



# The Messenger

**Week of Prayer for North American Missions**  
**March 6-13, 2022**

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*Your prayers have an eternal impact*

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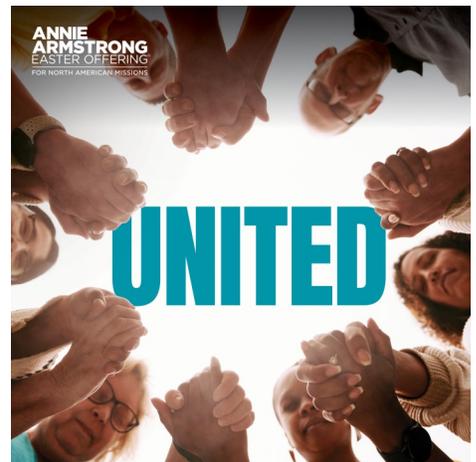
### Upcoming Events

- Grief Share Support Group meets each Sunday at 2pm
- Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 6-12
- Lead Defend Conference, March 5
- Women’s Tea Party, March 6

The theme for this year’s offering is **United**, and the focal verses are **Romans 15:5-6**. In this passage, Paul is addressing the members of the new church in Rome, which was a diverse community. It was made up of Jews and Gentiles, slave and free, rich and poor, strong and weak. We can be sure there were as many ideas on the “right” ways to live and do ministry as there were individuals. Sound familiar? While the church must be uncompromising in her stand against activities that are expressly forbidden in Scripture—such as sexual sin, murder and theft— we should not let “disputable things” (Romans 14:1) divide us in our efforts to carry out the Great Commission. Division is the age-old strategy of the devil. He uses this strategy among family members, church members and the Christian faith at large. Paul encourages us to accept and be patient with one another so that we may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ with one mind and one voice (Romans 15:6). When we work together as the body of Christ, having in mind to accomplish the mission He has given us and yielding to the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we are a force to be reckoned with. This truth is evidenced in the lives of missionary families who are serving throughout North America.

Maybe all of us can’t go to the mission fields, but we can all give something to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering helps to fund missionaries in church planting all over North America. Most are ministering to hard-to-reach people in hard-to-reach places to see lives miraculously changed as people discover a new life in Christ. That’s something worth investing in. We can also pray for these missionaries.

Reaching the estimated 275 million lost people in North America with the gospel is a challenge which calls Southern Baptists to be **UNITED** in prayer, gospel witness and giving. May God receive the glory as we are **UNITED** in all we do to reach the lost people of North America!



Our church goal for this offering is \$5,000.

#### **Stitching with Love Ministry**

meets every 1st Thursday  
March 3 at 9am –12pm.

#### **Men’s Prayer Breakfast**

Every 2nd Saturday of each month.  
March 12 at 8 am

#### **Extension Homemakers Club**

meets every 3rd Wednesday  
March 16 at 9:30 am



There was no one to blame for Cain's crime. In a day when crime and bad behavior is always blamed on something, somebody, or circumstance, it is a good thing to look back at the first crime recorded in the Bible. Cain's murder of his brother Abel. They had the same parents, they were raised in the same home, and while Cain was the oldest, there is nothing in the Bible that indicates that he was favored over his little younger brother Abel.

Cain could not blame his parents, or peer pressure, or society, for what he did, He couldn't say he was running with a bad crowd. Or that his parents had not taught him right from wrong. The only person in his life besides his parents, Adam and Eve, was his brother Abel. The four of them made up the first family, and Cain and Abel the first brothers.

Cain and Abel had different jobs, Cain was a farmer, and Abel was a shepherd. They both offered a sacrifice to God from the work that they had done. God spoke to both of them. We are told in scripture that God had no respect for Cain's offering, but He did respect Abel's offering. The only clue why one was respected, and the other rejected is in what God says to Cain, "If you do well, will you not be accepted?" We are left to wonder what Cain did that wasn't right.

The truth that God spoke made Cain angry. So angry that when he and Abel were alone in the field, Cain killed his brother. His anger and sin desired to rule over him, and that is why he killed Abel. He was angry, and he didn't control his anger, his anger controlled him. He was punished by God and became a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, he could no longer be a farmer.

We often find ourselves doing the wrong thing, for the same reason, we are not controlling our tempers. Leviticus 19:18 commands, "You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD." And James 1:20 says, "the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

The nation is very angry right now, so let's pray that the anger of others will not be the excuse we use to become angry ourselves. There is no reason for us to try and hurt others. We are all brothers, and sisters. Let us ask God to help us worship him, and treat each other with kindness, and love. God help us so that anger doesn't make a fool out of us, or control us, or cause us to sin.

*Terry Fortner*

**Don't Forget the Women's Tea Party March 6, 2022 from 2-4 pm**

**Who was Annie Armstrong?**

Annie was born in Baltimore at a time when there was little opportunity for women. Yet, her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.

**Annie's Contributions**



**(1850-1938)**

- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union.
- Led the formation of missions' organizations for children
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Refused a salary because she would never give to the Lord "that which costs me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- She was honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

## Youth, Children & Other Happenings



### Update from Brother Rich

#### Hi Zion Hill Family!

We are closing out the winter months and entering the spring! With that I hope we spring into a season of growth! Our students have a lot to look forward to! With church camp and VBS coming up quickly we begin to plan for that so please be in prayer!

On Friday, March 25th we are having a Kids Day Out event! The event is still to be determined but I assure you it will be fun!!

Please be in prayer for our young people. There is so much going on in their lives and they need positive influences. They need to know God still reigns supreme throughout all the darkness in the world. They need to know they are seen and loved and have a safe haven here at church. I pray that we as a church reach out to them to encourage them in their daily lives.

Also please be in prayer for VBS and church camp as those dates are coming quickly. Pray for the leaders and volunteers as we prepare for another year of God's work through VBS. I look forward to what March will hold for us! God Bless!

#### Weekly Youth Gatherings

- **Wednesday Night Switch Services**  
Music and a devotion from 6:30-7:30pm.

#### School's Out

- JNP—March 21-25
- PCSSD—March 21-25
- Cabot—March 18, 21-25

**Invite your friends and come join us!**



#### Support Group

Will continue meeting each Sunday from 2-4 pm through the month of March.

#### Spring Break Kids Day Out ~ March 25 ~ 10 am to 2 pm



New Sunday Night Growth Group Bible Study Starting March 27, 2022 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall The Pathway: A Study of Esther.



*~Your brother in Christ, Rich*

*Children's Choir will begin practice for the Easter program on March 20th at 6:00pm See Gary Vaile for more information*



## Zion Hill Baptist Church Service Times

### Sunday

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship  
11:30 am Children's Worship (in the Fellowship Hall)  
6:00 pm Growth Group (Sanctuary)  
6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Basement)

### Tuesday

10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

### Wednesday

6:30 pm Mid-Week Services  
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
(3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)

### March

2 Midweek Services  
3 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry  
5 Lead Defend Student Conference / NPBA Evangelism Training  
6 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting  
6 Sunday Services—Lord's Supper—Annie Armstrong Offering  
6-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions  
6 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group  
6 2:00 pm Women's Tea Party  
6 5:00 pm Church Council Meeting  
9 6:30 pm Midweek Services  
12 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
12 Daylight Savings Time-Spring Forward 1 Hour  
13 Sunday Services  
13 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting  
13 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group  
16 9:30 am Extension Homemakers Club Meeting  
16 6:30 pm Midweek Services-Business Meeting  
17 St. Patrick's Day  
20 Sunday Services—1st Day of Spring  
20 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group  
20 5:00 pm Caregiver Meeting  
21-25 Spring Break  
23 6:30 pm Midweek Services  
25 10:00 am KDO Activity  
27 Sunday Services  
27 2:00 pm Grief Share Support Group  
30 6:30 pm Midweek Services

## March Activities



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Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday services can be viewed at [www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons](http://www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons)

**On Thursday, March 3, FBC Sherwood is hosting a prayer gathering. All are invited to gather in prayer beginning at 6:00 pm. A light dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Let Karla know by February 28 if planning to attend for the dinner portion.**

On March 12 move the clocks ahead one hour and spring forward.



After the winter we've had, I'm all for anything with the word "spring" in it!



**NORTH PULASKI  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

## Evangelism Training March 5, 2022

Are you interested in learning to evangelize without memorizing? Learning some misconceptions to evangelizing and overcoming any fear in witnessing to others? Then you need to come to this free evangelism training by Dr. Matt Queen.

It will be held at Central Baptist Church in North Little Rock on March 5, 2022. It begins at 8:30 am with a continental breakfast and then from 9am to 12pm you'll learn key aspects of evangelism. Lunch will be served at noon. Go to <https://cbcnlr.org/> to register for the event.

If you're not currently receiving email prayer requests and information updates and you would like to be added to the list, please let Karla know. You can email me at [zionhillbc@gmail.com](mailto:zionhillbc@gmail.com) to be added to the list.