

# The Lamplighter

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## Be on the look-out for special guests

On Saturday, April 8 (at 6:30pm) and Sunday, April 9 (at 8:30am and 10:30am), we will be having some special guests visit our church. These 13 guests will open the pages of scripture and help us get a fresh new perspective on Jesus' last week on earth with his disciples.

What an amazing drama! Jesus has chosen twelve extraordinary men for an extraordinary task. As they sit around the Passover table sharing a meal, they have no idea that in a few short hours, one of them would betray Jesus with a kiss, another would deny knowing him and the rest would be hiding in fear for their life.



How could they have known that Jesus would soon be arrested, beaten, mocked, crowned with thorns, spit on and given 40 lashes? What horror and heartbreak.

What would happen to these men in the next few days? What would happen to their Teacher that would turn the world on its axis?

The lesson that the disciples learned through it all, is for us today.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

"God did not come to condemn the world, but that the world through Him may be saved." John 3:17

I pray you know Him. He died for you too

In Christ's Service,

Pat Adkins

Together  
For His  
Kingdom

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union and in 1934 was named for Annie Walker Armstrong. Annie Armstrong was a passionate advocate for missionaries and their work. She championed missions involvement and gave personally and sacrificially of her time and talents to see the gospel go forward around the world.

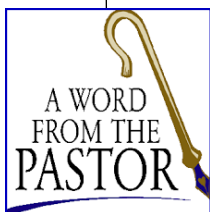
North American Missions Board supports and equips missionaries to reach the lost with the gospel. Through AAEO, missionaries are enabled to plant new churches, care for those in the community and reach the lost all across North America. They are regular people like you, who



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul told us “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable; if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice.”

Those are words to live by. Knowing is one thing, but putting it into practice is quite another. We dare not fail to practice all of the wonderful truths of the Word of God. If we disconnect at this point, we are being hypocritical. James says,



“What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him?” “Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” (James 2:14 & 17) The kind of faith that saves is always a faith of action.

He goes on to explain about dead faith. The demons have that sort of faith. They know who Jesus is. They know there is only one true God.

They even shudder when they think about it, but they aren’t saved (James 2:19). Head knowledge is not enough. Saving faith is what we must have. That is what I want for every one of you. It’s not hard or even complicated. Jesus said we must come as a child. A child-like faith simply trusts God; believes Jesus. We may not have every question answered, but we trust God for that too.

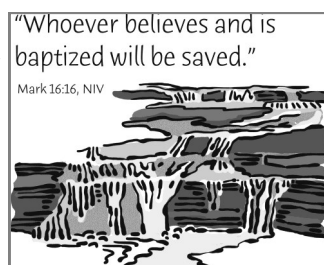
Let’s all work hard at being and doing whatever God’s word tells us. Not so we might earn salvation (that is not possible), but rather let’s do those things to please God. I like to think of it as a big “thank you.” We should be so grateful to Jesus for all that He has done. Nothing we can ever do will be too much.

I have recently begun a series of sermons that I am calling “Basic Christianity 101.” My basic

thesis is that the goal of all Christian living is a genuine and wholesome spirituality. God wants all of His children to be spiritual. That means that we are saved and regenerated by the blood of Jesus, first of all; but it also means that we are led by his Holy Spirit. We all need to have a growing and grownup relation to the spirit. That is true spiritual maturity.

The second sermon of my series dealt with the most important doctrinal fact underlying our spiritual life – our union with the very life of Christ. All Christians are “in Christ.” Over and over in the New Testament, this phrase occurs

and it describes and defines every



area of Christian living and life itself. If anyone is “in Christ” (s) he is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Jesus is the true vine and we are His branches. There is a living and vital connection there.



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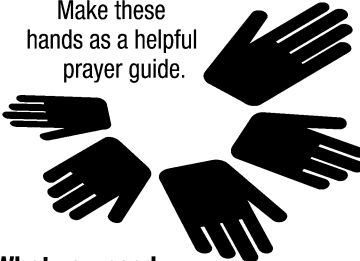
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# PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



**What you need:**

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers


**What you do:**

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.



# MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

1	Clint & Joyce Blithe
2	Bob & Arlee Brown
5	Steven & Karen Harclerode



# MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1	Betty Ball
	Sonny Hayes
2	Dave Jackson
3	Nicholas Airey
	Georgianna Keyes
	Lloyd Ramsey
4	Scott Barton
	John Tyler Sprout
5	Gabrielle Forino
6	Sarah Walsh
7	Hunter Hokuf
9	Matthew Osborne, III
10	June Bibey
	Margie Jackson
	Chris Lee
	Carol Neall
11	Bryan Beman
	Joe Moyer
13	Misty Parsons
	Donna Sprout
14	Mark Beltran
	Jacob Perry
18	Penny Clough
	Helen Diksa
19	Ryan Perry
20	Kelly Keene
21	Marcia Roark
22	Loretta Sexton
23	Carol Evans
24	Bernice Jackson
	Richard Jackson
25	Joy Grant
	Taylor Johnson
26	Mark Gray
	Marcia Murray
28	Chrissy Jackson
30	Cortnie Barton
	Robert Gregson
	Mary McLean
	Linda Thornton

24 Devin & Amy Short  
27 Ralph & Judy Veasey

## HER NAME LIVES ON

### HER LEGACY STANDS MILLIONS STRONG



Every year, we honor the life and missions impact of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong united women in missions endeavors, ultimately leading to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). She served as WMU's first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed and followed Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed her belief in tangible ways. A prolific writer, she spent many hours using her hands to type and handwrite letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy, and all were motivated by her desire for others to, as she put it, "grow in grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Annie also used her hands to reach out to others in need, whether

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On the day I preached that truth, 8 persons followed the Lord in believer's baptism. (Jada, Joslyn and Jay Robinson, Brendan Willien (pictured below), Leighton Lewis (pictured on page 2), Shylo Coburn, Adriana and



Alyssa Raymond)  
Over the next few weeks leading up to Easter, I will be examining a number of other important and basic truths of basic Christianity. I hope and pray that all of you will be able to be with us for each and every one of these messages.

*Pastor Steve*

Pastor Stephen D. Hokuf

(Her Name continued from pg 3)  
Her hands cradled her Bible as she studied how best to share God's love with others. Most importantly, as a woman of prayer, Annie regularly folded her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and those with whom they shared Christ. Annie once



# Puzzle

## The psalmist's prayer

The Psalms are full of wonderful verses about God's care and protection.

**Directions:** Find each missing letter in the alphabets below. Use the resulting words to complete Psalm 86:7, NIV.

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When I am in \_\_\_\_\_, I \_\_\_\_\_ to you,  
because you \_\_\_\_\_ me. Psalm 86:7, NIV




Answer: When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me. Psalm 86:7, NIV

wrote, "If I get hold of an idea which seems to me to be a good one, I somehow do not feel comfortable until I see it carried out."  
As a result of her persistence, Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more

to reach people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be encouraged and empowered by following her legacy.





Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
 <p>See page 6 for regular events/services</p>			1	2	3	4
<b>5</b> 9:20 am: Breakfast Dr. Allen Carter, guest preacher	6	<b>7</b> 10:30 am: Ministers' & Wives' fellowship @ Maple View Baptist Church	<b>8</b> 6 pm: Prayer Mtg/Bible Study followed by Business Mtg	9	10	11
<b>12</b> 	13	14	<b>15</b> 11 am: Church Council Mtg 1 pm: Missions Committee Mtg	16	17	<b>18</b> 9:30 am– 2pm: Women's Conf. @ Oak Grove Baptist Church
<b>19</b> April <i>Lamplighter</i> articles due	20	21	22	23	24	25
<b>26</b> Abigail Miller to speak @ morning services 6 pm: Oak Grove Quartet	<b>27</b> <div>             Week of Prayer for the NAMB, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering           </div>	28	29	30	31	 <p>Blessed            is the            one who            trusts            in you!  <small>PSALM 84:12, ESV</small></p>

# VBS Jumpstart

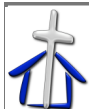
When: July 17-21

Time: 6-8:30pm

Volunteers needed.



VBS may be many months away, but the planning has already begun. Please watch for planning meeting times, or see Jess Wagner for more info.



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Greetings in Christian LOVE!



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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  
2/19/17(8 wks): **\$3,472.**

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

Budget Status: **-\$754.**

**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