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LIVE WITH URGENCY



ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING®
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

NATIONAL GOAL: \$61,000,000
FBC GOAL: \$6,000



The ANNIE of the Offering

Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and hand-writing letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share Gods love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

CHARLTON BOZARD
MUSIC/ADULT ACTIVITIES

REN BRAY
EDUCATION/YOUTH
MINISTRIES

DR. LONNIE SHULL
PASTOR EMERITUS



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Sunday

9:30 am Library open
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship
5:30 pm Library open
6:00 pm Evening Worship

Wednesday

5:30 Supper/ Library open
6:00 pm Children/Youth
Activities start
6:30 pm Prayer Meeting
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir



In Loving Memory
David Aubrey Wilson

October 17, 1927 - February, 2008



*A Valentine
Thank You!*

A wonderful time was had by all at the 2008 Valentine Banquet. We were delighted that we had 157 attend the banquet. We had great food, entertainment and a very moving testimony about God's love and provision by our speakers, Ken and Maris Owens.

We learned that Dewey and Sonja Cockrell have been Married for 65 years and that Jerad Dunlap, grandson of Evelyn Dunlap, and his wife, Mary, have been married less than 4 months. We also learned that both Bob and Debbie Price and Ken and Maria Owens became engaged on Valentines Day. You just never know what new information you will learn about fellow church members!!

I want to take this opportunity to say a "BIG Thank You" to so many who helped make the banquet a success. Without you, this event would not have been possible.

- To Anne Brown and Jannas Matthews who worked tirelessly in the kitchen to prepare a wonderful meal;
- To Billy and Barbara Hayes for securing the fantastic speakers and entertainment for the evening;
- To Renee Shaffer and Lexie Chatham who provided help in so many areas but especially in coordinating the serving of the food;
- To Curtis, Mary and Lori Loftis who beautifully and elegantly decorated the fellowship hall for the event.
- To Steve Shaffer for the beautiful signage provided to advertise the event;
- To Ren Bray who supported this event in so many ways - too many to list;
- To those who helped serve the food: Andy Brown, Lexie Chatham, Billy Hayes, Renee Shaffer, and Debra Gauden;
- To Josh Broadus, Justin Norton and Mark Simpson who did everything from hauling chairs to taking photos;
- To Amelia Schafer and Sallie Bozard for providing childcare workers for the children;
- To Charlton Bozard for acting as our official MC;
- To all those who stayed to help clean off tables and move chairs;
- To Buddy Delaney, Renee Shaffer, Al Loftis, and the West Columbia Red Lobster who donated prizes and/or supplies;
- Finally, to those who helped clean up the kitchen - a HUGE job!! Many thanks go to Lee and Jannas Matthews, Amelia Schafer, Renee Shaffer, Billy Hayes and Colby Taylor (yes, he really did help!).

Dina Taylor
Faith in Action Facilitator

FROM THE WMU DIRECTOR!

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our Focus on WMU a success. We had a great Baptist Women's Day!! May Dixon brought a wonderful message on Sunday morning and our ladies choir was outstanding!

Special thanks to those who helped with the Brunch on Saturday. Sixty-four ladies and girls attended. Melanie Ratcliffe was our speaker and also brought a wonderful message. We also thank Dina and Brianna Taylor for our special music.

Our ladies brought 94 food items to be contributed to God's Helping Hands. Thank you for your generosity.

Thanks to our WMU Council who so willingly prepared our meal. It was beautiful as well as delicious.

Thanks also to our church staff for their support and assistance.

Mostly, thank you, Church Family, for your support of the WMU and its work throughout the year.

Joyce Crider
WMU Director

MEMORIALS

For Such A Time As This

In memory of Evelyn Brown

Given by: Mrs. Catherine Holladay

In memory of Marie Nichols

Given by: Mrs. Linda Miles, Mrs. Beatrice Roland
Mrs. Gerry Berry

In memory of Mildred Swindler

Given by: Eighth grade teachers of Hand Middle School

In memory of Thomas Merchant

Given by: Shaw Industries, Inc. of Columbia

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

In memory of David Wilson

Given by: Rev. & Mrs. Lonnie Shull

In memory of Mrs. Evelyn Brown and

Thomas Merchant

Given by: Mrs. Miriam King

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

In memory of David Wilson

Given by: The Seekers Bible Study Class



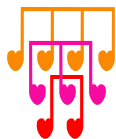
THANKS TO OUR LADIES
for a terrific Baptist Women's Choir
this past Sunday. You looked and
sounded great! Thanks for sharing!

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Now is a great time to join us in the choir! We are preparing for Easter as well as music for worship each week and would love to add you voice to ours. Come join us on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH DRAMA PREPARATIONS

Under the direction of Gordon Jackson, our youth are preparing a drama, "The Case of the Missing Body" to be presented on Sunday, March 16. Remember them in prayer as they prepare to lead a special worship experience during this coming Easter season.



Let me put in one more plug for **JUBILANT SINGERS**. This group of senior adults from our community is one of the most fun and most meaningful ministries in our area. Great musical ability is not required; just some time and a desire to minister in unique ways to our community. We meet on Thursdays (except BYC day) at 11 a.m. at Holland Avenue Baptist Church. Come join us! Contact me if you have questions.

Singing His Praises!

Charlton

Sunday, February 24
Rev. Don West will be preaching.

11:00 A.M.
"The Urgency of Now"
Nehemiah 1

6:00 p.m.
"Who Is Jesus"
John 3:16

Congratulations to Ren Bray for being elected chairman of the executive ministry team for the Lexington Baptist Association.



The First Baptist Church Family and Staff extend Christian love and sympathy to:
... The family of David Wilson;
... Leroy Fodor in the loss of his grandfather.



LIGHTHOUSE STUDENT MINISTRIES

Hands and Feet Ministries Are Here!

The Hands and Feet news letters are now available in Ren's office. This colorful tri-fold brochure lists all of the student events and activities for the next 6 months and beyond. These brochures are both a good source of information and make an awesome tool for outreach. I encourage you to pick one up today.

Congratulations

-To Joshua Broadus for making the varsity baseball team at Dreher High School. We are proud of you, keep up the good work!

Attention Bi-Lo Shoppers

Bi-lo now has two promotions going on right that could greatly benefit us. One promotion gives a token for gasoline for every \$35 spent. When you collect 10 tokens, you can exchange them for a \$25 gas card. Most people only get a few tokens but if we combined all the tokens for the First Family then we could use these gas cards for the church bus. The other program rewards tokens towards a ham for Easter. This would also help us with our Holy Week services or Benevolence. These programs end March 11, so please act quickly.

Thanks!



Easter Lilies

This year, you will have the opportunity to place Easter lilies in the church in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$12.50. Please complete this form and return it to the church by Sunday, March 9. Forms will also be available at sanctuary entrances.

_____ Number of lilies

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Given by _____

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

February 24-March 1, 2008

Sunday, February 24

- 9:30 to 9:45 a.m. B P Screening
- 9:30 a.m. Library Open
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
- 5:00 p.m. Church Council
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- 7:00 p.m. Healthy and Holy

Tuesday, February 26

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Time
- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise

Wednesday, February 27

- 4:30 p.m. Piece Makers
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Lighthouse
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 6:30 p.m. Missions Friends Birth—2
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- 6:45 p.m. Missions Friends 3,4 & 5
- 6:45 p.m. RA's & GA's
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 28

- 9:00 a.m. Life Exercise
- 11:00 a.m. Jubilant Singers

VITAL SIGNS

February 17, 2008

Sunday School	172
In-Home	41
Helping Hands	72
National Health Care	22
Total in Bible Study	307

Weekly Budget Needs	\$11,858.88
Budget Receipts	\$7,512.75
Over/ <u>Under</u>	\$4,346.13

Annie Armstrong Offering	\$60.00
Other Designated	\$399.00
Total Received	\$7,971.75

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

February 24, 2008

HEALTH MINISTRY

Pat Tindal

EXT. TEACHING CARE

Coordinator: Renee Shaffer

11:00 a.m. Worship

Babies and Ones

Laura Rose, Debra Shepherd
Julie Barfield

Twos and Threes

Candice Compo, Neal Bray

SOUND

Rich Wandover

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETERS

Snyder Building

Gene and Laverne Wilbur

Burriss Building

Alleen and Brenda Hyatt

Front Lower Level

Boyd & Azalee Anderson

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DO NOT DELAY!**



**Pray for These
Hospitalized
Members:**

as of Tuesday,
February 19

Lexington Medical Center

Thomas 'Doc' Hardeman

Up coming surgeries: Kay Horton will be
having surgery February 26.

**REMEMBER OUR
TRANSITION
COMMITTEE
IN PRAYER**

- Bob Hazel
- Jack Hill
- Len Hill
- Bob Price
- Greg Shepherd
- Terry Smith

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Served from 5:30-6:00 p.m. in Burriss Hall
Deadline for reservations and cancellations
is noon Monday.



- February 27**
- Roast Beef
- Rice/Gravy
- Green Beans
- Rolls and Dessert

Adults (10 & Up) \$4.00
Children 4 & under FREE

Children (5-9) \$3.00

HEALTHY AND HOLY (HAH)

Healthy and Holy is a group of people at FBCWC who seek to live a life set apart according to the Scripture: "Know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost?" (I Corinthians 3:16)

The purpose of the program is to help its members live a healthy lifestyle by encouraging people to eat a healthy diet, drink much water, exercise and to have daily personal devotions.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Burriss Hall. Come join us! For more information contact Amelia Schafer.

Pray every day for our church!