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## NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

*Living With Urgency - Sharing God's Transforming Power*



**NATIONAL  
GOAL:**

**\$70 million**

**FBC  
OFFERING GOAL:**

**\$28,000**

### ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FAST FACTS:

- ❖ **Reason we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering:**  
To help our missionary force reach for Christ an estimated 255 million lost people in the United States and Canada; that's three of four people.
- ❖ **Amount of AAEO used to support missionaries and their work:**  
100%
- ❖ **Number of North American Mission Board missionaries:**  
More than 5,300 - Generally one third of the number represents career missionaries, a third are short-term funded missionaries and a third are Mission Service Corp missionaries.

## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Hello First Baptist,

### Invite a Friend:

Have you ever thought about how you heard of First Baptist Church? I know there are many in our church family who have been a member here for a number of years and how I thank God for their faithfulness during those years. Whether you have been here for many years or two weeks, how did you hear of First Baptist Church?

According to the latest George Barna Statistic, 93% of everyone who visits a church does so because a friend, relative, associate, or neighbor invited them. Let me challenge you to be one of those who invites someone to come to First Baptist this Sunday.

### Sunday School:

Let me encourage you to attend a Sunday School class. If you have attended a worship service since I have been your pastor you have heard me say this once or twice, "You will never be what God intends for you to be if you do not get involved in Sunday School".

### High Attendance:

On March 28th we are going to have a "Just for You" Sunday. This will be an old fashion High Attendance Sunday. We will have more information about this GREAT day this Sunday.

From this pastor's heart, I deeply love you with an AGAPE love. See you this Sunday.

Lifting up Jesus,  
Bro. Chad

## THANK YOU!

WOW! What an amazing church family we have! Thank you so much for your support in making our day school and kindergarten families feel welcome Sunday night.

I appreciate so much all the food you brought! Everything was delicious and just perfect!

THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!  
THANK YOU!  
Martha Harrison



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 14

Set your clocks ahead one hour  
before you go to bed  
Saturday night!

## SUNDAY'S DECISIONS



Salvation  
Laina Lowry

Laina, the daughter of Mark and Stacy Lowry, is home schooled. She likes to jump on her trampoline and enjoys painting. Laina has one older sister, Cara. We welcome Laina!



Salvation  
Linda Douglas

Linda grew up in many places - Michigan, Missouri, Japan, just to name three. She is employed with Hobby Lobby. Linda has one daughter, Kim, and loves playing momma and grandmother. Welcome, Linda!



Salvation  
Laurie Sommers

Laurie has recently moved to Tupelo. We welcome her to First Baptist Church and to the family of God!

## SPRING BREAK WEEK SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 14

Regular Morning Schedule

Discipleship Classes at regular times

5:00 p.m. Children's Game Night - CLC  
**NO Youth or Children's Choirs**

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Wednesday, March 17

No Family Night Supper

6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Service  
Children's Game Night - CLC  
**NO Awana or 542**

**Sunday, March 28 is**

*Just for  
You*  
**SUNDAY**

TO COME VISIT,  
TO COME BACK,  
TO COME WORSHIP!

**TO COME VISIT:**

We want to invite our neighbors to come be our guests in Sunday School & Worship!

**TO COME BACK:**

We plan to reach out to those in our fellowship who have been out for a while and invite them to come back & see what God is doing here!

**TO COME WORSHIP:**

We want to lift up Jesus on Palm Sunday & remember that His gift of love was

*Just for You & Just for Me!*

We will be contacting people through Sunday School & doing several neighborhood blitzes on Saturday, March 27.



**GUY'S WEEKEND**

**March 26-27**

**Whitetail Ridge Shooting Center**

*Camping, Paintball,  
Skeet Shooting, Fishing,  
Rifle & Pistol Range  
& of course, Food!!*

Sign up in the Grand Hall.

**OUR CHURCH ON MISSION**

**APARTMENT MINISTRY**

Sunday, March 14 • 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Tupelo Trace Apartments

**APARTMENT MINISTRY NEED**

**Plastic Easter Eggs**

**with one piece of candy inside**

We need a total of 2,400 eggs.

Collection boxes are in the main foyer & grand hall.  
Last day to drop off eggs will be March 28.

**MISSION JOURNEYS**

*Look for details in the mission booklet outside  
the sanctuary or online at [fbctupelo.org](http://fbctupelo.org).*

**"SHARE THE LIGHT" FUND**

This fund helps to support missions locally, nationally & internationally. Prayerfully consider this fund when you give honorariums or memorials.

**SPAGHETTI LUNCH FUND RAISER**

**for Children's Camp**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

Two seatings:

Have lunch with us  
following Sunday School  
or following the 11:00 service



**SENIOR  
ADULT  
CORNER**

**P.E.P CLUB LUNCHEON**

Thursday, April 1

12:00 noon ~ Fellowship Hall

*Theme: "He Is Risen"*

*Musical Guest: Paul Reed*

**Sign up by Sunday, March 28**

**in the Grand Hall or on the Senior Adult board.**

**SPRING INTO ACTION**

*Check the Seniors Board  
to find your ministry at FBC!*

**Senior Adult Game Day**

Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the CLC  
(except for P.E.P. Club day)  
*Join us for fun & fellowship!*

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 14

### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Library Open
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Shop Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 1:30 p.m. Apartment Ministry
- 4:15 p.m. Crown Biblical Financial Study-245
- 5:00 p.m. Discipleship Classes
- Game Night for Children - Gym
- Stewardship Committee - Conf.Rm
- 5:30 p.m. Library Open
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Deacons' Meeting - Choir Room
- Alan Brown SS Fellowship - CSC
- Basketball for anyone who wants to play - Gym

Monday, March 15

- 9:00 a.m. Ceramics - Craft Room

Tuesday, March 16

- 9:00 a.m. Library Open

Wednesday, March 17

- 2:00 p.m. Men's Coffee Break - GH
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study/Prayer Service - Sanc.
- Game Night for Children - Gym



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Still a few spots for  
**STUDENT LIFE CAMP**  
June 28-July 2.

Contact Kim if interested.

Be praying about **SUPER SUMMER**. Those who have completed the eighth grade, contact Kim or Daniel, if interested.

## SERVING IN EXTENDED SESSION March 14, 2010

### 8:15 Service

- Babies Brent & Michele McBride
- Creepers/Toddlers Michelle Powers
- Michelle Flatt
- Two/Threes Randy & Susanne Gammill

### 11:00 Service

- Babies Diane Brown, Norma Wicker
- Creepers/Toddlers Mike & Linsey Palmer
- Twos Bart & Tina Cox
- Threes Peggy Gilliland

### 6:00 Service

- Babies/Creepers
- Toddlers/2's/3's Tim & Christina Brown

## FOCUS ON OUR FAMILY

### NMMC

3345 Steve Megginson

### CONGRATULATIONS

The First Baptist family rejoices with Brian and Jenna Leigh Aldridge on the arrival of a daughter, Embry Lane Aldridge, born March 9, weighing 6 lbs. 8 oz. Proud grandparents are Louis and Janice Aldridge.

### THANK YOU

Thank you notes have been received in the church office from Marilyn Jensen  
Mary Quandt  
Velma Byars

### REPORTS

#### March 7, 2010

Sunday School Enrollment	1017
Sunday School Attendance	608
Morning Worship Attendance	616
Evening Worship Attendance	424
Budget Requirements	35,171.00
Budget Received	44,645.28
Budget Requirements to date	808,933.00
Budget Received to date	788,074.98
Annie Armstrong Offering	4,087.68

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

Please call the church office, 842-1327, if you have a change of address, phone number, etc.

### SUNDAY SECURITY • March 14

- 8:15 a.m. Mike Coutoumanos
- Jimmy Floyd
- 11:00 a.m. Curt Collins, Forest Nabors
- 6:00 p.m. Jeff Cox

**MORNING ESL CLASSES TO BEGIN MONDAY, MARCH 22 at FBC 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

### FBC Members:

Please help us get the word out.

Tell your friends, neighbors, employees, employers, etc.

Classes are completely free & childcare is available.

## FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Wednesday, March 17

Spring Break  
NO SUPPER

### IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

Minister on Call This Weekend  
Randy Wood 231-3265

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 300 N. CHURCH STREET TUPELO, MS 38804

Chad Grayson ..... Pastor  
Ricky Young ..... Associate Pastor of Growing  
Lee Allred .. Assoc. Pastor of Serving/Supporting  
Randy Wood .. Assoc. Pastor of Music Ministries  
Dave Jensen ..... Minister to Single Adults  
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Martha Harrison . Director of Preschool Ministry  
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