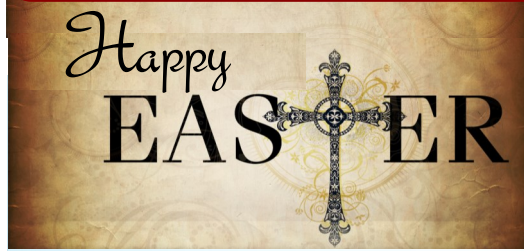




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## March 31st Newsletter

### MEC Spotlight

#### New Life

I began mentoring Camiah 10 months ago while she was at the Hennepin County Correction Facility. Our first time together was delightful. Camiah said, "Oh are you my mentor? I have been praying for a mentor for days and now you are here!"



Amber & Camiah

From that day forward God has worked in both of our lives. He has given me a commitment and love for her and has given her a new love for Jesus and direction in her life. She has a hunger for devotion and worship of her Savior. Without someone in her life as a mentor, Camiah would most likely be going down the wrong path.

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### *The Beginning of our Lives with Him*

Easter is the day we celebrate the Beginning of our Lives with God. Before this all of humanity was lost, deceived and corrupted. God's children, the Israelites, knew about Him without knowing Him. Christ's death changed this for all of humanity.

Jesus, who is God's only Son, became flesh to speak God's love to His lost children, those who were and are disowned by society. Sometimes it is easy to forget that Jesus *chose* to come and sacrifice himself for us. He decided to do this so all of humanity could have the choice to live eternally with Him in heaven. *"For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I*

*But they urged him strongly, 'Stay with us, ...' As he sat at the table with them, ... He took bread, blessed and broke it and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew him; ... "*  
*Luke 24:29b-31a*

*have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."*

*John 10:17-18* From the beginning of time God has desired our love and will do anything to commune with His children and love us.

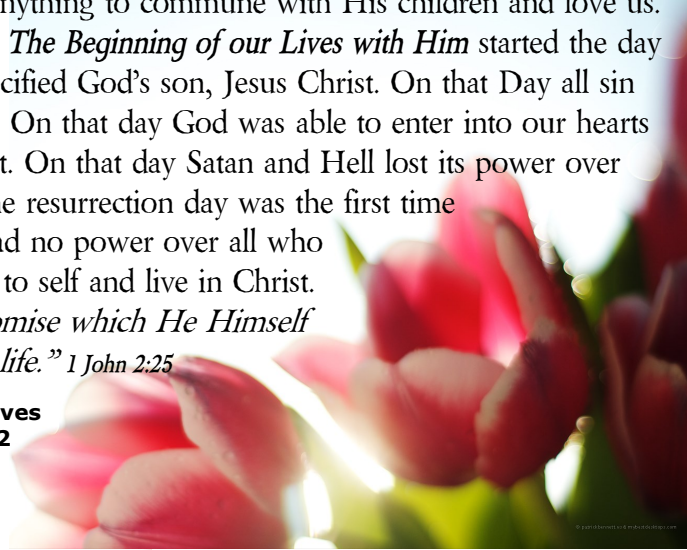
Easter or *The Beginning of our Lives with Him* started the day humanity crucified God's son, Jesus Christ. On that Day all sin was forgiven. On that day God was able to enter into our hearts at our request. On that day Satan and Hell lost its power over our souls. The resurrection day was the first time that Death had no power over all who

have *Chosen* to die to self and live in Christ. *"And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life."* 1 John 2:25

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The beauty of this gift is the simplicity of *The Beginning of our Lives with Him*  
 it. The simple act of recognizing Jesus as **< Beginning of our Lives from pg 1**

God's son and that He became flesh. He died for our sins and was resurrected. *"Behold, ... the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn Him to death, and will deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and scourge and crucify Him, and on the third day He will be raised up."* Matthew 20:18-19 We receive His gift by asking Jesus into our hearts, and accepting His forgiveness. *"that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in sal-*

*vation"* Romans 10:9-10

Admit Accepted Adopted  
 Believe Beloved Blessed  
 Confess that we are Chosen Children

**MEC**  
**Spring Event**  
 ~May 11th 2013  
 ~6:30pm - 8:15pm  
 ~Kim Ketola author of *Cradle my Heart*  
 ~Musician *Steve Gamble*

This is God's gift to us, His children, and so few accept it. "I yearn for my children to accept My heart and to accept My gift of life. All I ask is for My believing children to share this knowledge with their lost brothers and sisters. \*"

Jesus did this for us and yet God's lost children scoff and ridicule God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Satan is still at work, but he will never win in the end. "I am God, I can do anything yet so many choose a liar/Satan who kills lies and deceives. \*"

As Easter draws near remember Jesus' sacrifice for you. Accept this free gift, accept your Creators heart and share the good news. He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

\*What I believe I heard from God in exact wording. ~Michelle Nelson

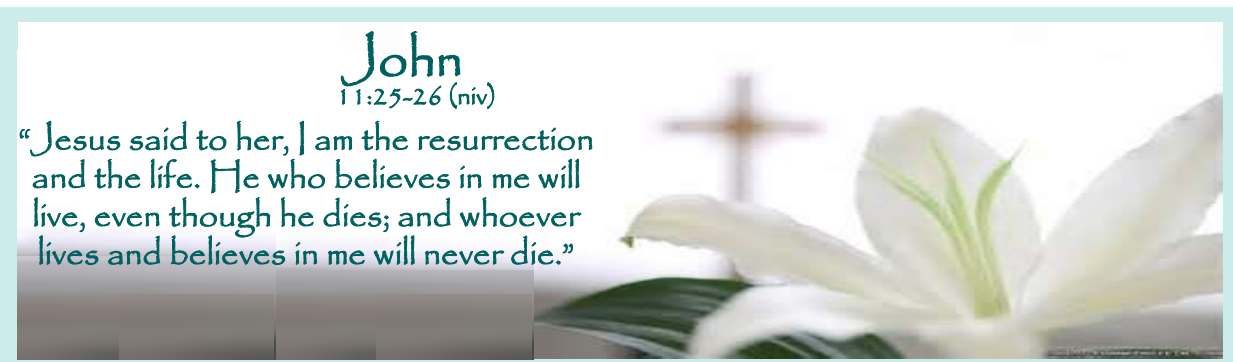
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She has been an outstanding worker in her place of employment and given high recommendations for her transfer within the company. In the future Camiah will be with a Christian family she has been close to since childhood and attending college in the fall.

*MEC Spotlight*

My husband & I (yes he got involved) love her as one of our family and will always be amazed and forever thankful to the Lord for how He has guided her into His plans for her. Pray for her as she enters this new time in her life. We are now "Nana & Papa"

~Amber & Emery Balts



**John**  
 11:25-26 (niv)

"Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."



# Happy St. Patrick's Day

## The Story of St. Patrick

St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. At the age of 16, he was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders attacking his family's estate. They transported him to "an island with many shades of green", Ireland where he was sold into slavery and spent six years in captivity as a Shepherd. Many believe Patrick was taken to live in Mount Slemish in County Antrim, or County Mayo near Killala.

Irish  
CHILD OF  
God

Patrick never paid much attention to his father's reading of scriptures or stories of Jesus, but alone, lonely and afraid, he turned to God, becoming a devout Christian. Given a new purpose in life, he started sharing his beliefs with his fellow slaves and first began to dream of converting the Irish people to Christianity.

After more than six years, Patrick escaped. God spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland and that a ship would be waiting for him to bring him home. After walking nearly 200 miles to the Irish coast he was narrowly admitted. Patrick and the ship crew explored various islands. When they ran out of food many mocked him saying "if your God is so great than ask Him for food." While praying, suddenly there was a herd of pigs before them. ~The Story of St. Patrick by VOM & Cheryl Odden



Finally home in Britain, an angel in a dream told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. He went to school and after more than 15 years he was ordained as a priest. He left soon after to minister to the barbaric people of Ireland.

Familiar with the language and culture, he incorporated traditional ritual into his lessons such as using bonfires to celebrate Easter (the Irish were used to honoring their gods with fire) and superimposed a sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the Christian cross to create a Celtic cross.

St. Patrick continued sharing the message of salvation and educating people until his death on March 17, ~461 A.D. the day we celebrate St. Patrick's Day. ~history.com

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