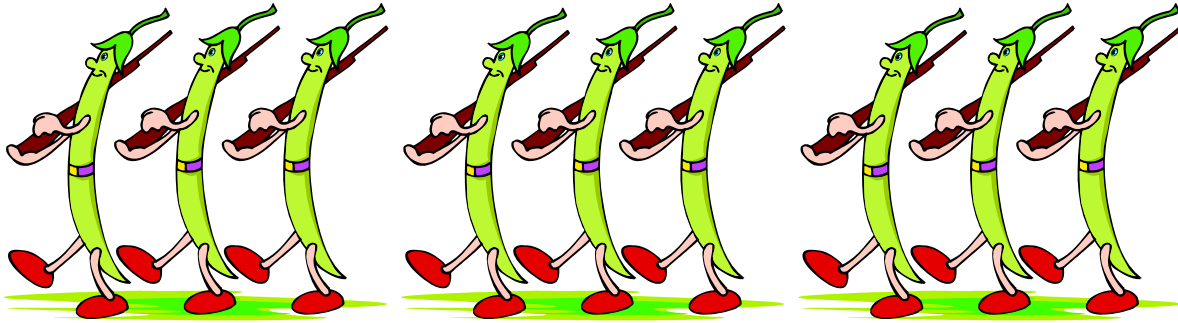


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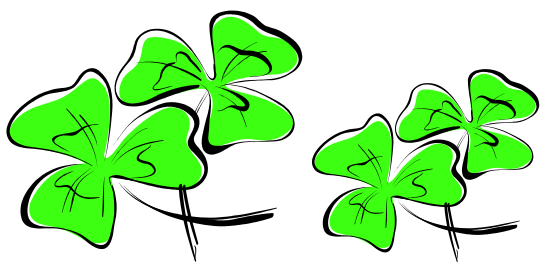


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"Onward, Christian Soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before. Christ, the royal Master, leads against the foe; forward into battle see his banners go. Crowns and thrones may perish, kingdoms rise and wane, but the church of Jesus constant will remain. Gates of hell can never 'gainst that church prevail; we have Christ's own promise, and that cannot fail."

I am reminded of the words to that song today as we get ready to step into this third month of 2011. Spending time each week in our schools serves as a constant reminder of the battle we face every day for our own children and the children of our brethren. As I sit at a cafeteria table full of elementary age children, I look into their faces and I can only imagine what some of them are facing on a daily basis. We as Christians should be fully aware of the spiritual forces that battle against us. The enemy would love for us to sit back and become apathetic about this next generation.

I thought these marching green beans, featured above, were fitting enough to illustrate how we march into place as good soldiers for Jesus Christ. Like green beans? Really, Pastor Charles? Who would have thought? Actually, I thought it represents us rather well. Green beans are good for a child's health, and essential to their growth whether they realize it or not. In the same way, we have been positioned to help these children grow. These children are our future, and we are shaping who they will become. God has great plans for each of them, so we must bullet heaven with many prayers on their behalf. During this month especially, let's remember to pray as He continues to protect and shape our children into incredible men and women of God. March on, Good Christian Soldiers (or green beans)! Thank you for all you do!



EASTER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER Our Global Outreach Easter Egg Project begins on Sunday, March 6th. Any donations during this time are designated to our total Global Outreach offering as a church. Last year, our children raised over \$4,000.00 for GO. This year, the goal is over \$5,000.00 in support. Empty Easter Eggs are available at the Children's Welcome Center for the convenience of parents and children. If you would like to donate additional Easter Eggs, please see me. Thank you for your support!

STAY UP2DATE You can email me at cbouchard@wphc.net with any questions you may have. Keep a check on our website (wphc.net) for additional information and upcoming events for this spring.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING Thank you to all those who attended our Youth Worker's Resource Day on February 26th! We had a great time. If you were unable to attend, you can see Pastor Stephen or myself for helpful information.

ROYAL RANGERS The Royal Rangers will be holding an awards banquet for all Ranger boys and their families on Friday, March 18th at 6:30 PM. This will be a ticketed event with tickets going on sale on Sunday, March 6th. Please see David Mikeal or myself if you would like to assist with this event.

EASTER EGG HUNT The 2011 Easter Egg Hunt will be held Friday, April 22nd on the church property. If you would like to help by donating eggs, filling the eggs or hiding the eggs, please contact me immediately.

VBS It's not too soon to be thinking VBS! This year's curriculum will be Group's Pandamania! You can begin thinking jungle, bamboo, large foliage, panda bears and the like. I hope that you will make time to participate that week and join in on the fun! More details will follow.

THANK YOU to Candy Gragg for faithfully serving as leader of our Friends Club (Mpac Girls) for so many years. We wish Candy the best as she hands the torch to her longtime associate, Sharon Barrier & newcomer, Charice Biggins.