



The Messenger

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Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 5-12, 2023

What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$2 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Because of this sacrificial giving, millions of lives have been and continue to be transformed by the power of the gospel.

Your gifts move the mission forward

Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® provide support for thousands of missionaries. These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and meeting needs through compassion ministries. Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed. Many North American cities could reasonable be called pre-Christian. Even in the traditional "Bible Belt" Christianity is being pushed to the margins. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel.

At the North American Mission Board, we see a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. With your partnership, we're committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses.

Fast Facts

- Amount of NAMB budget provided by Cooperative Program: 35%
- Amount of NAMB budget provided by Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: 50%
- Year offering started: In 1895 by WMU®
- Amount given in 1895: \$5,000 +
- Year offering named after Annie Armstrong: 1934
- Total offering gifts to date: Over \$2 billion

Stitching with Love Ministry

meets every 1st Thursday
March 2 at 9am –12pm.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every 2nd Saturday of each month.
March 11 at 8 am

Sr. Saints Fellowship

meets every 3rd Tuesday
March 21 at 11:00 am



Trust in His Word

God's will or my will. Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Our father, which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." I struggle with my life's challenges? I wake up with aches and pain in my back, legs or shoulder. Some days I have a pain in my heart from worries, fears, and disappointments. I have regrets about things I should have done or I didn't do. I have many concerns. They can be financial, physical or mental that cause grief. I may struggle with how this is God's will for my life today.

I believe that God knows all about our earthly life from birth to death. He gives us free will to choose each day how to live it. If we have chosen Jesus as our savior we have help. The Holy Spirit lives in us to guide us through our trials. We must ask for His help in understanding this life. And then listen for His guidance in all circumstances. Sounds easy enough, but am I really listening for help? Or am I seeing it my way and going that pathway instead of His? Sometimes I will seek the answer through a quiet prayer. Other times I regret to say I go down my own path. When things happen, I question, could this be God's will? If it turns out bad will God turn it into good?

I'm sure that I often do not see the good God does, until long after He does it and I look back and realize that He was with me, and what He did, or allowed to happen in my life was for my good and His glory. I feel discouraged and alone

at times with life's troubles. I don't see how good can come from my pain and grief. My heart and my body ache, but I must live on today. I need to carry a hope that somehow good will come. Even though I don't see God's love, I need to have faith. If the Bible is truly God's words for us to live by, then we must carry on by that faith that all things work for His good and will bring someone joy and Glory to Him.

Jesus suffered and died for the sins of everyone. We can all be free, but we also have free will to choose who we will follow. He offered all forgiveness when we ask for it for our sins, whether deliberate or by mistake. Even though we don't always understand, we should continue in faith and seek the Holy Spirit's advice always. Try not to get discouraged and know that God will cause good in your life. You can trust Him, because He has never broken His promise. I get upset with God at times, but He always forgives when I repent. May you, if you are troubled, have the faith to carry on and the hope that the Holy Spirit will help you get through whatever your struggles. If life's good now, reach out to someone hurting and give them that hope the Bible says will come.

Trust in God's word. "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."(1 Cor. 10:13)

Terry Fortner



NPBA Children's Ministry Fellowship

March 3 ~ 7pm to 9pm

Kids 1st Grade through 6th Grade are invited to compete in Nerf Wars at Abundant Life School . Address is 9200 Hwy. 107, Sherwood. Kids must wear appropriate shoes, have eye protection and bring their own nerf gun. Only standard action guns allowed. No electric guns, and no bows & arrows. Bullets will be provided along with pizza and water! Event is free, but registration is required.

Operation Christmas Child

Let's continue to bring items to fill the boxes.

Here's the list of items requested so far:

January—scarves, and mittens

February—hair brush, comb & toothbrush

March—small toys & puzzles.

Please place items in the box in the breezeway.

Each month, there will be different items we'll be asking for to fill the boxes. In November of 2023, we'll have a packing party and assemble all of the items into boxes for each child. Let's use this opportunity to bless so many children across the globe. It's more than just the box of gifts the children receive. Children learn from trained, local volunteers what it means to follow Jesus and share their faith with friends and family. Let's share Jesus with them!



Youth, Children & Other Happenings

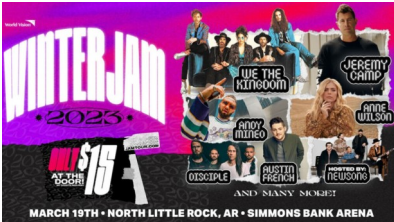
Weekly Youth Gatherings

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

Invite your friends and come join us!



Upcoming Events & Outings



WINTERJAM 2023
March 19 Doors
Open at 5:00pm

Senior Saints Outing

Second Baptist Church Jacksonville, AR
Thursday, March 9, 2023

Special Guest ~ The Perry's ~ For a Night of Worship
We will take the church van to the concert. Leaving the church at 6 pm. Please sign up if you need a ride.
A love offering will be received.



CHILDREN'S EASTER CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, APRIL 1 • 10 AM-12 PM

Come join the fun! There will be a fun craft to make, snacks, easter egg hunt AND get your picture made with the Easter Bunny! Don't miss it!



Save the Date!!! VBS 2023 June 11-15

We are in need of old games (can have missing pieces) and cereal boxes. Place in the box in the breezeway.

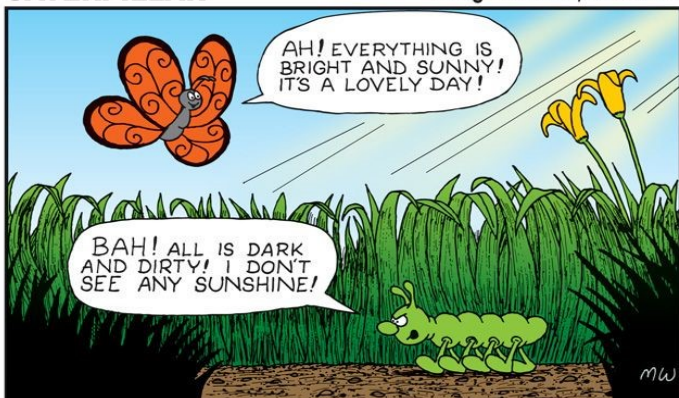
Kids Camp at Camp Siloam

See the sign up sheet in the breezeway and sign up by **April 2** Let us know if you will be needing a Scholarship. You are also welcome to sponsor a child for camp. Just note it on your offering envelope.

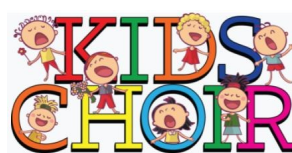


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A Joyful *toon* by Mike Waters



In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." - JOHN 3:3 NIV



Children's Choir Practice
meets Sundays at 6:00 pm!
After Easter, they will take a break from practice.

March Activities

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 (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study (Basement)

Tuesday

- 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday

- 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal
 6:30 pm Mid-Week Services
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 (3rd Wednesday is Business Meeting)
 GA's, RA's, Mission Friends,
 Youth *Switch* Service

March

- 1 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal & Midweek Services
 2 9:00 am Stitching with Love Ministry
 5 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting
 5 Sunday Services—Lord's Supper
 5-12 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Mission Offering
 7 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
 8 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal & Midweek Services
 9 6:00 pm Senior Saints to 2nd Baptist Jacksonville for Concert
 11 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast (DST—Spring Forward 1 Hour)
 12 Sunday Services
 12 12:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting
 12 2:00 pm Women's Bible Study
 14 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
 15 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal & Midweek Services (Bus. Meeting)
 17 Youth Lock In (St. Patrick's Day)
 19 Sunday Services
 19 5:00 pm Caregiver Ministry Meeting
 19 Winter Jam
 20-24 Spring Break for Public Schools
 21 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study & Sr. Saints Fellowship
 22 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal & Midweek Services
 24 Kids Day Out—TBD
 26 Sunday Services
 28 10:00 am Tuesday Bible Study
 29 5:45 pm Wednesday Night Meal & Midweek Services



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Recent videos of Zion Hill's Sunday services can be viewed at www.zionhillcabot.com/sermons



**First Electric
Cooperative**

Apply Now for 2023 Scholarships
Do you know any high school seniors?

First Electric Cooperative (FECC) will award \$2,000 scholarships to nine high school seniors living in the co-op's service area in 2023. They are funded through the member-supported **Operation Round-Up** program. To be eligible for the scholarships, applicants must be a high school senior whose parents or guardians are First Electric members. They must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average through their senior year of high school and after graduation attend an accredited institute of higher learning in Arkansas on a full-time basis, which includes technical career programs. Deadline to apply is May 1!

Applications may also be picked up from First Electric district offices.

For more information on these opportunities, call [800-489-7405](tel:800-489-7405) or talk to your high school guidance counselor.



Wednesday Night Meals

5:45—6:15 pm Cost is only \$4.00 per person to help cover food costs. Plan on joining us for this fellowship meal before Bible Study each Wednesday. You'll get fed in body and in spirit!

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 to be added to the list.