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First Baptist Church of North East
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Newsletter

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SEND» NORTH AMERICA

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

Church Offering Goal: **\$1,200**

National Goal: **\$60 million**



LOG ON to our
NEW website—
www.fbcne.org



Our new website is up and running. The banner above is one of several that will come up when you log on to our website. Even though the site is in a building stage, there are several features you may utilize immediately. Consider it a new tool to keep informed and stay involved in your church.

Loads of information are available. Various ministries e. g. Jesus Loves Me Childcare Center, Youth, Children, etc. are featured. Various church leaders will serve as administrators of their ministry pages. Just select a tab and explore.

Dr. Hokuf's recent messages are featured on the website as well as the church calendar in two formats and *The Lamplighter*.

Thanks with much appreciation to Andy Wagner who set up the website and Jesus Loves Me Childcare for financing the majority of the cost for the first year.



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He is ALIVE!

APRIL 5—Easter WORSHIP & Breakfast

“SON”RISE Service, 6:30am

@ North East Town Park

Breakfast, 9:15am @ the church

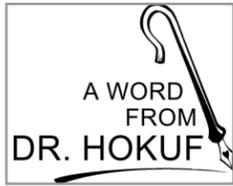
WORSHIP @ the church, 8:30 & 10:30am



60 BLESSINGS

Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Spring has finally arrived. Praise the Lord. It has been a long winter, if you ask me.



For the last few weeks I have been preaching on all of the blessed benefits of believers, things that we get from God the moment we are saved. It has been a refreshing study for me, and I hope for all of you. When I started I had 40 blessings—now I'm up to 60! I suspect there may be a few more tucked away in God's treasure chest, the Bible. Perhaps you will find some that I have missed. Let me know if you do.

The blessings so far are listed in the table on this page.

When I was finishing up I found one more. It was like God was saving it for the last, like a surprise. What do you think?

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

"A good work" and it has only begun. Who knows all that God has in store for us if these 60 blessings are only the beginning! Imagine. On our church website you can listen to any or all of the sermons you may have missed. Check it out. Our website is really new and improved with regular updates of all sorts of information relating to church life. I think you will like it.

Brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf



1	Redeemed
2	Reconciled
3	Justified--declared righteous
4	Forgiven
5	Born of the Spirit
6	Baptized by the Spirit
7	Sealed with Holy Spirit
8	Filled with Holy Spirit
9	Given the fruit of Holy Spirit
10	Given a special gift
11	Indwelt by Holy Spirit
12	Indwelt by Jesus
13	Indwelt by God the Father
14	Peace with God
15	Access to God
16	Hope
17	Christian character
18	Love of God within
19	Eternal security
20	Fellowship restored
21	Every Spiritual blessing in Christ
22	Chosen in Him
23	Adopted as sons
24	Given His glorious grace
25	Made alive in Christ
26	Seated in the heavenly realms with Him
27	Become God's Masterpiece (lit. poem)
28	Converted
29	Regenerated
30	Circumcised by Christ (sin nature put off)
31	Receive the fullness of Christ (KJV "complete in Him")
32	Under grace
33	No longer under the law, dead to the law
34	Set free from the law of sin and death
35	No longer condemned
36	Sanctified (positionally)
37	Became the object of His intercession
38	The Righteousness of God
39	Crucified with Christ

40	Buried with Christ through baptism
41	Brought near
42	Raised with Him
43	New creation--New self-created to be like God in true righteousness of God
44	Alive in Christ
45	Glorified
46	Ambassador's of Christ
47	Become a member of the body of Christ
48	Become a child of God
49	Heir of God
50	Co-heir with Christ
51	Delivered out of Satan's kingdom
52	Citizen of God's household
53	Living stone in God's building
54	Priest in the kingdom of priests
55	Light in the Lord
56	Bride of Christ
57	Branch of the True Vine
58	Friend of Jesus
59	Sheep in God's sheepfold
60	Good work is begun

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly Average as of 3/22/15 (12 wks): **\$3,688.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,437. PTL!** As of 3/22/15 we are over budget: **\$3,013.**

Average morning worship attendance 3/1—3/22/15: **85.**

Prepare, pray, & persist in teaching your child

Editor's Note: Here's some tips for parents, from Diana Davis, an author, columnist and minister's wife, to make your Sundays less stressful. Even though childcare is available for our services, children are occasionally in part or all of the worship service/s and these tips may prove helpful.

"I could have no greater joy than to hear that my children are following the truth" 3 John 1:4. Christian mom and dad, are you intentionally engaging your child in true worship? Here are some ideas that may help:

- ◆ Commit to God today that you'll prepare, pray and persist in teaching your child.
- ◆ Talk about the worship service during the week.
- ◆ Create a church bag to hold a children's Bible (with pictures if possible), a journal book and a pen or markers (for sermon notes/drawings).
- ◆ Prepare well on Saturday. Lay out your child's clothes, find both shoes, be sure there's food for breakfast, and intentionally get a good night's rest.
- ◆ As you drive to church, show excitement.
- ◆ Arrive early enough to take your child to the bathroom just before church.
- ◆ Allow your child to get his own worship bulletin. Glance at it to explain special happenings today.
- ◆ Be seated before worship begins, selecting a seat near

the front so your child can see and participate well.

- ◆ Teach your child to joyfully participate in every aspect of worship. Help him stand or sit at appropriate times, sing the songs, bow his head and close his eyes during prayer. Let him give an offering and pass the plate. Open the Bible and follow the words with your finger, even if he can't yet read them. Instead of playing, napping or lounging, he'll be learning to worship God.
- ◆ You want your church to enjoy your child as much as your child enjoys church. Teach respect for God's house, and pay attention to your child's activity. Never allow him to be unruly or destructive.
- ◆ Help your child to know the pastor, shaking his hand or speaking to him on Sundays.
- ◆ On the drive home, talk about the worship service. Kids are like sponges, and they're smarter than we imagine.

Condensed from *Training your child to worship in church, The Florida Baptist*, Feb/March, 2015.



birthdays

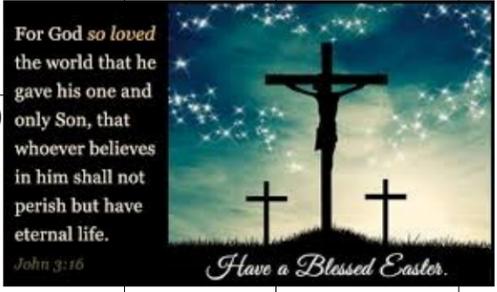
- Jesse Green
- Brenda Simpkins
- Connie Harris
William (Liam) Johnson
Peter Keyes, III
Ava Marvel
Sabrina Vance
- Kyle Hudler
David Mash, III
Gerrit Hopman
Peter Keyes, Jr.
Kaitlin Perry
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- Keegan Perry
- Linda Lotman
- Curtis Chestnut
Valeria Cornwell
Jim Hall
- Kristine Burns
- Patricia Moore
- Edna (Hamilton) Miller
Sophia Moyer
- Adam Ward
- Chloe Logue
- Ethan Gibson
Emma Goad
Bronwyn Bare
Brooke Bare
Blake Bare
Larry Gregg
Janice Kennard
Thomas Beman
Gigi DeBoard
- April (Emerson) Lotman
Ray Sommers
Sabrina Van Voorhis
- David Naggie
Jordan Grant
- H Josephine Brasefield (100th)**
John Ewing
Arthur McLean
Emily Roman
- Timmy Everidge
- Jessica (Jackson) Holland
- Andrew Jackson
David Jackson
- Kyle Osborne
Tyler Wagner

anniversaries

- Dwane & Lisa Ann Taylor
- Thomas & Grace Shores
- Richard & Nancy Brasefield
- Ed & Carol Evans
Robert & Nancy Hudler
David, Sr. & Misty Parsons
- George & Betty Jackson
- Robert & Eleanor Hatfield
Robert & Dorothy Gregson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>APR 2015</p>  <p>EASTER 6:30a "SON"RISE SERVICE, NE Town Park *8:30a WORSHIP 9:15a Breakfast *10:30a WORSHIP NO Youth Mtg</p>			<p>1 *6:30p PRAYER Mtg *6:30-8p KIDS' KLUB in 4-D</p> <p>Deacons' Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)</p>	2	3 	4
5	6	7 10:30a Ministers'/ Wives Fellowship, Calvary, Bel Air	8 9a Seasoned Citizens' Day, Sandy Cove Business Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)	9	10	11
<p>Week of Prayer for North American Missions (April 5-12)—Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®</p>						
12	13	14	15 11a Church COUNCIL Mtg	16	17 7p  Gideons' BQT, Calvert Grange	18
19 <i>Lamplighter</i> articles DEADLINE for May	20	21	22  PRAY for Dr. Hokuf as he attends Wall Builders, Washington, D.C.	23	24	25
26 6p Sight & Sound Theatre's NOAH	27	28 11a Worship Cmte Mtg	29	30 		

*WEEKLY EVENTS/SERVICES

Operation Christmas Child

Children tell their stories

From a 12 year-old boy: "My mother was an alcoholic, who would spend all of our family's money on alcohol instead of food. We often went hungry. One day, a [The Greatest Journey] TGT teacher [Operation Christmas Child] offered to let me live with her family. I later received a shoebox and went through the TGT course. I accepted Jesus as my Savior and



was baptized. I was so happy because I realized that I had nearly lost my soul. At the end of the TGT class, I asked my mother if she could stop drinking and she acknowledged how wrong her behavior had been. She later accepted Jesus as her

Lord and personal Savior and gave up drinking. We now live in a happy home, attend church services regularly, and pray together."

A box recipient shared, "I always wanted to have colored pencils, pens, and a pencil case. I thank Jesus for giving them to me. Before getting saved I used bad language and would steal food. Now, I am a new creation; I have given my life to Jesus and I am completely changed. The 6th lesson in TGT really touched my heart and I will never forget the memory verse 'suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not.' Jesus really loves children."

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

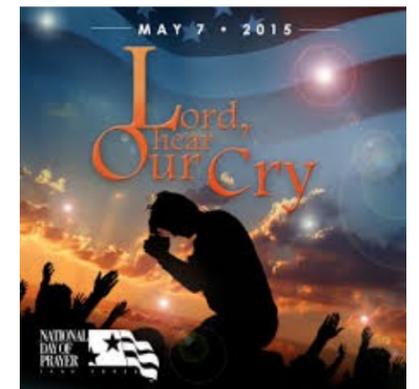
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Recently I had the privilege of reconnecting with Mark Lashey, church planter in Townsend, Delaware. He and his wife Tammy started a Bible study in their home that grew into LifeHouse Church. In the past two years, more than 200 people have been baptized and currently more than 800 attend services each week. Their church is a part

of our Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network family.

During this Week of Prayer, we pray that your church will be moved to take the next steps collectively toward intentional involvement in living life on mission and supporting those who are doing that daily. I count it a privilege to partner with you and your church in this important endeavor.

In His Care,
Melody T. Knox,
Specialist for Missions Education



"If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14.

JOIN US for **National Day of Prayer** on **Thursday, May 7, 2015, 6:30-8:30pm @ Grace Bible Chapel** (1949 Joseph Biggs Memorial Hwy, Rising Sun, MD).



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