Place the onion, potatoes and carrots in a 5 quart slow cooker. Combine water, garlic, bay leaf, sugar, vinegar, pepper and contents of spice packet; pour over vegetable. Top with brisket and cabbage. Cover and cook on low for 8-9 hours or until meat and vegetables are tender. Remove bay leaf before serving.

Walk By The Spirit

"My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness."

Galatians 5: 16 (The Message)

Marius Victorinus: The whole essence of the gospel is to think according to the Spirit, to live according to the Spirit, to believe according to the Spirit, to have nothing of the flesh in one's mind and acts and life. That means also having no hope in the flesh. Walk, then, he says in the Spirit – that is, "Be alive. If you do so you will not consummate the desire of the flesh. You will admit into consciousness no sin, which is born of the flesh."

Ancient Christian Commentary
(Galatians 5: 16)

Marius Victorinus 280-255 A.D.



March 3 – Benefit Yard Sale
March 8 – Council Meeting
March 10 – Children's Ministry Workshop
March 13 – SWAP Team Meeting
March 18 – Colmus Family in Concert – Watch for more details in your bulletin!
March 31 – Church Workday
April 1 – Palm Sunday
April 8 – Easter Sunday
April 15 – Quarterly Business Meeting
April 19 -21 – SEC Annual Meeting

The great act of faith is when we decide we are not God.

- Oliver Wendell Homes, Jr.