



“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

## Senior Adults Living Triumphant

## Rainbow Presbyterian Church

### BIRTHDAYS

**6**

Ginny Chance  
John O'Leary  
Ann Porter

**7**

Joyce Calvert

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Suzette McEwen

**12**

Susan Boden

**15**

Frank Pugh

**17**

David Partridge

**18**

Betty Frantz

**19**

Shane Ellison

**21**

David McEwen

**22**

Liz Potter

**26**

Genelle Wager

**27**

Alison Bailey

### ANNIVERSARIES

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Lori and Jack Ferrante

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Joyce and Bob Means

## MISSION FEST '26

February 22 - March 1

### Sunday - February 22

Guest speaker for all services.

Jorge Aleman, Featured Missionary



Jorge has been a leader of the Church Planting Movement in Northern Mexico for 30 years, and is now the director of the Church Planting Center. Jorge is the Senior Pastor of the "Jesus Christ: Source of Redemption Church", in Monterrey, and has been married to Maricela for 32 years. They have three daughters and are brand new grandparents!

Join us to worship and hear how Jesus calls us to compassion. Jesus' compassion is not pity from a distance, but a deep, gut-level response to human need that moves a person to act. We are called to recognize and help meet physical and spiritual needs, as well as pray for more missionaries to meet physical needs and to share in the responsibility of the Great Commission.

### 9:45 - During Sunday School

Mike & Eli Sabin - Mission to The World/Transworld Radio  
Rich Nibbe - Haggai Institute International  
Besiana (Besi) Rajta - Cru Albania

### Wednesday Night Meeting

5:00 - Fellowship Dinner  
6:00 - Local Missions Partner's Presentations

### Friday - Missions Play

6:30 - "The Small Woman" (a play)

### Saturday - Brotherhood Biscuit Breakfast Bar

8:00 - Will Savell, President of the Grace Institute International

### Sunday - March 1 - Closing Mission Fest

During Worship Services  
Christina Thomas - Christian Medical Ministry of Alabama  
Mike Snyder- FCA, Jax State University

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## Words of Encouragement from Michael McMillin, Elder

**Brothers and Sisters** - In the opening verses of the book of James, our Heavenly Father encourages us to, "Count it all joy when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. **And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**" After encouraging us in the first three versus, He reminds us in verse four, to "**let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.**" The Lord reminds us of this because He knows we will try to avoid allowing steadfastness to have its' full effect because doing so often requires that we remain in an uncomfortable area for longer and as humans we tend to avoid uncomfortable areas. I encourage you to not focus merely on the difficulties of the circumstances and events, but let the event that the Lord has Providentially ordained have its "full effect" in your life. In other words, the Lord encourages us to not miss out on the opportunity to learn what we need to learn through the difficulty. We are being Sanctified, more. Focus on the fact that God has sovereignly designed the event for our continued Sanctification and planned each aspect that we might become more Christlike. Hopefully the uncomfortableness is the result of the undesired character being pushed out of ourselves!

The difficulty is no accident but instead a wonderful, God ordained event that is polishing us more into exactly who the Creator of the universe wants us to become! It is most important that we remember that however uncomfortable and even difficult the event may be, it is being Providentially used by our Heavenly Father to make us more into the son or daughter that He wants us to become. Don't miss out on the opportunity to grow spiritually by focusing only on yourself by throwing yourself a pity party, but instead focus on what the Lord is Providentially working in your Life and focus on what He is teaching you, and me, through the difficulty. Allow it to have its full effect so you do not miss out on the wonderful opportunity to grow spiritually, in the manner God wants to grow you! Verse five cements it together by telling us, that "*if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given to him.*" If we cannot understand how He is using such an event for our good and His Glory, ask Him for wisdom to see it and to trust His Will. He will surely give it; His own scripture tells us so.

My encouragement brothers and sisters is to be greatly encouraged by these verses and remember when you are on the cusp of a new challenge, or in the midst of another trial, God is working! Do not miss out on what is being done and ask the Lord to both teach you what He wants you to learn and to give you faith to walk through it as His child. Finally, as you are walking through it, continually ask Him for wisdom to see and act as His son or daughter, so that you may gain the full effect of the training He is wonderfully giving to you. Maximize your time and ask the Lord to open your eyes and allow you to see what He is working on in your life, if He will. Thank Him for working in your life and that He wants you to grow. We do not want to miss out on the opportunity to grow, by merely focusing on getting past the uncomfortable event. In faith press into the moment and allow it to have its full effect in your life. He surely didn't guide you to this rocky road by accident and will surely not leave you on this rocky road alone. It is undoubtedly part of His perfect plan for your life. Maybe we can see why He has placed us in the situation He has placed us, or maybe not. Either way I strongly implore you, do not pass up the opportunity for our Heavenly Father to make you more like Christ. He loves you so incredibly much that He not only gave His Son for you but continues to work in your life making you more like Christ! Truly what a wonderful, loving Heavenly Father we have!

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## No February SALT Meeting

Pass the Word!