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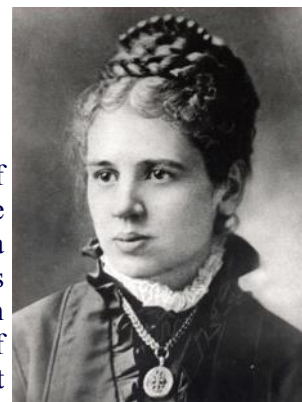
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HER NAME LIVES ON.

HER LEGACY STANDS MILLIONS STRONG.

Every year, we honor the life and missions impact of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong united women in missions endeavors, ultimately leading to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). She served as WMU's first corresponding secretary.



Annie believed and followed Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed her belief in tangible ways. A prolific writer, she spent many hours using her hands to type and handwrite letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy, and all were motivated by her desire for others to, as she put it, "grow in grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Annie also used her hands to reach out to others in need, whether by hugging a child or distributing food, clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands cradled her Bible as she studied how best to share God's love with others. Most importantly, as a woman of prayer, Annie regularly folded her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and those with who they shared Christ.

Annie once wrote, "If I get hold of an idea which seems to me to be a good one, I somehow do not feel comfortable until I see it carried out." As a result of her persistence, Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more to reach people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be encouraged and empowered by following her legacy.

Church Goal:
\$2,500.00

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR NORTH AMERICAN
MISSIONS

April 2-9, 2017

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ARMSTRONG**
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Church Library News

April Birthdays

April - He Is Risen!

Thank you, Jesus, for eternal life. Jesus was the first to teach us that each of us has a cross to bear. We may not look as if we are bearing one, but we are. Each of us has some area of pain and suffering. The world around us would have us run from our problems, but that's not God's plan for our lives. We are empowered by the tragedy and triumph of the cross.

Matthew 10:38: *He who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.*

Here are a few books from our Library:

Just Life Jesus by Max Lucado. God's plan, His goal is to make you into the image of Jesus. How does this change occur and why does it seem so slow? If God wants me to be just like Jesus, why do I still seem just like me? The author helps you answer these questions and helps you understand God's wonderful ways of transformation. Would you like to know more? Then read this book and remember God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you there. He wants you to be more like Jesus.

Hope Again by Charles R. Swindoll. This book offers insights into life's really tough challenges—and gives you ways to renew your energy, enthusiasm, and joy as you travel life's bumpy road. It's a beautiful reminder that when we are at our lowest, Christ stands ready to restore us and help us learn to hope again.

Simple Faith by Charles R. Swindoll. The exhausting pace of many who run the Christian race these days leaves them feeling frenzied and frazzled. Is that really the life promised by the Prince of Peace? Have we forgotten that this is the Lord who said, "I will give you rest"? The author shows you how you can walk with Christ down a quieter path. Rediscover here a life of peace and fulfillment built now on works but on trust and simple faith.

Praying God blesses our church and that we all have a happy Easter.

Yours in Christ,
Mary Robertson, Vivienne Okma, & Joan Frank

2	Mary Hester
4	Bob Woodby
5	Paul Hahn
6	Evangeline Gallimore
7	Patty Welch
8	Linda McLain
10	Margaret Billmyer
	Meredith Warren
11	Teagan Johnson
12	Clyde Hicks
13	Carrie Hull
17	Rusty Robinson
	Jeff Buchanan
18	Trish Price
	Paula Andre
20	Leah Lewis
21	Hannah DeLozier
	Cameron Mayton
22	Brenda McKee
29	Cherrie Woodby
30	Julie Crotzer

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



MEN'S MINISTRY



July 28-29, 2017
Municipal Auditorium
Nashville, TN

Cost: \$65/person
(Early bird until 5/1/17)
After 5/1/17: \$75

Featured Speakers:
Kurt Warner, Darryl
Strawberry, Russell
Moore, Rick Burgess,
J.D. Greear, the Benham
Brothers, Jack Barsky,
and more!

Join thousands of brothers in Christ as worship and teaching from notable Christian speakers encourages, challenges, and equips you to live an extraordinary life for God. God is not looking for men who are deemed successful, impressive, or even good by the world's standards. He's looking for ordinary men who are willing to go all in. Are you willing to go all in for Christ?

Sign up sheet is in the lobby. Questions? John Boyle has the answers! (j Boyle550@msn.com)

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Has your contact information changed? Just last week, I learned that address information was incorrect for someone because their mail was returned. **PLEASE...**if you have not already updated your info, fill out a DATA UPDATE form and leave it in the box on the office door. We don't want you to miss anything. Also, if you are not receiving email updates, please email the church office so I can make sure you are on the email lists. Thank you!

We have a wonderful resource for smart phone users. The Church Life App is FREE and gives you the church directory and more at your fingertips. If you need help setting up the app or more information, call the office - and we will answer all your questions!

Please note that the church office will be closed Good Friday, April 14th. Looking forward to celebrating Resurrection Sunday! Blessings...

Paula, Ministry Assistant



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 <i>Mule Day!</i>
2 Deacons' Mtg. 5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA -	3 8:30 am Ladies' Prayer Group 10 am & 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	4	5 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	6 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	7	8
9 PALM Sunday 6 pm Lord's Supper 5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA	10 8:30 am Ladies' Prayer Group 10 am & 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	11	12 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Business Mtg	13 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	14 GOOD Friday Good Friday Church Office Closed	15 EGG HUNT! Community Egg Hunt 2:00 pm
16 RESURRECTION DAY 10:00 am Adult Choir Presentation No Evening Activities	17 8:30 am Ladies' Prayer Group 10 am & 6 pm Ladies' Bible Study	18	19 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	20 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study 6-8 pm Boy Scouts	21	22 Family Connection Picnic 4 pm
23 2-4 pm Long Baby Shower 5:30 pm KidsPraise! 6 pm AWANA	24	25 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	26 6 pm ESL Classes 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg.	27 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	28 6-8 pm AWANA Grand Prix Build Day	29
30 Youth Sunday Fellowship Dinner 1 pm AWANA Grand Prix No Evening Activities	Schedule of Services: <u>Sunday</u> Worship - 10:00 am Sunday School - 8:45 am Adult Choir Rehearsal - 4:30 pm KidsPraise! Children's Choir - 5:30 pm AWANA - 6:00 - 7:00 pm (Sept.-May) Worship - 6:00 pm			Wednesday ESL Classes - 6:00 pm Children in Action & Mission Friends 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm		

The Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, April 12
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome!
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

**English as a Second
Language Classes**
Each Wednesday
6-7:30 pm

In the fellowship hall
Please see Pat Springer for
more details.



**VBS Will Be Here Before
We Know It!**

Using an outer space theme, we will be presenting the gospel to the children of Spring Hill. Director Patty Welch is now recruiting workers and helpers. Please contact Patty (615-308-9114) and let her know **NOW** your willingness to serve in this important ministry of our church. ****Please save your Pringles™ potato chip cans for a VBS craft project. Thank you!!**



*****VBS Registration** available online at www.fbspringhill.com

More KidCentral News...

Children's Church Worker Schedule:

April 2: The Hester Family

April 9: Ben & Gena Barbre

April 16: No children's church—worship in big church with your family

April 23: Aaron & Amy Easton

April 30: No Children's Church (Fellowship Hall in use)

Coming this summer...

Our six week "camp" for rising kindergartners through 6th graders begins June 25th at 6:00 pm. More details coming...but make plans now to **Put On The Full Armor of God** and join us! Last year was a GLOWing good time!!

Want to stay updated on all the Children's and Family Ministry happenings? Family information sheets are available in the KidsCentral office downstairs and at the nursery sign in desk. All things kids and family will be communicated through this group. Don't miss a minute - sign up today!!!



Future Growth Funding
\$7,767.61 in a Construction Acct.
at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
\$379,977.30 in a Building Fund
at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...



The school year is winding down and we all have spring fever! Here are the **KidCentral** happenings to help you make it to summer...



****Thank you, Jesse & Brittney Gilchrist, for your leadership of the egg hunt.** They still need some folks to help with various jobs, big & small. Please email Brittney at gilchrist_pchef@yahoo.com to volunteer.



Our annual **Family Connection** picnic is Saturday, April 22nd at 4 pm. We will block off the upper parking lot at FBCSH and have plenty of room for bikes, scooters, chalk, bubbles, jump ropes...anything your kiddo likes to do outside! Ice cream, paper goods and drinks will be provided. Please bring a finger food to share and an ice cream topping. **ALL FAMILIES** are invited. ****Rain plan:** we'll move to the fellowship hall and play board games.**



Sunday, April 30, immediately following the 5th Sunday fellowship (approx. 1 pm) is the AWANA Grand Prix. Please plan to hang around after lunch and cheer the kids on! Voting for most creative cars will take place during lunch. **AWANA parents: If your child (Cubbies, Sparks & TNT) wants to participate, you must register by Sunday, April 2nd.**

AWANA ends Sunday, May 21st. This is the night the kids get to spend their hard earned AWANAbucks in the store. We need YOU to help stock the shelves. Between now and April 30th, please bring an unwrapped toy appropriate for kids ages 4-12. Big things, small things, boy things, girl things...we appreciate anything you can do!! The collection box is in the lobby.

Opportunities to serve... We have immediate needs for children's ministry volunteers in Sunday School, Nursery, Children's Church, and Wednesday night missions classes. Please contact the church office or email fbcshchildrensministry@gmail.com if you are willing to help!