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Mark your calendars...
Daylight Savings Time
begins Sunday, March 8th

Coming Next Month: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Week of Prayer: April 5th – 12th; Ingathering: Sunday, April 12th

Remember: Only one life will soon be past. Only what is done for Christ will last.

The Proclaimer  March 2020

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

This week, I was speaking with someone who is going through an especially difficult time in their life. The truth is I spoke with several people this week who are struggling with a “new normal” and trying to hold on to their faith in the process.

When my granddaughter died, I found myself in a similar place. A dear friend of mine loaned me a book that helped me to hang on. The book is entitled, “*Tracks of a Fellow Struggler*” and was written by a pastor named John Claypool.

In one of the chapters, he describes himself as “*a burdened and broken brother, limping back into the family circle to tell you something of what I learned out there in the darkness.*”

He suggests that one of the mistakes that Adam and Eve made in the Garden of Eden was that instead of enjoying the banquet table of creation that was set them, they wanted to know all the answers that were God’s alone to know. So, they ate from the forbidden tree hoping to take a shortcut to knowledge that God wanted them to get through and by life’s experiences.

Let me again quote from Claypool’s book: “*We do not first get all the answers and then live in the light of our understanding. We must rather plunge into life—meeting what we have to meet and experiencing what we have to experience—and in the light of living try to understand. If insight comes at all, it will not be before, but only through and after experience.*”

James put it this way in James 1:2–4: “*My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.*” While none of us enjoy our trials, if we allow Him, God will use our trials to mold us and shape us more into the image of His Son.

May our Father bless you today. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

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MARCH AWANA NEWS

Sparks and T&T Games on Saturday, March 7th at Pitts Baptist Church.
See Jill Aldridge for more information.

AWANA MEAL VOLUNTEERS

March 1st-Kasey Wallace

March 8th: Roger & Kristi Cox

March 15th: Tony & Kara Keith

March 22nd: Jen Myers

March 29th: Sheree Jenkins & Sherry Nash

***The Youth will not eat with us on the 3rd Sunday of each month.**

AWANA-DONATE TO A MISSIONARY NEW LINK INFORMATION

Kathy Brock, Donation link is: <https://www.awana.org/missionary/kathy-brock>

Ladies Prayer Breakfast

DATE: Tuesday, March 17th; **TIME:** 8:30 AM; **PLACE:** Beth's Restaurant in Pageland

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS: For ages 2 to 5 years old.

2/3 Year Old's

March 1st: Amanda & Jeff Tarlton

March 8th: Sherry & Vanna Nash

March 15th: Sheri & Ava

March 22nd: Carla Bowers & Lisa Stutts

March 29th: Jen Myers & Kate

4/5 Year Old's

Kelly Baker & Peggy Smith

Deborah Sullivan & Erin Felt

Skyla Anderson & Luisa Price

Jennifer & Bob Selby

Kim Outen & Ashlyn Porter

Mission Friends Volunteers

Wednesday, March 4th: Jeff & Amanda Tarlton in Family Life Center

Wednesday, March 11th: Sheri & Ava Strawn

Wednesday, March 18th: Lisa Stutts & Carla Bowers

Wednesday, March 25th: Skyla Anderson & Kasey Wallace

Wednesday, April 1st: Peggy Smith & Kelly Baker in Family Life Center

Ladies Bible Study Group

DATE: Monday, March 2nd **TIME:** 7:00 PM; **PLACE:** Church Conference Room

Happy March Birthdays 🎂

March

Lane Haigler	March 1
Zack Porter	March 1
Melba Zimmerman	March 3
Luna Ann Rollins	March 4
Sandy Mills	March 5
Kyle Beard	March 7
Makayla Lowery	March 7
Chase Rushing	March 7
Amy Ashcraft	March 8
Dana Thomas	March 10
Levi Rorie	March 13
Brandi Mabe	March 14
Chad Cave	March 15
Deborah Sullivan	March 19
James Taylor	March 19
Bobby Mills	March 20
Kim Newland	March 20
Tonya Helms	March 23
Garrett Mills	March 23
David Ross	March 26
Ryan Porter	March 27
Kim Outen	March 29
Bryson Lowery	March 31
Damon Price	March 31



April (1st Week)

April

Jerri Pittman	April 2
Raelyn Tucker	April 2
Christi Phillips	April 3
Kasey Strawn	April 3
Darren Guffey	April 4
Daniel Guffey	April 4
Ray Rickard	April 7
Michael Thomas	April 7



To the Parents of our Children's Choir

Since we do not have much practice time between now and Easter, will you please allow your child to listen to and practice singing the third song on the CD you received in September, which is "Amazing Love". This will be our Easter Song Special. If you have any questions, or if you would like to enroll your child in the Children's Choir, please contact Kay Haigler

SUMMER YOUTH WEEK AT FORT CASWELL

July 13-18

Cost is \$160.00 to attend. \$50.00 deposit due March 15th. See Jenks for details.

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday Services; AWANA ¾ Book Completion	2 Ladies Bible Study 7 PM in Conf. Room	3	4 WMU, Mission Friends in FLC, GA's, RA's, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ	5	6	7 VAN: AWANA Sparks/T&T Games at Pitts Baptist Church; Set clock before retiring for Daylight Savings Time
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins; Sunday Services/Church Conference; AWANA Animal Kingdom Night	9	10	11 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA's in FLC, RA's, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ	12	13 FLC: Bowers	14 FLC: Bowers
15 Sunday Services, Special Guest, Kevin Qualls; Youth Camp Deposit of \$50 due	16	17 Ladies Prayer Breakfast at Beth's in Pageland 8:30 AM	18 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA's, RA's in FLC, Youth, Girlfriends in Christ	19	20	21
22 Sunday Services; Children's Choir Practice 4:00 PM	23	24	25 Adult Bible Study, Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth in FLC, Girlfriends in Christ	26	27 2020 NC Baptist Missions Conf. 27 th & 28 th	28 "Hope through Hilarity" Night with Comedian, Scott Davis in FLC at 7 PM
29 Sunday Services; Communion; Children's Choir Practice 4:00 PM	30	31 Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM				

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday: 10:00 AM Sunday School; 11:00 AM Morning Worship; 4:00 PM Children's Choir Practice on 4th & 5th Sundays During Traditional School Year 4:30-6:30 PM-AWANA; 6:30-AWANA Supper During Traditional School Year; 6:00 PM Youth, Adult Bible Study; 7:00 PM Evening Worship.

Wednesday: 7:00 PM Mission Friends, GA, RA, Youth, GIC; WMU on 1st Wednesday Night; Adult Bible Study on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Wednesday Nights

Family Life Center Schedule: 1st Wed. of Month: Mission Friends; 2nd Wed. of Month: GA Class; 3rd Wed. of Month: RA Class; 4th Wed. of Month: Youth Class



Scott Davis, *Singer, Comic, Author, Speaker*

DATE: Saturday, March 28th **TIME:** 7:00 PM **PLACE:** Family Life Center

Find more information at www.scottdavis.com and see the flyer on bulletin board.

Please make plans to join us!

Men's Retreat

This year the men's retreat will be held at the NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell April 24th - 26th, 2020. The cost will be \$100. We have room for 15.



We need Easter Egg Donations, candy and/or candy filled eggs, Guessing Jars all of which can be dropped off now until Wednesday, April 8th in the Sunday School Office or Secretary's Office. We need cupcake donations delivered to the Family Life Center the morning of the Easter Egg Hunt, which will be on Saturday, April 11th. Thank you so much!



Thank you to everyone who spoke their love language to the church in February for our "Love Your Church Month". From praying, giving, completing special projects, yard work and all in between!

We appreciate you!!



**2020 NC Baptist Missions Conference
March 27-28 at Calvary Baptist Church, Winston Salem, NC**

Speakers:

Katie Davis Majors, Kyle Idleman, Anne Graham Lotz,
Gary Chapman, Tom Richter, Bob Goff

\$20 per person Registration Fee; Optional "Mission Opportunities" Friday Supper for \$8 per person. For more information and to register: <https://baptistsonmission.org>

Pre-registration is required.



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Mark Your Calendars...Sunday, March 15th, Special Guest, Kevin Qualls

Our mission to “Build God’s Kingdom by connecting vulnerable children with Christian families” drives our agency to press forward with resolve as we represent Christ. CAS is committed to this endeavor and to raise awareness for all to become involved in caring for the more than 163 million orphans worldwide. CAS has a strong board of directors and a great team of staff that are committed to the mission God has called us to.

We are thankful for all God is doing and how He is using this ministry to impact children, birth moms, and Christian families all over the world.

A Note from Jenks...

As most of you know, I am a part-time employee at Lowes and working full-time at Piedmont High School. It wasn’t as if I woke up one day and said “you know, I think I’ll go part-time and see where that takes me”. I didn’t go out looking for another job. It found me. I was approached for the position I am in now by several Administrators at the High School. Honestly, it has gone a lot better than I thought it would. I’ll admit there have been moments that I have questioned my decision.

Part of my duties in my new role at Piedmont High School involves assigning buses for all the athletic teams and various field trips within the Piedmont High cluster of schools. Currently, I am working on the spring sports team’s schedules. We have around 9 or 10 different sports that students can participate in. Most of the time, the teams hardly ever play on the road at the same time, but there are days when we have 5 or 6 sports traveling on the same day, making it difficult to accommodate each sport.

As a coach for many years, I always paid attention to the team slogans each sport will use as motivation or for their Identity in their respective sports. There are a thousand or more different team slogans. Here are a few that have stood out over the years.

- REFUSE TO LOSE
- T.E.A.M.-TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE
- ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING
- FLIP THAT SWITCH
- ALL IT TAKES IS ALL YOU GOT
- W.I.N.-WHATEVER IS NECESSARY
- VICTORY REQUIRES PAYMENT IN ADVANCE
- Who’s NEXT?

A Note from Jenks...(continued)

One of the most well-known team motto or slogan is “WE ARE”. This line or motto was made famous by Marshall University. It was a unifying call to come together during a devastating time in the school’s history. The events of that time were made into a very good movie by the same title “WE ARE MARSHALL”. If you have time check it out. It is a very good movie.

I’m sure there are many, many more than most of you that are reading this can associate with. There are even a few I can’t put in this writing.

As I was looking over each sport and their own motto, I couldn’t help but to think of a passage in Mark’s Gospel. In the 12th chapter, Mark tells us a story of the widow’s offering. I have been familiar with this passage for many years and have heard many speakers, teachers and preachers use it to teach many different points. In that passage, there are a few words that stand out to me more so than ever before. Mark tells us Jesus sat down opposite of the treasury and saw HOW the people put their offering in.

Have you ever thought about that? How exactly do people put their offering in? It specifically says, depending on the version or translation you have, that Jesus watched HOW people put it in. What does that look like? Is it merely placing your offering in with care or tossing it in as if it isn’t important? Is it a theatrical show? Is it like Michael Jordan soaring through the air to slam-dunk it in.

The very fact that Mark tells us Jesus watched How they put their offering in leads me to believe it could have been all of the above and more.

As Jesus and the disciples are sitting there, this widow came and gave a small insignificant offering to most but Jesus calls out the offering as much more than that.

In my mind, this widow’s slogan or motto could have been several of the mottos mentioned earlier.

Jesus says the others gave out of their abundance but she gave ALL SHE HAD. You could say she had a “Refuse to Lose” mindset. Her “Attitude was Everything”. She had “Whatever is Necessary” belief. I tend to think she lived out the “All it takes is all you Got” lifestyle.

For you and I, through Jesus’ birth, Life, Death and Resurrection we can be victorious because “Victory Requires Payment in Advance”. Jesus did that for ALL. In doing so, we believers can be a better TEAM because Together Everyone Achieves More. As Christians, we should also cast a light and be a witness for others to see a “Who’s Next?” approach to not only our life but also as a church.

Truth be told,

Jesus had his own slogan or Motto...

TO SEEK and TO SAVE that which was LOST.