



Laurel Link

Quarterly Newsletter & Highlights

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Annie Armstrong (1850–1938) spoke up for missions and missionaries in ways no one ever had. She championed missions support among Southern Baptist churches and cast a grand vision for their growing involvement in praying, giving and going.

Since 1895, what is now called the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering has fueled Southern Baptists’ mission work in the U.S., Canada and their territories. In that time, churches and individuals have given more than \$2 billion dollars to help make Jesus known to every man, woman, boy and girl in North America.

The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada and the territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa.



100% of your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gifts support thousands of missionaries serving in church planting and compassion ministry

- Population: 371 million
- Languages: 350
- Estimated lost: 281 million
- Unreached People Groups: 159

NAMB and Southern Baptists came together to add **917 NEW CONGREGATIONS IN 2022**

Since 2010, Southern Baptists have planted more than **10,000 CHURCHES ACROSS NORTH AMERICA**

IF WE CONTINUE AT THE CURRENT RATE, BY 2030 $\frac{1}{3}$ of the SBC will be made up of churches planted by Southern Baptists since 2010.

 33% of all Southern Baptist churches outside the South have been started since 2010.

 23% of all Southern Baptist church baptisms outside the South came from churches started since 2010.



Pastor Birthdays

March Birthdays

- 17 David Smith
- 24 Claude Maggard

April Birthdays

- 3 Alan Evans
- 22 Andrew Dyer
- 27 Jake Brock
- 27 Larry Sowders

May Birthdays

- 26 Bobby Radford

Pastor Anniversaries

March Anniversaries

- 6 Barry & Kim Robinson

April Anniversaries

- 5 Trevor & Jamie Brummett
- 7 Gary & Lisa Kirby
- 8 Bobby & Wilma Radford
- 14 Ronnie & Jennifer Owens

May Anniversaries

Holiday Office Closings

- March 29 - Good Friday
- May 27 Memorial Day

Executive Board Meetings

- March 25
- April 29th
- May 20th.

Clear Creek Baptist Bible College Food Pounding: March 14

I'm always grateful for how our association serves the students at Clear Creek Baptist Bible College through the Annual Pounding and through the Thanksgiving Baskets. The generosity of our association churches is phenomenal. This year we will serve them again. If you want to participate in distributing the food we will be leaving the association by 8:30am on March 14, unloading the food and items, then we will stay for chapel service at 11:00am.

Please let Bro Tommy know if you plan on assisting in the distribution. 606-875-7298



CLEAR CREEK BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE POUNDING

Help us serve the students of Clear Creek by providing non-perishable food items and grocery gift cards

All items need to be in the association office by **March 8**.

MARCH 14 2024

For more details: call 606-864-9441 or email info@lrbaky.com

The poster features a teal background with a white shield logo containing a cross and an open book. A starburst graphic highlights the date 'MARCH 14 2024'. An illustration of a brown paper grocery bag overflowing with various food items like cereal, soups, and canned goods is shown on the right. A small logo with a cross inside a square is at the bottom left.

Upcoming Activities in our Missions Organizations



The WMU director's meeting will be **March 18** at the LRBA Ministry Center at 6:00pm.

The Quarterly WMU meeting will be **April 18** at New Salem Baptist Church beginning at 6:00pm

The WMU director's meeting will be **May 13** at the LRBA Ministry Center at 6:00pm.



Our next Baptist Men's Brotherhood meeting will be **May 2 at Old Salem Baptist Church**. There will be a meal, meal will begin at 6:00pm and meeting will follow

Laurel Lake Baptist Camp: July 22-26 2024

Our camp committee has been working hard to plan and organize this year's camp. We launched the online registration and updated the website on March 1. We believe that this will be another great camp, There will be some things that look differently but the spirit of what you've grown to love about camp remains.

This year's camp theme is called "Upstream". Our students will learn how to live a Christ centered life in a self centered world. The current of today's culture is moving rapidly in one direction, but as God's people we are called to be different and go a completely different direction from the culture. We go in God's direction, (upstream) against the flow of the cultures current.

I want to direct you to our website for info about camp at www.lrbaky.com/camp or scan the qr code to register now for camp. **We are also having a special informational meeting April 11th at New Salem Baptist. Beginning at 6:00pm with at meal.** This meeting is for all pastors, and church group leaders and prospective counselors.



Reach Evangelism Conference March 11-12, 2024

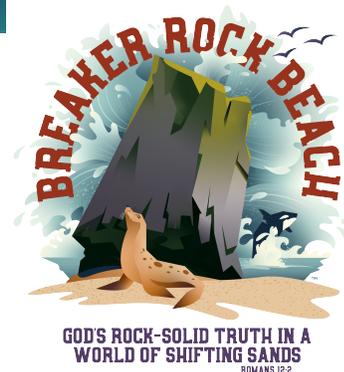


I am very excited about this year's Reach Evangelism Conference that our state convention puts together every year. The conference is packed full of encouraging messages and break-out sessions that equip and minister to each person. I have the opportunity to introduce Jay Stract this year as one of the plenary speakers. When I was a teenager, I attended a youth evangelism conference in Frankfort KY, Jay Stract was the evangelist for that event. God used Jay Stract to call me into ministry nearly 30 years ago! I have an opportunity to say thank you to Jay for

letting God use him to impact my life. I believe the Reach conference is one of the best events the Ky Baptist Convention puts together each year for pastors and laypersons. I want to extend an offer to our pastors. If you would like to attend the reach conference and finances for this event is an issue. Let the association pay your way. We will cover your hotel expense for you and your wife to take that burden off of you. There is something for everyone at the Reach conference.

VBS Training Event March 23, Richmond

Vacation Bible School is one of the greatest ministry for kids and families that most church will do all year. This year I am encouraging you to attend the VBS training event at FBC Richmond on March 23. The event will be led by kids ministry specialist. Even if you do not use the Lifeway VBS this event will help you lead a VBS experience and reach your community for Christ. Our association will be participating in the VBS incentive plan again this year, meaning that the association will receive a 5% commission of VBS sales when churches order through the association. Let me know how I can serve your church this year through VBS.



A word from our director

Spring is just around the corner, I can feel it in the air, I notice it when I breathe. I can smell the flowers blooming the pollen from the trees. Spring is here! With Spring comes a newness of life, the things that were dormant and seemingly dead during the winter months are making their comeback to life. As a people we are similar. There are seasons of life that cause us to think that there is no hope for tomorrow. Whether that is the sudden loss of a friend or a spouse, mother or father or even a child. There are seasons when things seem hopeless. One thing I love about Springtime is that we as believers celebrate the hope of Christ in Easter. Not only do we celebrate that hope we proclaim that hope to a world that is desperately needing Jesus. No matter how dark and hopeless things may appear in our world we hold on to Jesus. Every new day starts in the dark of night. The most hopeless situations are just a moment away from a new beginning. A time when we realize that God is doing a new thing and causing a new birth. This Easter spend some time marveling at how God is bringing about a new life and thank Him for what He has done through His Son Jesus.





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