



United Love *letters*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | UNITED LOVE BAPTIST CHURCH | MARCH 2017

Together For His Kingdom

2017 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

But when they believed Phillip, as he preached the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 8:12 (HCSB)

Just as the early church worked together to effectively build the kingdom of God, Southern Baptists work together through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering to equip the more than 5,6000 commissioned missionaries serving in the United States, Canada and their territories. Your gifts are used 100% to support and train these missionaries, providing shepherds to the lost and reaching the unreached with mercy and the good news of Jesus.

Designated envelopes and prayer guides will be included in the March 12 bulletin. The ingathering and dedication of our gifts will be held on Sunday, April 9.

In order to receive contribution credit, your gift **must** be in an envelope clearly marked with your name, amount enclosed, and designated for this offering.

Calendar

- Mar 1st - Ash Wednesday Service
- Mar 4th – Middle School Youth Bowling and Dinner
- Mar 10th – GO Club outing to Captain Steve's. Meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 13th - Deacons
- Mar 16th – Sunshine Women on Mission
- Mar 18th - 19th - Youth Lock-In and Service Project
- Mar 22nd – Women's Wednesday Bible Study *Me, Myself, and Lies* begins

From Your Pastor

Happy March, church family! Are you ready for spring cleaning? March 20th begins the season of spring. I remember in 1966 watching a show called "The Beverly Hillbillies." You older folk will remember this show, but you younger youth will not. "The Beverly Hillbillies" was a show about a family named Clampett who were hillbillies that found oil on their land. They moved to Beverly Hills to live in a big old mansion. In one of the shows that was about spring cleaning, Granny decided it was time to do some spring cleaning in the mansion. She had the family move everything out of the mansion and out in the front so that she could clean and scrub the whole mansion. This was a house with 35 rooms. This would take a lot of work to clean.

March 1st is the beginning of spring cleaning for the Christian. This is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Lent is 40 days beginning March 1st and ending on April 15th, the Saturday before Easter. We don't count the Sundays during Lent as they are days to remember Jesus' resurrection. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 6:19, "that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit." Paul was saying every part of our lives is a part of God's Temple. We give to Him all parts of our life. This is our social, our family, our work, the life we live.

Lent is the perfect time to take out every part of my life and look at it and see before God what I need to clean up. David, in cleaning up his life, said to God in Psalm 51:7-8, "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me hear joy and gladness, that the bones you have broken may rejoice."

With the many parts of our lives we must work hard to take it all out and look at it like Granny did to that 35 room mansion, bring them before God, and let him, in our confession, clean us up. During the Sundays in Lent, I will help you by sharing some sermons that we need to look at as a church and as Christians. Happy spring cleaning!

Rev. Marvin Tyson

Youth Summer Camp

Caswell 2017

July 24-29

Cost for the week is \$356.00 per person. A NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$210.50 is due by Sunday, March 12

March Sermon Series

Sunday, March 5

Drama, Drama, Drama
1 Galatians 5:15-16

Sunday, March 12

Are You Light or Are You Darkness?
Matthew 5:16

Sunday, March 19

A Life of Joy
Nehemiah 8:9-12

Sunday, March 26

Encouragement vs. Discouragement
Hebrews 10:24-25

Church Family Updates

- ♥ Congratulations to Barbara Simmons and Bob Cauthen who were united in marriage on Saturday, February 18
- ♥ Christian sympathy is extended to Jack Early and family at the death of his cousin. Ron Arthur

From Your Youth Minister

*In the Spring, at the end of the day,
you should smell like dirt.
Margaret Atwood*

As a child, I loved playing in the dirt. We made mud pies. We splashed in rain puddles after a spring rain. On pretty days, my cousins and I loved going to this park that had this massive hill. We would go to the top of the hill, lie down at the top of it and roll down. It was nature's theme park ride as we tumbled, limb over limb to the bottom. We found adventure in the grass and dirt. We laughed, we played and we made wonderful memories.

March is here and Spring around the corner. New life. New adventure in God's creation. As we reflect this month on various aspects of our spiritual walk with the Lord with the season of Lent before us, I encourage you to take some time to get outside. Put the technology down, grab your family and introduce them to something you did as a child that caused your breath to be taken away. Maybe it will be a hike, picking flowers or even a picnic in a favorite spot. Whatever you do, enjoy the beauty of God's masterpiece...each other and this great big world! Happy March and Happy Spring!

*This is the day the Lord has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

Tammy Melton

Sunshine Women on Mission will meet Thursday, March 16 at 10:30 a.m. at the church. Guest speaker will be from Cabarrus Women's Center. Mission project is a shower for the Women's Center (baby clothes, diapers, wipes, etc.) Bring a covered dish to share in a time of fellowship following the meeting.

From Your Minister of Music

March ... Springtime ... or so the calendar says, anyway. We get just enough to make us want more. We wait and we watch. We anticipate with great expectations the warmth on our skin, the smell of the fresh spring air, the beauty of the blossoms exploding over new green grass.

Ah ... and how God's love is so evident in all this! He gives us just enough to make us want more. We wait and we watch, anticipating with great expectations that glorious day of His return.

*My Beloved, bring me awake.
Take me up to Your resurrection place.
My Beloved, bring me awake.
I wanna feel Your light on my face.
There's a sun coming up in my soul,
Lord, in my soul.
I see the light, I see the light.
Oh, thank You, God, I see the light.*

David Crowder

So with the arrival of Springtime, as nature "wakes up," let us pray that we also will be awakened by the Spirit, our Beloved God. May the sun come up in our souls!

The "Son" is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

Colossians 1:15-16

And if that doesn't make you want to praise and worship?

Blessings,

Rev. Rodney A. Hughes, DD

ULBC Music Ministry presents
Blessed Dawn
Rejoice in the Light of Easter's Day
Sunday, April 9 10:30 a.m.

March Birthday Celebrations

5 – Caren Gober
6 – Al Rasberry
14 – Jerry Deese
18 – Brian Ward
19 – Carsen Masterton
20 – Tripp Mabrey, Shirley Thompson
25 – Doug Flowe
27 – Janice Brewer
28 – Shayne Hatfield

March Anniversary Celebrations

4 – Jack and Shirley Earley
18 – Shaun and Megan Peterson
26 – Alan and Kristie Alexander
27 – Steve and Cindy Carter

Gifts have been received in memory of

John Paul McManus

and designated to our senior adult fund from

*Bob and Pat McKinley; Elizabeth Park; the Kistler family;
Mike and Bonnie McManus; Damaso and Frances Lopez;
Willie McManus; Marguerite Walsh; Tommy and Shirley
Thompson; Brenda K. Bouler; Willis A. Goodrum; Libby
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Beth, and Katie Manus; Lenard and Sandra Ferguson;
Freeman White Company; Arlene P. Whitley; Eudenia
Hilton; Donald and Yvonne Haverlah; Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Hahn; and Staton and Sally Boyette.*

Our Gifts to ULBC

Sunday, February 5

Sunday School: 70; Worship: 112

Budget: \$3,929.00

Senior Adult Fund: \$225.00

Sunday, February 12

Sunday School: 65; Worship: 109

Budget: \$3,799.00

Senior Adult Fund: \$50.00

NC WMU Heck-Jones Offering: \$50.00

Sunday, February 19

Sunday School: 77; Worship: 121

Budget: \$3,871.00

Senior Adult Fund: \$25.00

NC WMU Heck-Jones Offering: \$285.00

Sunday, February 26

Sunday School: 65; Worship: 131

Budget: \$5,466.00

Budget Required Weekly: \$5,112.38

Budget Required Through Feb. 26: \$46,011.42

Budget Received Through Feb. 26: \$38,710.10

2017 Budget (+ or -): -\$7,301.32

Coming in April ...

Annual Food Drive for the Baptist Children's Homes of NC

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