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### Pastor's column

# Impossibilities can happen



I remember hearing the news and having my heart sink. Jeanie asked the doctor if it were possible for us to have any more children, and the doctor said that due to the medication there was no chance of us ever having children again. Jeanie was devastated, but she walked out of that doctor's office with her head held high. Why? Because the Lord had already

**Pastor Jacob Brimm** 

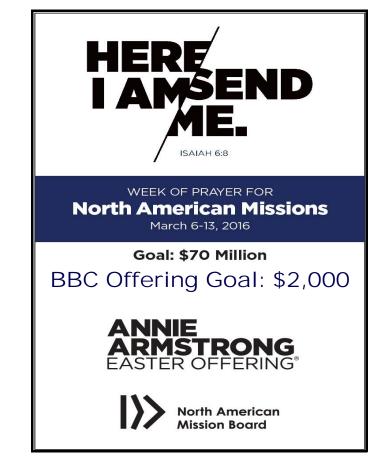
blessed us with Clayton. Over the course of a few years we would talk about adoption or fostering children, but with the military moving us every few years there was a lot of uncertainty; the one thing that was certain, was that Jeanie would never give birth again.

Flash forward to just last year and discovering that Jeanie was pregnant with the beautiful baby that would become Rhett, and our world changed dramatically. Though there were concerns along the way, every test turned out positive, and every exam came back with flying colors. There was one thing we were certain of: Jeanie was going to give birth again!

In life there are many paths we can walk. There are many decisions we can make, and with each decision the path changes. Sometimes in life the path seems dark, muddy, or scary, and sometimes you are told that there are impossibilities ahead. Regardless of the path that you are on, there is one thing that is certain: God is with you. God promised that He would never leave us or forsake us, all we have to do is look to Him. Bad news comes, be it the inability to have children, a diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis, traumatic brain injuries, broken bones, cancer, illness, and disease, financial troubles, and loss of jobs, all of these and so much can make our path look dark and dreary; but fear not, for the Lord is still in control.

# Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



Each year, we honor the life and advocacy of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in missions endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union.

Annie believed in and followed 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 handwriting letters in support of missions. Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food, 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.

Prayer guides and offering envelopes are available.

# **Special guests on March 13**



Alice and Kelly Pritchett will be with us that Sunday morning. Brother Kelly preach at the 11am service.



Singing team **Ron and Claudia Henderson** will be in concert at BBC that night at 6:00 p.m. Since 1975, Ron and Claudia have served as Southern Baptist music evangelists from the state of Georgia. They have had the privilege of singing in 19 states, traveling over 1,000,000 miles, presenting over 1,500 concerts and leading the music for over 400 revivals. Their unique style of music will warm your heart and encourage your soul.



# Movie Night March 11 @ 7pm featuring



A gifted high school football player must learn to boldly embrace his talent and his faith as he battles racial tensions on and off the field in WOODLAWN, a moving and inspirational new film based on the true story of how love and unity overcame hate and division in early 1970s Birmingham, Alabama.

Tony Nathan (newcomer Caleb Castille) lands in a powder keg of anger and violence when he joins fellow African-American students at Woodlawn High School after its government-mandated desegregation in 1973. The Woodlawn Colonels football team is a microcosm of the problems at the school and in the city, which erupts in cross burnings and riots, and Coach Tandy Gerelds (Nic Bishop) is at a loss to solve these unprecedented challenges with his disciplinarian ways.

It's only when Hank (Sean Astin), an outsider who has been radically affected by the message of hope and love he experienced at a Christian revival meeting, convinces Coach Gerelds to let him speak to the team that something truly remarkable begins to happen. More than 40 players, nearly the entire team, black and white, give their lives over to the "better way" Hank tells them is possible through following Jesus, and the change is so profound in them it affects their coach, their school and their community in ways no one could have imagined.

# Bring a friend.

# Seth makes eight for Floyd



Floyd Tucker's eighth great grandchild, Seth Ira Ellis was born February 8 weighing 7 lb. 14.6 oz and 21 in. long. Congratulations to Floyd and to grandparents Pat and Kyle Ellis and parents Marissa and Tucker Ellis.

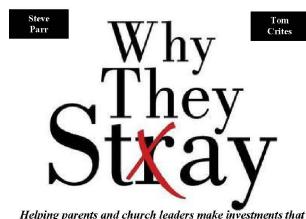


# BBC to participate in Backpack Buddies

At the February 28th conference, BBC voted to participate in the Backpack Buddies ministry. This means we will furnish backpacks containing food items that require little or no preparation beyond heating in a microwave for certain students at Dooly Middle School who have been identified as needing this help. They will take the food filled backpacks home on Fridays and return the backpacks Mondays.

If you would like to help with the ministry, please contact Jeanie Brimm.



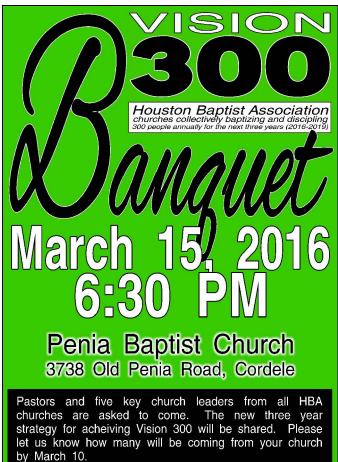


Helping parents and church leaders make investments that keep children and teens connected to the church for a lifetime

# March 24, 2016, 7pm First Baptist Church, 137 Kelly Road, Cordele

Much has been written about younger adults and their departure from church involvement. Concerned parents and church leaders want to know what has caused them to depart. Instead of asking why young adults are leaving the church, Dr. Steve Parr and Dr. Tom Crites conducted a national research project of those who grew up in church and are still serving faithfully. Their focus was on why they have stayed. The results are compelling. You will learn as a parent, pastor, or church leader specific actions that you can take to make a definite difference in whether or not the fifteen-yearolds attending your church now are still attending and serving when they turn thirty.

### Associational news



# Associational Women's Prayer Breakfast

On March 12 at 9:00 a.m., Arabi Church will host the first of what hopefully will become a monthly prayer event for women in Houston Baptist Association. If you plan to attend, please let Virginia Evans know (229-894-8291).

# Summer mission trips to TN and NGA

Contact the associational office (229-273-4127) if you are interested in being part of mission teams going to Townsend, Tennessee and North Georgia this summer. There will be an informational meeting in April.

# Children's camps need student missionaries

Students who have completed 10th–12th grade interested in serving as student missionaries (formerly called junior counselors) for girls, boys, and day camps this summer please contact the associational office (229-273-4127)

# More associational events in April



Men and women are invited to this event.

# Women's event, April 9

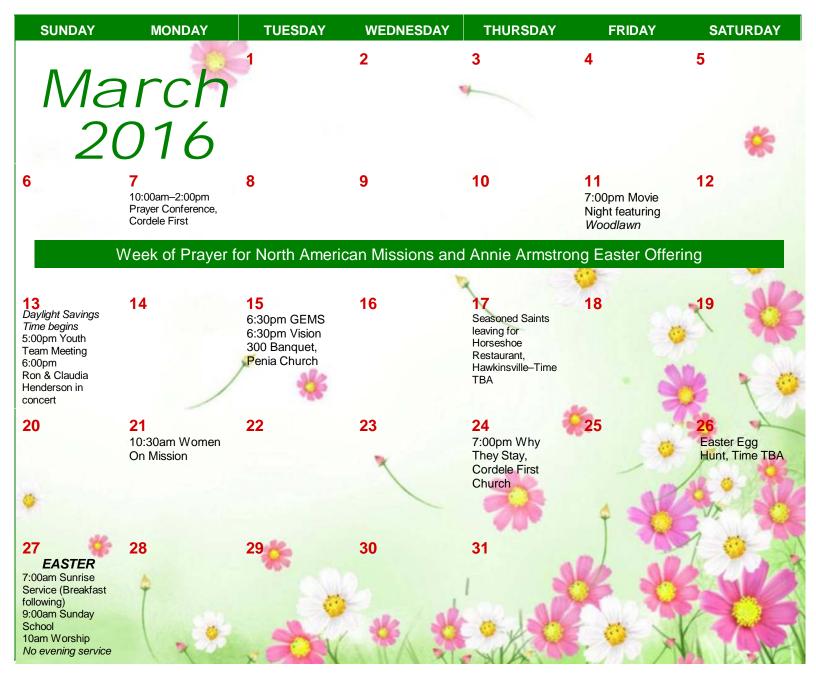
Joy Earle will be the featured speaker. She is a gifted musician and speaker with great capacity to find the funny in all things. The event will be at Cordele First Church and will be a ticketed event beginning in the morning and concluding in the early afternoon and will include lunch. More details will be forthcoming.

# DiscipleshipNow Missions Weekend, April 15-16, Camp Houston

Students attending will participate in ministry projects in Crisp and Dooly Counties. More details will be forthcoming.



Get your *Pray For Our Nation* signs at BBC. Just put \$5 in the offering plate for each sign you get. It's a two sided sign and comes with the metal stand.



# Birthdays

- 3-1 Rebekah Bowen
- 3-2 Jurelle Godfrey
- 3-3 Cami Neisler
- Mike Raper 3-4 Kohl Cavanah Teresa Neisler Mary Beth Reed-Rogers
- 3-5 Jared Averill
- 3-7 Brenda Dorsett
- 3-8 Lea Averill Clete Roberts Wendy Williams
- 3-9 Kristen Peavy
- 3-10 Blake Thompson
- 3-11 Lawson Humphries Floyd Tucker

- 3-12 Jordan Peavy
- 3-13 Andrew Langston
- 3-14 Monica Payne
- 3-17 Linda Bodrey Abigail Willingham
- 3-18 Christine Thompson
- 3-20 Brett Walls
- 3-21 Tiffany Arnett Brenda Lockerman
- 3-22 Clara Sandefur
- 3-23 Sonya Witmer3-24 Gladys Johnson Arthur Murray
- Brock Thompson 3-25 Elizabeth Taylor
  - Jean Thompson

- 3-25 Tonya Thompson
- 3-26 Carson Godfrey Johnny Jones
- 3-28 Robin Nelson
- 3-29 Jill Brannen
- 3-31 Jacob Averill Winston Overton Debbie Thompson
- 4-2 Jeanna Everidge Penny Langston
- 4-3 Kris Braddock

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

# Weekly Schedule

### SUNDAY

Praying Together	9:30AM
Sunday School	10AM
Worship.	11AM
Worship/Bible study	6PM

### WEDNESDAY

6:30PM

Nursery for all services. Children's Church for Sunday 11AM Worship.

Schedule of Volunteers for March						
Please remember it is up to <b>you</b> to arrange coverage if <b>you</b> are unable to serve on your scheduled day.						
Date	Nursery AM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Offering Bearers		
Mar. 6	Beth/Arthur Roney	Ansley/Cal Scarborough	Arthur Roney	Clinton Brannen Taylor Willingham		
Mar. 13	Paula/Mark Smith	Sarah Averill Brannen Jeanie Brimm	Floyd Tucker	Joe Kent Daniel Thompson		
Mar. 20	Tricia Kent Brenda Lockerman	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Joe Kent	Joseph Lamberth Keith Lamberth		
Mar. 27	Alison/Taylor Willingham	Vicki Lamberth Robin Peavy	Jimmy Lockerman	Steven Lamberth George Massey		

# **Financial \$ummary**

December receipts	
General offerings	\$ 22,239.00
Interest on CD	4.11
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	2,310.00
Special–Floor Fund	125.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	24,678.11
December disbursements	
General expenses	5,289.35
Houston Baptist Association	484.26
Cooperative Program	1,259.08
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,032.69
January receipts	
General offerings	8,773.00
Interest on CD	4.24
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	200.00
Special–Floor Fund	900.00
Mailbox Club	46.02
Madilynn Thompson love offering	217.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,256.11
January disbursements	
General expenses	9,403.66
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	200.00
Madilynn Thompson	217.85
Local missions/evangelism	100.00
Houston Baptist Association	1,111.95
Cooperative Program	2,891.07
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$13,924.53

# February Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	6
FBIC	15
CIA	3
VOC	2
Young Adults	5
Early Adults	4
Youth	1
Older Children	2
Younger Children	3
Older Preschoolers	1
Younger Preschoolers	7
Nursery	1
General Officers/Musicians	4
TOTAL	54

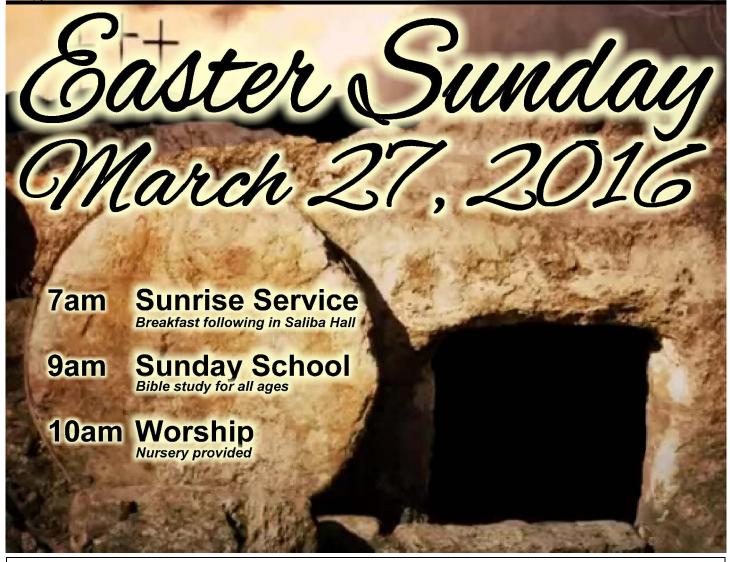




# Seasoned Saints

are going to Tom & Sandy's Horseshoe Restaurant in Hawkinsville, March 17. Time TBA. Contact Martha Peavy for more information.

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