



THE ACCENT March 2024

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To Our Church Family and Friends.

John 19:26-27 English Standard Version

²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

Very soon we will remember the greatest love story ever told. It is not a story of the love of a man for a woman or a woman for a man. It is not even the love that a parent has for his or her sons or daughters. It is the love that our Lord has for us.

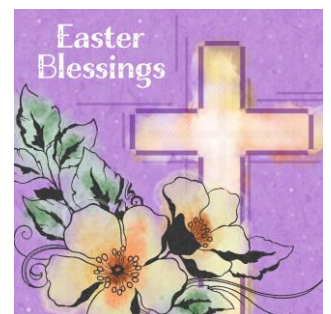
Jesus, as He hung on the cross showed us just how much God loves us and how He wants to be close to us. Can you just imagine the pain Mary was experiencing? And yet Jesus in His third word from the cross said "Woman, behold your son."

Mary carried Jesus in her womb and held Him in her arms, she loved him so much. Later, she witnessed many of His miracles. She must have had a hard time wrapping her mind and heart around all that she heard and saw. To see all the events that had happened, her heart must have been broken. Yet Jesus would extend to her His love and respect as He was feeling the weight of all our sins placed upon Him so we could have eternal life.

As Easter approaches, please take time to recount the events that Jesus faced in order for us to spend eternity with Him in Heaven.

Thank you so much for the privilege of serving you all these years. We love each of you so much.

Leon and Cindy



Nursery & Children's Church Schedule



Date	Nursery	Children's Church
March 3, 2024	Carter & Laura Dermid	Barbara Simpson & Carolyn Smith
March 10, 2024	Debbie Jordan	Holly Morris, Katie & Mason Cuthbertson
March 17, 2024	Sandra Helms	Toni & Billy Riggins
March 24, 2024	Shirley Crowe	Debbie & Bailey Jordan
March 31, 2024	Beverly Napier	Janel Griffin & Roger Haigler

The senior trip to the Amish country has been cancelled.

The *Open Windows* and March issues of *Mature Living* and *Home Life* are in the vestibule for pick up.

**March Fellowship Hall Clean Up:
Knights for Christ, Adult Class #1,
Adult Class #5**

FELLOWSHIP HALL RESERVATIONS

REMINDER...If you or your Sunday School Class wants to use the Fellowship Hall, please be sure to schedule with Sheri. Thank you.

NEW WIFI PASSWORD FOR PASTOR LEON'S OFFICE HALLWAY:

Network: WIN_801851
Password: 7g7cbxzm92

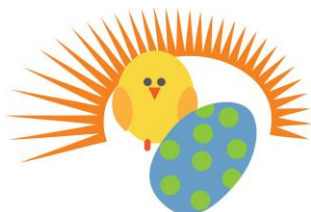
**The next SECOND HARVEST will be on
Wednesday, April 3rd
at 8:00 AM at Peachland UMC.**

Children's



Easter Egg Hunt

Wednesday, March 20th at 6:45 PM





**FOOD
MINISTRY**

MARCH FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS

Thank you for your contributions to helping feed the children in our community.

March 3rd: Can of Pasta

March 10th: Box of individual packs of grits

March 17th: Box of individual packs of oatmeal

March 24th: Individually wrapped snacks such as oatmeal cakes

March 31st: Can of green beans or corn

Thank you!! Your donations help so much. Brenda Walker



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 1 Patsy Griffin, Billy Tarlton, Noah Godwin
 - 3 Mandy Howard, Tyler Stewart
 - 4 Kayla Throckmorton, Bill Ivey, Rian Ivey
 - 5 Kevin Morris, Allison Nassef
 - 7 Steve Little, Ashlyn Stewart, Debbie Walker
 - 9 Kerri Collins
 - 10 Clark Griffin, Jeremy Knight, Meredith Whitley Slaughter
 - 11 Kay Haigler, Ellie Norris, Matthew Simpson
 - 12 TJ Griffin
 - 14 Renee Guffey
 - 15 Kevin Edwards
 - 17 Amy Oster
 - 20 Karen Knight, Allen Traywick
 - 22 Mason Vann
 - 23 Sean Carter, Carolyn Haigler, Austin Miller, Camden Smith, Sherry McManus
 - 27 Phillip Edwards
 - 28 Emmett Conley Marsh, Bryant Love
 - 29 Brenda Hartis, Jennifer Napier, Andy Newsome, Kingston Napier
 - 31 Amanda Guffey, Dylan Charles Ivey
- 1st Week in April**
- 1 Scott Kimrey, Amanda Griffin
 - 2 Addison Paige Jordan
 - 4 Jacob Collins, Johnathan Hargette
 - 5 Shelby Hutson, Wendy Phifer
 - 6 Elijah Crowe
 - 7 Charles McRae, Phyllis Simpson, Mike Walden



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Riggins
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Little
- 31 Mr. & Mrs. Gene Stewart

No 1st Week in April



Easter Schedule
 Sunday, March 31, 2024

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
 7:15 AM Breakfast
 8:00 AM Sunday School
 9:00 AM Worship

No Wednesday Night Services/Classes
 Wednesday March 27th

This is my body
 given for you;
 do this in
 remembrance
 of me.

Luke 22:19

Communion Service
 Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 PM

Annie Armstrong
 Easter Offering

**MAKE
 JESUS
 KNOWN**

AnnieArmstrong.com
 100% of your gifts support North American missionaries

North American Mission Board

ANNIE ARMSTRONG

Week of Prayer is March 3-10

Our Mission Study will be on Wednesday, March 6th at 6:45 PM. Please make plans to join us.

The following is from
www.AnnieArmstrong.com/week-of-prayer

Every year, SBC churches observe the Week of Prayer for North American missions by praying for missionaries, their ministries, and their families. Because these missionaries make Jesus known in places all over the U.S. and Canada where there's little or no gospel witness, they experience opposition and they battle loneliness and discouragement. That's why they need your prayers. Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will fuel their work. The offering goal for this year is \$75 million.



MISSIONS DISCIPLESHIP

ANNIE ARMSTRONG: THE “MASTERMIND” BEHIND WMU

Annie Armstrong is one of the most well-known names in all of Southern Baptist history. Born in Baltimore on July 11, 1850, Annie spent most of her life working from her hometown. Converted as a young woman in 1870, she was drawn to missions work and joined her mother in zealous Christian service. She served in numerous ministry capacities during her life and was especially passionate about serving the poor and advocating for social justice.

In 1888, Annie was a key part of the formation of Woman’s Missionary Union (WMU). She knew that missionaries desperately needed support and that local churches needed missions education, so she called on her fellow Southern Baptist women to mobilize. Annie was intimately involved in WMU’s first days, even co-writing the official by-laws with her sister, Alice. When it came time to elect a leader, Annie was the obvious choice. She was chosen to become the first recording secretary (now executive director) and threw herself into building up WMU.

PROMOTING CHURCH INVOLVEMENT IN MISSIONS

From day 1, Annie was a force to be reckoned with. Her goal was simple: promote local church involvement in missions through fund-raising and education. To achieve this goal, she started WMU’s publication efforts and helped design the organization’s business structure. Under her leadership, WMU developed a fund-raising system that brought in thousands of dollars per year, rightly making her “the financial and organizational ‘mastermind’ behind Woman’s Missionary Union.” In addition to developing WMU’s publication and financial systems, Annie wrote thousands of letters. Through her writing skills, she raised support for missionaries and funding for WMU and provided missions education materials. “In a ten-year summary of her work, Annie Armstrong reported having written 77,447 letters and manuscripts. . . . On average she mailed more than 8,000 letters a year and roughly 674 letters per month.”

Annie was devoted to supporting women in ministry. One author said, “The core of her [Annie’s] conviction was that God called *women*—to think, to work, to plan, to organize, to raise money, and to go to the ends of the earth on his behalf.” Annie longed to see women actively involved in the Great Commission, which is why she was so passionate about seeing WMU advance.

SUPPORTING NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONARIES

Annie was the recording secretary until her resignation in 1906. Under her leadership, WMU “developed from a gathering of 32 delegates in 1888 to an entity representing thousands of Southern Baptist women from more than 20,000 churches.” In 1934, the denomination-wide Special Easter Offering for Home Missions was named in her honor.⁸ After retiring from WMU, Annie continued to minister, specifically working to support missionaries in North America. She died in 1938, leaving behind a legacy unmatched in WMU history.

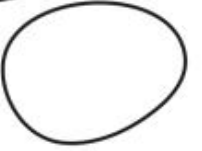
Annie was a living example of [Colossians 3:23](#), which says, “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.” Annie took her calling seriously, and she poured her heart and soul into WMU. She worked tirelessly, sacrificing her time and efforts to see WMU succeed—and it worked. Annie’s commitment to the work God gave her resulted in an organization that has impacted thousands of missionaries for more than a century.

Interested in learning more about Annie? Check out *Go Forward: The Story of Annie Armstrong*.



EASTER

How many different words can you make using these letters?



Make your own design on these eggs. Then color them!

DID YOU KNOW?

Eggs are a sign of new life, just like our new life in Christ!

JESUS

IS

LORD!



You can have new life too! Use the alphabet code and your Bible to solve the puzzle and find out how.

HAPPY EASTER!

Can you find 9 other symbols of new life on this page? Circle each one, then color them!

"IF YOU C WITH YOUR

3 15 14 6 5 19 19

MOUTH THAT _____ IS LORD AND BELIEVE IN

10 5 19 21 19

YOUR _____ THAT GOD RAISED HIM FROM THE

8 5 1 18 20

DEAD, YOU WILL BE _____"

19 1 22 5 4

ROMANS 10:9, ESV

He is not here, for...

HE IS RISEN!

Matthew 28:6



Use the grid to draw the other side!
