



Philadelphia Baptist Church  
5709 Philadelphia Church Road  
Marshallville, NC 28103

*March 2021*



Daylight saving time 2021  
will begin at 2:00 AM on  
Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

CEMETERY NEWS inside

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# The Proclaimer

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Dear Family of God of Philadelphia,

On March 14, 2020 Governor Roy Cooper issued his first Executive Order concerning mass gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Executive Order 117 limited public gatherings to less than 100. At the time, the conventional wisdom was that if everyone would just “lock down” for two weeks to “flatten the curve,” the pandemic would soon be over. This month will be one year since that Executive Order was signed. In this newsletter, I wanted to share some thoughts about this.

\*\* First of all, I am extremely grateful to our staff and deacons. This year has been full of difficult decisions and major adjustments, while at the same time doing all we could to maintain the unity of the congregation in a very divisive time. While you may not have agreed with all of our decisions, I am convinced that we did our best to be wise and faithful.

\*\* Secondly, I am grateful to our PBC congregation. While many churches have struggled financially, thus far you have been faithful in your support, and have helped us maintain our local and worldwide missions’ commitments. You have also been willing to adapt to the changes that needed to be made to reach a digital audience. By the way, thank you for your patience as we continue to get better in this area.

\*\* Thirdly, I want to impress upon you the need to pray for our children. While this pandemic has been extremely difficult for adults who have had to battle sickness, adapt to being on lock down and financial distresses, I believe it has been worse on our children. Children need the structure that school provides. They need the spiritual guidance that the church provides through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and AWANA. Children need to be loved and hugged. They need time with their grandparents and other adults who care about them. Losing these vital interactions has hurt them deeply.

\*\* Finally, I want to encourage you to get your vaccine for this pandemic when you are able, so that we can all begin to return to our “normal” activities. Of course, this is a medical decision that each person must make, but after a year, I have a deep desire to have our congregation back together safely as soon as we can.

Thank you for all you do for me, my family, PBC and the Kingdom of God. It is a joy to serve our Lord with you.

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## Cemetery News

One of the greatest responsibilities of being a member of an older church is protecting the legacy of those who have gone before us. We do this by being faithful to our ministry, by improving our facilities and by honoring their memories by maintaining our cemetery. Our cemetery is in need of repairs whose cost will far exceed what is in our current cemetery fund. If you are willing to help with these repairs, please send your **designated** donation to: Philadelphia Baptist Church, 5709 Philadelphia Church Road, Marshville, NC 28103 or you can donate online at: [www.PBCMarshville.org](http://www.PBCMarshville.org) and choose Cemetery Fund. Thank you.



### 2021 High School & College Graduates

If you would like to participate in our Graduate Sunday (Date TBA later), please go to:

<https://www.pbcmarshville.org/graduate-form/> fill out and submit. Thank you.

*Dear Family of God of Philadelphia, Sherrie and I were overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity over the last few weeks. Our daughter, Christi left a wonderful legacy of strength and faithfulness, but her health issues over the past two years had drained her both physically and financially. You had been her support system and continue to be even after her death. Thank you. We love you more than you know and are honored to serve our Lord with you.*

*Pastor Carroll and Sherrie*

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Every dollar given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering supports thousands of missionaries across the U.S. and Canada.

**Week of Prayer: Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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 \$1 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.

**“What a glorious thing it is to be a co-worker with God in winning the world for Christ.”**

**– Annie Armstrong**

## A Note from Jenks...

I recently tried an experiment with our youth, through group texts. As we all know, most teens will always have their phone nearby. I'm sure there are many adults that fall into that category as well. With that in mind, I decided to have some corny, unorthodox fun or that was the idea. Here is how it went. We all love to laugh and have fun. One of the simplest ways to have fun is to make jokes. As a dad, I feel like it is my duty and responsibility to always have a corny joke ready to always use. Can I get a witness?

I decided to use the old *Knock, Knock* joke format through a group text. Right now, I'm sure you all have one ready to use. In a group chat, I started with "*Knock, Knock*" I was a little shocked because it's almost second nature to respond with "Who's there?" There was complete silence until one of the adult leaders chimed in. I typed in *Little old lady*. You know how this goes. Again, silence. Finally, I get a reply "Little old lady who?". So, I respond with "I didn't know you could yodel." I then asked for someone else to start one. To my surprise we only had one more response and it flamed out quickly. After several minutes had passed, I chimed in with my devotion on that very group text. As much as we love a good *Knock, Knock* joke, regardless of how corny, it loses its effectiveness when it is not face to face. Let's take that a step further and look deeper into what is needed for the joke to continue. A response is needed, a "Who's there?". What or how would you respond if they said "JESUS"? Would you say "Jesus who"? Would you respond with "I don't know you"? Would your response be, "Now is not a good time, come back later? Come back when I have had time to clean up." Hopefully, your response would be to **OPEN THE DOOR**. Hopefully, your response would be "please come in". I have waited for this moment for quite some time now. As silly as it is to tell *Knock, Knock* jokes through texts or from a distance, so is having a relationship with Jesus from a distance. We all have at one point found ourselves faced with that question. Jesus says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me". What will your response be? "Jesus who?" or "Come back later at a more convenient time" or "I don't know anyone by that name."

I hope that we are back in regular face to face gatherings soon. I miss the interaction and fellowship with all of you, our church family, and our community. Until then, I'll start or end this with *KNOCK, KNOCK*. Love ya, Jenks

## March Birthdays

Lane Haigler	March 1
Zack Porter	March 1
Melba Zimmerman	March 3
Luna Ann Rollins	March 4
Kyle Beard	March 7
Makayla Lowery	March 7
Chase Rushing	March 7
Amy Ashcraft Lineback	March 8
Evelyn Keziah	March 10
Dana Thomas	March 10
Levi Rorie	March 13
Brandi Mabe	March 14
Chad Cave	March 15
Marquavius McGriff	March 16
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 Birthdays (1<sup>st</sup> Week)

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







## 2021 LADIES RETREAT

Friday, April 23 – Sunday, April 25

Ft. Caswell

“One Hundred Years from Now”

Cost: \$120.00 Contact Sherrie Anthony to sign up.

You may pay online at [www.pbcmarshville.org](http://www.pbcmarshville.org)

Click on: E-Giving Donation, then click on:

<https://secure.etransfer.com/PBC/donate.cfm> and choose Ladies Retreat.



Ladies'

Prayer

Breakfast

**DATE:** Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

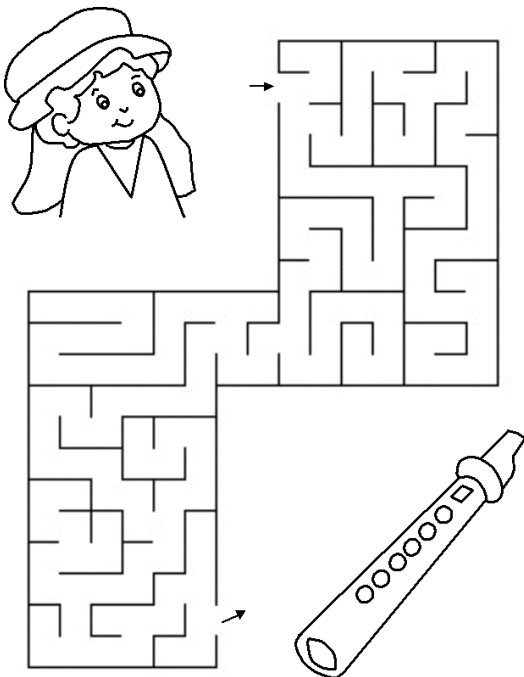
**TIME:** 9:00 AM; **PLACE:** Beth's Restaurant

**WMU & Ladies Bible Study  
Has Been Cancelled for MARCH.**

See you in April 😊

### Child of God Maze

Help David find his instrument so he can sing and praise God.



### Cherry Dream Poke Cake (From Rada Cutlery)

Prep Time 45 mins; Cook Time 1 hr; Total Time 1 hr 45 mins

#### Ingredients


- 1 box white cake mix
- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. cherry gelatin
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 1 (21 oz.) can cherry pie filling



#### Instructions

1. Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Using a greased 13" by 9" baking pan, bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Allow cake to cool on rack for 3 to 5 minutes.
2. Dissolve gelatin package in 1 1/2 cups boiling water.
3. Poke holes in cake with a meat fork or wooden skewer, being sure to get holes around the edges.
4. Pour gelatin across cake. Let sit for 15 minutes. Cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.
5. In a large bowl, beat 1 package cream cheese until fluffy.
6. Fold in 2 cups whipped topping.
7. Carefully spread over cake.
8. Top with 1 can cherry pie filling. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.
9. Serve and enjoy!

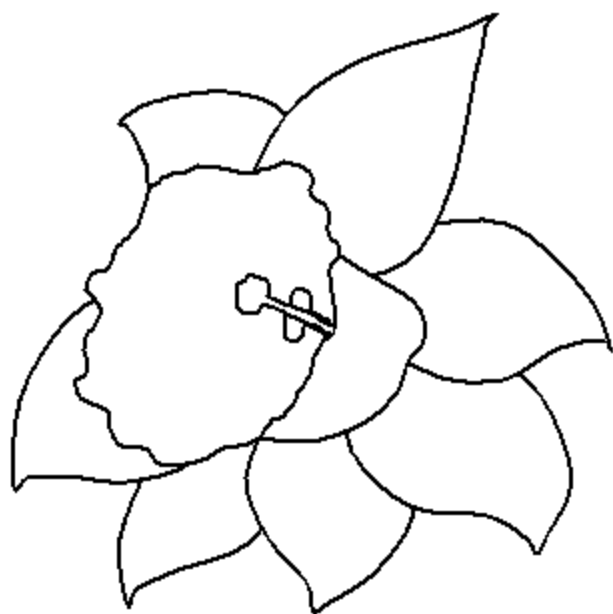
# March 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer March 7<sup>th</sup>- March 14<sup>th</sup></b>	1	2	3(No WMU until April) Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, 7:00 PM; Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook at 7:00 PM; Choir Practice 8:00 PM	4	5 <small>FLC: Nash</small>	6 <b>FLC: Nash</b>
7 Annie Armstrong WEEK OF PRAYER <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School; <b>10:30 AM</b> *Morning Worship; <b>4:30-6:00 PM</b> ; In Person AWANA & Youth	8	9	10 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, 7:00 PM; Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook at 7:00 PM; Choir Practice 8:00 PM	11	12	13 Turn clocks ahead 1 hour before going to sleep.
14 CHURCH CONFERENCE Daylight Savings Time Ends In Person <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School; <b>10:30 AM</b> *Morning Worship and Church Conference <b>4:30-6:00 PM</b> In Person AWANA & Youth	15	<b>16 Ladies Prayer Breakfast TIME: 9 AM PLACE: Beth's Restaurant</b>	17 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook 7:00 PM; Choir Practice 8:00 PM	18	19	20 <b>Spring begins</b>  
21 In Person <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 AM</b> *Morning Worship <b>4:30-6:00 PM</b> In Person AWANA & Youth	22	23	24 Mission Friends, GA's, RA's, Youth, Adult Bible Study streaming on Facebook 7:00 PM; Choir Practice 8:00 PM	25	26	27
28 PALM SUNDAY In Person <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School <b>10:30</b> <b>AM</b> *Morning Worship; <b>4:30-6:00 PM</b> In Person AWANA & Youth	29	30 Deacon's Meeting	<b>*Morning Worship in Sanctuary and is            Live Streamed on Facebook and in the            Family Life Center; Parking Lot radio            station 107.7 FM</b>			

# Spring Word Search

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FLOWER  
GARDENING  
GREEN  
GROWTH  
JACKET  
MELTING  
PUDDLE  
RAINBOW



RAINDROPS  
RUBBERBOOTS  
SEEDS  
SPLASH  
SPRINGTIME  
SPROUT  
SUNSHINE  
TULIPS  
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