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To Our Church Family and Friends:

Mary Magdalene was not mentioned very much in the scriptures until the Resurrection. She was healed of evil spirits and infirmities and she supported Jesus. Mary Magdalene came from a town called Magdala which was on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee.

After Jesus was crucified, she along with others would do all they could for Jesus out of respect and love. They would bring spices to anoint the body as part of the burial process. It is very interesting that Jesus would appear to her and others as the Risen Lord. Mary was the one that Jesus would appear to in the garden and tell her to go and tell the disciples the good news that He Lives!!

Mark 16:9 Now when He rose early on the first day of the week. He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had cast seven demons.

Jesus changed Mary's life. A new life, a new opportunity, one that was so far removed from her mind and heart and that there seemed to be little to no hope for any resolution to the evil spirits that possessed her. Until she encountered Christ, then everything would change. Her life was now restored and given back to her. She could have went back to her family and there remained all the days remaining in her life. And I am sure she did, but she never lost sight of the One named Jesus who came and loved her. Jesus knew the magnitude of her love for Him. Mary would do what she could as the events of Calvary unfolded. Jesus would honor her and give her first the Good News that He Lives!!

May the example of Mary's love and devotion to Jesus help us be a better child of God. May our faith be stronger and our devotion never ending as we take this journey called life allowing every day to be a little closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you for allowing Cindy and me to serve you!

Leon and Cindy



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
April 2 nd	Beverly Napier	No Class
April 9 th	Christa & Brandon Love	Debbie & Baylee Jordan
April 16 th	Hannah Napier & Hunter Canup	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler
April 30 th	Marty Little	Julia & David Godwin
May 7 th	Carter & Laura Dermid	Teresa Hilton & Gayle Throckmorton

THE WORLD OF THE END Book Study

by Dr. David Jeremiah

Wednesday, April 12th

Chapter 8: In a World of Bad News, BE GOOD NEWS

Matthew 24:14

Wednesday, April 26th

Chapter 9: In a World of the End, BE DETERMINED

Matthew 24:13

Spring Session at New Salem Baptist Church Tuesday, April 25th

Please bring a covered dish to the church by 5:45 PM. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Meal at 6:00 PM and Session at 7:00 PM.



Easter Choir Special Palm Sunday, April 2nd 10:45 AM



Second Harvest Wednesday, April 5th Peachland UMC The April issues of *Mature Living* and *Home Life* magazines are on the vestibule table for pick up.

Mission Night

Mission Night will be the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:45 PM. This includes Baptist Men, Baptist Women, and all ages of children and youth. Please make your plans to be here.

40 Days to Calvary

This will be a 5-minute devotional that we will put on Facebook, YouTube, and our church website: www.austingrovebaptist.com

at 6:00 AM each day.



Palm Sunday, April 2nd Choir Special, "At the Cross" at 10:45 AM Thursday, April 6th Communion at 7:00 PM (No services on Wednesday, April 5th.) Easter Sunday, April 9th 7:00 AM Sunrise Service 7:15 AM Breakfast 8:00 AM Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship & Baptism Service



Thank you for your continued support of our food ministry. The following items are needed for our April Food Ministry. Your donations help tremendously.

April 2 - can of pasta: spaghetti, ravioli, etc.

April 9 - box of individual serving grits

April 16 - box of individual serving oatmeal

April 23 - box of Little Debbie treats or similar item

April 30 - pack of little juice boxes (can be bought at Walmart really cheap)

As always, thank you for helping provide food for needy children during the week ends. Please see Brenda Walker for any questions.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Received to Date: \$1,330.00 The 2023 theme is "United: Called to be One."

The scripture verse is Philippians 2:1-2,

"If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose."

The national goal is \$70 million. Every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports thousands of missionaries across the U.S. and Canada.

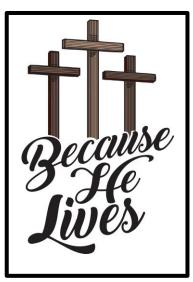


By his wounds we are healed. Isaiah 53:5, NIV



8 Mr. & Mrs. Aaron Griffin12 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Knight

No first week in May anniversaries.



IMB tops 1,200 in missionary pipeline



Missionary candidates who move through the pipeline are approved by IMB trustees, then blessed by Southern Baptists for service to the nations at Sending Celebrations held during the year. IMB Photo

At the first of March, the International Mission Board counted more than 1,200 candidates in the missionary application process. This is a significant milestone for Southern Baptists, as the number of missionary candidates in 2019 was 300.

"The IMB missionary candidate pipeline has now quadrupled over the past four years. Praise the Lord!" IMB President Paul Chitwood said.

"As Southern Baptists' generosity grows, so does the opportunity to send their fully funded missionaries through the IMB to address the world's greatest problem – lostness. I can't wait to see how God will use them and all of us working together!"

While each applicant represents a potential to reach the lost with the good news of Jesus, Chitwood is quick to remind Southern Baptists that lostness in the world continues to grow. Even more applicants are needed to carry the gospel to those who have never heard.

IMB's goal is to always have more than 1,500 applicants in the pipeline. New missionary applicants mean that the potential increases to grow the number of current missionaries serving on the frontlines and to replace missionaries who are retiring or completing terms of service.

Multiple pathways, lengths of service and a variety of missionary positions are open now with the IMB. Interested persons can visit imb.org/go or email info@imb.org to get started.





APRIL



- 1 Amanda Griffin
- 2 Addison Paige Jordan
- 4 Jacob Collins
- 5 Shelby Hutson, Wendy Phifer
- 6 Elijah Crowe
- 7 Charles McRae, Phyllis Simpson
- 8 Emma Griffin, Michael Knight
- 9 Linda A. Edwards, Melissa A. Smith, Clinton Oster
- 10 Linda G. Edwards, Tanner Griffin, Jay Walker
- 14 Frances Knight
- 15 Reagan Mullis
- 16 Jerry Craiglow
- 18 Ayla Dermid, Joey Estridge
- 19 Madalyn Zambarda
- 20 MacKenzie Newsome
- 21 Kennith Viers
- 22 Colton Whitley, Britney Smith
- 24 Jessica Hilton, Maddison Hilton, Murphy Gordon
- 25 J. Ronald Edwards, Abby Graham, Andy Graham
- 27 Kelcey Anne Griffin
- 28 Helen Elizabeth Hilton
- 29 Carolyn Daniels, Kathy Starnes
- 30 Miranda Hayes Wilson, Dakota Riggins Norris, Dalton Riggins

MAY (First Week) Birthdays

- 1 Susette Kimrey, Kay McBride, Alyssa Napier
- 2 Matthew Austin Hilton
- 3 Carlos Figueroa, Mott Simpson
- 5 Dale Frankenberg, Joe Little
- 7 Penny Edwards