

The Branch NewsLETTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches" John 15:5

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 5–12, 2017

and the **ANNIE ARMSTRONG**

EASTER OFFERING®

National Goal: \$70 million

Church Goal: \$1,500

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® changes lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. With over 269 million lost people, North America and its major cities are some of the most spiritually dark places in the world. Join us on the mission to equip every missionary and reach every lost person in the United States and Canada.

Prayer and financial support through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering are critical for the work of the church planters, evangelism catalysts, and missionaries who daily carry the gospel forward throughout North America. Every dollar of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goes to missionaries and their work throughout North America, allowing them to preach, baptize, and make disciples "together for His kingdom."



North American Mission Study

March 5, 2017

5:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

**Linda Bean—Study Leader
For Adults & Youth
Nursery Provided**

Supper will be during the
mission study.

Please bring finger foods.

Join us as we explore the work of Southern Baptist missionaries serving in the United States and Canada who fulfill the calling of God on their lives and work passionately for the building of the kingdom.

The challenge for all of us is to be passionate mission advocates, like Annie Armstrong in her day, and help them declare the good news of the kingdom. The value of doing so is priceless.

From Our Pastor

From Our Minister of Music & Education

The recent storms reminded me of the uncertainty of our world and how quickly things can change. Peace to total chaos in a matter of seconds. The way to respond to this changing chaotic world is faith in an unchanging sovereign God. 1 John 5:4 says “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.” I’m grateful that God has provided a Savior in Jesus Christ to enable us to overcome. God says His children are overcomers “because greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world.” We are overcomers when we believe on Jesus the Son of God as our Lord and Savior.

I wonder what you are facing today and need God’s help to overcome. Is it possibly grief, loneliness, fear, doubt, guilt, unrest, temptation, sin, etc.? The good news is that God provides the overcoming power and presence of the Holy Spirit to those who have faith in Jesus Christ and call upon Him in prayer. The believer’s victory is totally dependent on God’s grace. Philip Yancey in *Our Daily Bread* said “Grace is for the desperate, the needy, the broken, those who cannot make it on their own. Grace is for all of us.”

Let’s remember we have God’s perfect grace to enable us to be overcomers. Mature believer, remember that you are strong in the Lord Jesus, the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one “by the blood of the Lamb.” (Revelation 12:11), who is Jesus. I hope to see you Sunday in Bible study and worship as we learn to be overcomers.

Your Pastor,
Brother Donald

Here’s a nice poem written by Michael G. Dell:

Eternal God, may we be free from false pretense and foolish pride;

Help us Your perfect will to see, and cast unworthy thoughts aside.

From worship that is insincere, with shallow words and thoughtless prayer,

May we be free, Your voice to hear, and then respond with newfound care.

O God our Father, we confess an unconcern for those in need;

Break through our sinful selfishness, and reign as Lord of word and deed.

Renew our lives that they may be alive and vibrant to Your call,

With ears to hear and eyes to see new ways to crown You Lord of all.

Mr. Dell is organist and associate Music Minister at the First Baptist Church of Huntsville, Alabama. Make this poem part of your private devotional time.

Paul

Lively Oaks Meeting

March 9
11:30 am

Pompei Italian Grill
For ages 50+



Join us for lunch at Pompei Italian Grill Restaurant for classic italian food. Meet at the church at 11:30 a.m. and carpool to the restaurant.



February Birthdays

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| 3 Michelle Carey | 18 Rachel Dorchester |
| 4 Tonie Wooten | 19 Doraine Hilliard |
| 4 Earline Paul | 21 Gloria Cranford |
| 13 Gloria Lavender | 21 Danny O'Neil |
| 14 Peggy Coleman | 21 Mary Aguilar |
| 14 Graham Hartness | 28 Nell Matthews |
| 16 John Glowacz | 30 Douglas Carter |
| 17 Jackie Carter | 31 Joanne Ector |

Women's Ministry Meeting



You fit right in!

**March 16, Thursday,
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall**

**Cultivate Relationships:
Invest Time**

Putting a puzzle together takes time. However, it can go a lot faster if others join us. Sometimes life feels like a jigsaw puzzle, especially when pieces reveal unexpected images. Sometimes we feel out of place. Sometimes things seem to have “gone to pieces.” This month’s theme reminds women of how God can build His kingdom when we work together investing in others, finding our “fit.”

Join us for Bible study, dinner, and fellowship with your sisters in Christ. Menu is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Time Change is March 12th

Spring Forward

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday Night March 11th.



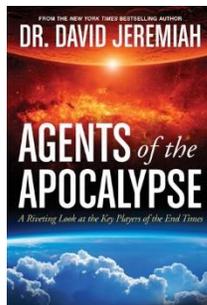
Deacon of the Week

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| March 5 | Lalo Peña |
| March 12 | Donnie Cox |
| March 19 | Danny O'Neil |
| March 26 | Mario Ward |

Bible Study Class

**Agents of the
Apocalypse**

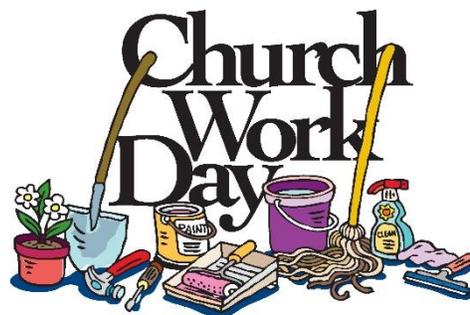
**By David Jeremiah
Begins March 12
at 5:00 pm**



This is a 10 week Bible study led by Richard Filleman on

the book of Revelation taught by David Jeremiah. He explores the book of Revelation through the lens of its major players—the exiled, the martyrs, the elders, the victor, the king, the judge, the 144,000, the witnesses, the false prophet, and the beast. At each meeting, we will listen to a 40 minute CD and then we will answer questions and hand out question sheets for the following week.

Sign up sheet and more information is in the foyer.



March 25

9 AM to Noon

We need volunteers to help in sprucing up the church grounds and making some repairs.