

The Lamplighter

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For Your GREAT Name's Sake!

National Day of Prayer:

Thursday, May 4, 2017

"For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us...Forgive Us...Heal Us!"

"O Lord, hear. O Lord, forgive. O Lord, listen and act! For Your own sake, do not delay, O my God, for Your people and Your city bear Your name." Daniels 9:19

Our beloved nation is in desperate need of prayer. There is so much evil, so much divisiveness, so much anger and hate. As children of God, we are challenged to come with open hearts to or Lord and with great concern and great passion, plea with Him for the healing of our land. Only the power of prayer will make a difference.

A National Day of Prayer event will be held on May 4th at Grace Bible Chapel from 6:30-9:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to meet with other churches in our county, and to worship together in fervent prayer for our county. This will be the third year that we have participated in this event. We break into small groups and pray specifically for seven parts of our society: Government, Military, Media, Business, Education, Church and Family. There is no more beautiful sound than the blending of voices, rising in unison to our Lord as we intercede for our beloved land.

In a few weeks you will find a bookmark in your bulletin, which features the seven topics of prayer for the National Day of Prayer. If at all possible, we would love for you to participate in the evening of prayer at Grace Bible Chapel.

However, if you are unable to attend, perhaps you could meet with your family or friends for a time of



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The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is the primary funding channel for NAMB's church planting strategy. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist

Our church will be observing the Annie Armstrong week of prayer from March 26-April 2.

National Goal: \$70 million
Church Goal: \$1,300
Received to date: \$550



April Anniversaries

- 3 John & Stacyjane Booth
- John & Donna Sprout
- 7 Dwane (Tony) & Lisa Ann Taylor
- 8 Thomas & Grace Shores (50th)
- 16 Richard & Nancy Brasefield
- 17 Ed & Carol Evans
- Robert & Nancy Hudler
- David, Sr. & Misty Parsons
- 18 George & Betty Jackson
- 30 Robert & Dorothy Gregson

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April Birthdays

- 1 Jesse Green
- Tala Rae Hodanics
- 2 Brenda Simpkins
- 3 Connie Harris
- William (Liam) Johnson
- Peter Keyes, III
- Ava Marvel
- Sabrina Vance
- 4 Kyle Hudler
- David Mash, III
- 5 Gerrit Hopman
- Pete Keyes, Jr.
- Kaitlin Perry
- Keegan Perry
- 7 Linda Lotman
- 9 Curtis Chestnut
- Valeria Cornwell
- Jim Hall
- 11 Kristine Burns
- Jayden Poff
- 12 Patricia Moore
- 13 Maci Lotman
- 14 Edna (Hamilton) Miller
- Sophia Moyer
- 15 Adam Ward
- 17 Chloe Logue
- 18 Ethan Gibson
- Emma Goad
- 19 Bronwyn Bare
- Brooke Bare
- Blake Bare
- Janice Kennard
- Will Robertson, Sr.
- 21 Thomas Beman
- 22 April (Emerson) Lotman
- Ray Sommers
- 23 Jordan Grant
- David Naggie
- 24 John Ewing
- Arthur McLean
- 25 Emily Roman
- 26 Timmy Everidge
- 27 Jessica (Jackson) Holland
- 28 Andrew Jackson
- 29 Kyle Osborne
- Tyler Wagner



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Spring is finally here! Praise the Lord! I hope that means that all of the snow will soon melt. Many of us were snowed in with no electric for a few days last week. That was an interesting trial.



The schools were closed for two days and we had to cancel Wednesday church services. Once we got dug out, all of my grandkids showed up and we went sledding. We finally had enough snow to build a snowman, too. We ordered lots of pizza, made hot chocolate and sat around the fireplace to dry out and warm up. Lots of good memories were made. That is especially important to us now as we anticipate Laura, Chris and family moving to France soon. They are raising prayer and financial support to serve as missionaries with *World Team*. They will be tasked with church planting, as well as counseling other missionaries and their children. So far they have been able to raise over twenty-five percent of their needed support! Janet and I are so proud of them, but we will surely miss them too. For nearly a decade, Chris has been the Associate Pastor at Perryville Baptist Church just down the road. It will be quite a switch for them to be in Paris.


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The Living Lord's Last Supper. We are now in our second decade of performances! We will perform it three times over the Palm Sunday weekend; Saturday, April 8 at 7pm and Sunday, April 9 at 8:30 and 10:30AM. In lieu of Sunday school we will have a brunch in the fellowship hall. That same weekend is our Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30am on Saturday morning, sponsored by the Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center. Last year we had nearly 300 parents and children going after 6000 eggs! Together these two events are our largest outreach effort of the entire year. Please be in prayer for them and invite your friends to come. The next weekend is Easter and we will be having three services that day. We begin at 6:15AM with our "Sonrise" service at the North East town park. It is always a worshipful experience to see the sun come up and think of our Savior being resurrected from the dead, nearly 2,000 years ago. If you have never attended, why not plan to do so this year?!

All of these things are not just more meetings to attend, but they are opportunities to reach out to our lost neighbors and friends. Around the world, more people visit churches during this season than any other time of the year. Let's be sure that each one of us

Pastor Steve
Your brother in Christ,





PUZZLE

> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.

dead

hope

resurrection

given

of

birth

living

Christ

mercy

great

Jesus

In his [] he has [] us new [] into a [] through the [] from the [].

1 PETER 1:3, NIV

Answer: In his great mercy of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV



Pastor Steve

Bible Quiz

By what other name(s) does the Bible identify the disciple we call "Doubting Thomas"?

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



**SAT APRIL 8 @
10:30am** (rain or shine)

**Candy! Prizes!!
Lunch!!!**



The Lord's Supper Re-enactment

3 Performances:

Sat. April 8 @ 7pm & Palm Sun. April 9 @ 8:30 & 10:30am

A fellowship breakfast will be held between the 2

**Easter Sun, April 9
service times:**



Easter

*He is risen! He is
risen indeed!*

**6:15am: "Son"rise
Service @ the North
East Town Park,
Benjamin Pavilion.**

**8:30 & 10:30am:
Easter worship @ the**

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Week of Prayer for the NAMB, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering						
2 9:20am-Breakfast Drama rehearsal immediately following the 10:30 service.	3	4 Ministers' & Wives' Fellowship @ Perryville Baptist Church	5	6	7 6:30pm: The Lord's Supper dress rehearsal.	8 10:30a: JLMCC Community Egg Hunt. 7pm: The Lord's Supper Re-enactment
9 Palm Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am: The Lord's Supper Re-enactment w/ Communion Breakfast between performances. (No Sunday School)	10	11	12 Business Mtg. (after Prayer Mtg.)	13	14	15
16 Easter 6:15am: "Son"rise service @ NE Park 8:30 & 10:30am: Easter Worship @ the church No Evening Service	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 May <i>Lamplighter</i> Articles due	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

VBS Volunteers Needed:
Please see Jess WAGNER.

Dates & Times:

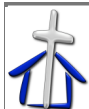
July 17-21,

6-8:30pm



The Lord is Risen!

Answer to page 3: E (See John 20:24, NIV and ESV.)



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He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30a

WORSHIP

9:20a

Breakfast (*1st Sun, monthly*)

9:30a

📖 **Bible Study/Sunday School**

10:30a

WORSHIP/Children's Worship

6p

Monthly Last Sunday **WORSHIP**

6p

Youth Ministry Mtgs.

Tuesday

11a

Worship Committee Mtg. (*4th Tues*)

6p

🎵 Praise & Worship Team Practice

Wednesday

6:30-7:30p

Kids' Klub—grades 2-6

6:30-7:30p

📖 **Prayer/Bible Study**

BUSINESS Mtg (*2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg*)

Thursday

10a

Choir Practice



Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
3/19/17(12 wks): **\$3,747.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,566.**

Budget Status: **\$2,177.**

PARKING LOT FUND
received to date: **\$33,740.**

We have 3 *revised* parking lot
fund goals: **\$20,000** (Praise
the Lord); **\$30,000** (Glory
to God); **\$40,000**
(Hallelujah!).

Average morning worship