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## Who Is Annie Armstrong?

nnie Armstrong (1850-1938) was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She was never concerned with what the world expected. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.

#### Annie's Contributions:

- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union, the largest protestant women's organization in the world
- Led the formation of missions' organizations for children
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Handwrote over 18,000 letters in one year advocating for missions
- Refused a salary because she would never give to the Lord "that which costs me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was renames for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

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https://www.anniearmstrong.com/.

Please visit the website for more details and information.



# Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions Sunday, March 31Sunday, April 7

The Week of Prayer is annually observed by SBC churches to specifically pray for missionaries on the field, the needs of their ministries and the needs of their families. Prayer is the fuel for spiritually and emotionally sustaining missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
Church goal: \$1,400
Received to date: \$380

Your prayers & gifts to the AAEO provide support more than 5,000 for missionaries. These men & women are planting new in unreached churches communities & meeting needs through compassion ministries. Every day, lives are being impacted transformed.



- 1 Tala Rae Hodanics
- 3 Connie Harris William (Liam) Johnson Ava Marvel
- 4 Kyle Hudler David Mash, III
- 5 Gerrit Hopman Kaitlin Perry Keegan Perry
- 9 Curtis Chestnut Valeria Cornwell Jim Hall
- 11 Kristine Burns
- 13 Maci Lotman
- 14 Edna (Hamilton) Miller Sophia Moyer
- 15 Adam Ward
- 17 Chloe Logue
- 18 Emma Goad
- 19 Bronwyn Bare Brooke Bare Blake Bare Will Robertson, Sr.
- 21 Thomas Beman
- 22 April Lotman Ray Sommers
- 23 Jordan Grant David Naggie
- 24 John Ewing
- 27 Jessica Holland
- 28 Andrew Jackson
- 29 Tyler Wagner





- 1 Tim & Laura Bayer
- 3 John & Donna Sprout
- 8 Thomas & Grace Shores
- 16 Richard & Nancy Brasefield
- 17 Ed & Carol Evans Robert & Nancy Hudler
- 18 George & Betty Iackson
- 30 Robert & Dorothy Gregson



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### YOU'RE INVITED

to a baby shower in honor of

# Cecil County Tregnancy Center

Starting on Sunday, April 7 and running through Mother's Day, we will be having a baby shower here at the church. The items collected will be gifted to the Cecil County Pregnancy Center. Please bring any brand new baby items, such as diapers (especially size 5 & 6), pull-ups, clothing, toiletries, towels, etc, to the church and place them in the large gift boxes at the back of the sanctuary and in the education wing. On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, we will have a special dedication for all the donated baby gifts.

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Dear church family,

reetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. As we approach Easter, I have been preaching a series of sermons I call "With Jesus on the Road to the Cross."

We have been looking at a number of Christ's teachings in



the last two weeks of His earthly ministry. We met the rich PASTOR young ruler who walked away

from Jesus, sorrowful because he loved his money more than the master (Matthew 19:16-30). Then Jesus told the parable of the workers in the vineyard who were all paid equally. Jesus explained the last will be first, and the first will be last (Matthew 20:1-19). Then we heard James and John ask to be given the thrones in the kingdom on Jesus' right and left. Jesus used that selfish request to teach servanthood. "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:20-34). From there we jumped to Luke 19:1-10, the story of Zacchaeus, the tax collector. I'm sure that you will remember that he was a short man, so he climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus as He walked by. Jesus said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately, I must stay at your house today." That day he became a saved man. Jesus proclaimed that He, "the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." So many times people would get upset with

Jesus for reaching out in love and mercy to the tax collectors, prostitutes, lepers and even murderers - those cast off by society. But Jesus said that is precisely who He came to reach. If you missed any of these messages, you can listen to them (with the Power Point presentation) on our church website – www.fbcne.org.

As a side note. I had the opportunity to preach twice while Janet and I were in France with Laura and her family. One of the men in the church told me that he listened to my sermons from our website! He and his wife both spoke English very well and we had a good time of fellowship with them.



Let me encourage you to pray for Chris and Laura and the kids as they struggle to learn French, and get accustomed to their new ministry. While we were there, I was also able to do some carpentry work on a co-worker's house. However, the kids were more interested in a swing I was

able to fix for them. Janet is already making plans to return later this year.



By way of some announcements; don't miss The Lord's Last Supper, April 13 & 14. Our men will once again make it come alive – this is now the thirteenth year! The Easter egg hunt will be at 10:30am on Saturday, April 13. Last year we had over 200 children and parents show up. We try to make it a witnessing and outreach opportunity to our whole community. Our Easter "Sonrise" Service at the North East Town Park will be at 6am this year. Of course we will have our Easter services at the regular times of 8:30am & 10:30am. I hope to see you all in the Lord's house as we seek to worship and praise the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Your brother in the Lord,

Pastor Leve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf







AMAZING ENCOUNTERS

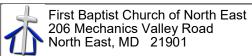
#### **COMING SUMMER 2019 TO FBNCE**

- ~ Sunday, June 23 to Thursday, June 27
- ~ 6pm to 8:30pm
- ~ Children entering Kindergarten to 6th grade completed
- ~ Volunteers needed!!!
- ~ If interested in volunteering or for more info, please see Pastor Steve or Pastor Dan.

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Sun	M	on	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
31 6pm: Sunday Evening Service feat. The Strong Willed Child 6pm: Youth	1	Ar	2 10:30am: Ministers & Wives Fellowship @ FBC of Perryville	9:15am: Sandy Cove Seasoned Citizens 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study	<b>4</b> eek of Praver	5	<b>6 8am-1pm:</b> Work day here at the church
7 9:20am: Breakfast 6pm: Youth	8		9 3pm: JLMCC Board Mtg	10 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Business Mtg after Prayer/ Bible Study	11	7pm: Drama dress rehearsal	13 10:30am: Egg Hunt by JLMCC 7pm: The Lord's Last Supper Re- enactment
PALM SUNDAY 8:30 & 11am: The Lord's Last Supper Re- enactment 6pm: Youth	15		16	17 6:30pm: Kids' Klub 6:30pm: Prayer/ Bible Study	18	19 GOOD FRIDAY	20
21  EASTER SUNDAY  May Lamplighter articles are due  6am: "Sonrise" Service 6pm: Youth	22		23	<b>24 6:30pm:</b> Kids' Klub <b>6:30pm:</b> Prayer/ Bible Study	25	26	27
28 6pm: Sunday Evening Service feat. Straight Talk for Men 6pm: Youth	29		30	<b>1 6:30pm:</b> Kids' Klub <b>6:30pm:</b> Prayer/ Bible Study	2	3	7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Mtg at the church.





Greetings in this Easter season!



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

#### **REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS**

Sunday

8:30am WORSHIP

9:20am Breakfast (1st Sun, monthly)

9:30am Sunday School/Bible Study
10:30am WORSHIP/Children's Worship

6pm Youth

**6pm WORSHIP** (Last Sunday of the month only)

<u>Tuesday</u>

6pm Praise & Worship Team Practice

Wednesday

6:30pm Kids' Klub

6:30-7:30pm Prayer/Bible Study

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

Thursday

10am Choir Practice

11am Ladies' Prayer Time



#### Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly Average as of 3/24/19(12 wks): **\$3,014**.

Needed Weekly: **\$3,802**.

Budget Status: -\$9,456.

Maintenance/Building Repairs Fund: **\$3,268.** 

PARKING LOT FUND: Received to date:\$40,305. Church goal: \$47,745.

Average morning worship attendance: 2/24/19-3/24/19: **82** 

