



The Southern Baptist Convention is making a major effort to reach every individual in North America with the Gospel. The goal is to expose every home to the simple plan of salvation. In Alabama, the effort is called *Across Alabama* and here is how it will work.

First, every participating Southern Baptist Church (32 out of our 40 in Cherokee County) has been assigned a specific part of the county. Our team has already received the map and has made preliminary trips into our assigned areas. We have counted 773 homes in our area. According to the Census Bureau, approximately 2.5 people occupy each home. Thus, we have approximately 1,932.5 people in our assigned area.

Second, we are asked to pray over each area. The prayer will be conducted in several ways. First, we will gather on Saturday, March 20th for prayer walking. During this time we will walk throughout these neighborhoods praying for the homes. Those who cannot physically walk are encouraged to drive through the neighborhoods and pray. In addition, we are working on prayer guides to be distributed to our Sunday School Classes. (Note: Sunday School teachers please attend the leadership meeting this Sunday at 5:00pm in the Conference Room for more details.)

Third, on Saturday, March 27th we will go back to those same neighborhoods and put a bag on each door. In the bags there will be two pieces of literature: a gospel tract called "Find it Here" and an invitation from First Baptist Church to join us for the Easter services.

Fourth, on Easter Sunday we will have a wonderful service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! In that service we will give the Gospel and pray that those who attend will respond to the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, we will follow up on the guests who attended. It is at this point we will have personal conversations about their relationship with Christ.

The Southern Baptist Convention will be supporting the outreach effort through a series of nation-wide television commercials called "Find it Here." The goal of these commercials is to encourage people to attend a local Southern Baptist Church on Easter morning.

As I mentioned earlier, there are potentially 1,932 people in our assigned area. If just ten percent attend on Sunday morning that is 193 people! If just five percent attend that is 96 people. If just one percent attend that is 20 people.

The bottom line is that we must pray, go, invite, prepare and expect God to bring a harvest. Please join us in this effort to reach our county for Christ. We need everyone's help. Our initial estimates are that we need 126 people to participate in order to form enough teams of three people to go into the neighborhoods. We need your help! This is an opportunity for the Body of Christ to do what Christ commanded us to do: "As you are going, make disciples" (Mt. 28:19).

Pastor Jim

The logo features the name 'ANNIE ARMSTRONG' in a large, elegant, gold-colored script font. To the right of the name is a green dove in flight. Below the name, the words 'EASTER OFFERING' are written in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS' is written in a green, sans-serif font.

Our goal: \$8,000

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

MARCH 7-14, 2010

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Steven's

GO TO BED!!!!

Although Becca and I have the best kids any one could ever be blessed with, sure there is some bias there, some nights it is a battle to get them to go to bed. It seems like I have to say, "GO TO BED!" a hundred times, before they finally give in to the tiredness that I can see in their eyes. But during the battle, they come up with every excuse in the book. Some of these include: I am not sleepy, I am scared, I have got to use the bathroom, I am thirsty, I have got to tell you something, I have got to tell mommy something, I want to give you another hug/kiss, I want to tell brother/sister something. Sometimes they even say, "I just wanted to tell you I love you", how can you get mad at that? They can come up with every excuse in the book. It is truly amazing sometimes just to hear the excuses they say to not go to sleep. But when it comes down to it they are just excuses. Becca and I know they are tired and need sleep but they will do what ever it takes to get out of it. The sad thing is that we never grow out of excuses.

As a Christian we are called to obey God, but even beyond that we should have a passion and a desire to do what God wants us to do. Yet, it is all too easy for me to come up with every excuse I can, not to do it. The funny thing is that as much as I know my children need sleep, even though they may disagree, I know that I should always put God first. I need to stop making silly excuses and have the passion and desire to continually grow in my relationship with God. God should be first in your life and every reason why He is not is just an excuse you have made to justify your actions. Stop making excuses.

Mission Trip Bake Sale

On **Sunday March 7th** we will be having a bake sale at church. This is a fundraiser to help support the youth mission trip to Columbus, OH this summer. On this mission trip the youth will be doing various construction projects in the Columbus area. While there, they will also have many ministry opportunities and chances to share their faith with people. We will be selling baked goods for you to purchase between the services and after the second service on **Sunday March 7th**. If you do not want to buy a baked good but would like to donate, there will be a donation jar and those are greatly appreciated. We cherish any support you can give to the youth mission team.

SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Homer Weaver and family in the loss of his brother, Walter C. Weaver; to Phoebe and Roy Palmer in the loss of their grandson, Chris Kisor; and to Matt West and family in the loss of his grandfather, Fred Wright and his aunt, Freida Deal.

YOUNG AT HEART

The YAH will meet Tues., March 9, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

The Brotherhood meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 7:30AM in the Fellowship Hall.

NEED A RIDE TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

The Brotherhood is sponsoring a ministry of assisting those who need a ride to a doctor's appointment or to visit a loved one in the hospital. Please contact the church office 927-3316 or John Ward for more information.

The FAIRY GODMOTHER PROJECT of NE ALABAMA

It is their mission to provide students who cannot afford to purchase a prom dress with a free dress and accessories. To date over 100 dresses have been donated to this project as well as shoes and jewelry. Appointments will begin in the next few weeks. A "Prom Ready" bag will also be provided. Items needed for these are: travel size items of soap, body wash & sponge, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, shaving cream, hair spray, toothpaste, & disposable razors. Items can be dropped off with Sheila at the ROC. Godmothers and Godfathers are still needed to adopt students. If you are interested please let Sheila know. Your help is greatly appreciated.

COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Personal Counseling—Dr. David Miller
Financial Counseling—Mr. Jon Bloomfield
Please call the church office at 927-3316.
Appointments are free.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

On the bulletin board at the ROC and at the Welcome Center there is a list of needs in our community. Contact the church office if you can help.

BUCKETS OF HOPE

Alabama Baptist Disaster Relief for Haiti
Brochures with specific directions are available at the Welcome Center. The type of bucket, the contents, and the way it is to be packed are listed in detail.



Brandon's Beat

Opportunities for Service in Music/Media Ministry

Audio/Visual personnel

Sound Room Technicians

Camera Operators

Radio Broadcast Technician
—see Jerry Clemons, Jr.

Adult Choir
—Easter preparations are beginning.
—rehearsals at 4:30 PM on Sundays

Instrumentalist for IMPACT Band
—keyboard, guitar, bass, drums
—see Brandon for an audition time

For more information on these areas of service contact Brandon @ 927-3316

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers for the nursery during IMPACT Service. Please see Sylvia Money at the nursery window. She will need your name, phone number and what age group you would like to work with. Age groups are 0-12 months, 1 year olds, 2 year olds, and 3-4 year olds.

FOOD DRIVE FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Last week to bring your CANNED SOUPS. You may bring your soup to the ROC during the week or to the church on Sunday.



Baby Shower for Arya Loren Snow
daughter of Brandon & Mandi Snow
Sunday, February 28, 2:00-3:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Deacons

Garry Hopper,
Chairman
James Burkhart
Mark Chandler
Scott Curry
Terry Dean

Morgan Dykes
Donnie George
Merle Grimes
Larry Guffey
Len Hogan
Larry Maddox

David Miller
Vince Studdard
Dennis Trammell
Don Whitt

Live with Urgency Share God's Transforming Power Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 7-14

There are many forces, both natural and manmade, that are powerful enough to evoke change. But the Creator of the universe still holds more power than any force on earth. At the mention of His name, seas have parted, the sick have been healed, and the dead have become alive. His love can transform the most sinful life and make a broken man whole again through Jesus Christ. Isn't this a message that deserves to be shared proudly and boldly? Indeed! Three out of four people living in the United States, Canada, and their territories need a transformed life. They desperately need to know Jesus. Who is proclaiming the power of salvation to these lost souls? Your Southern Baptist North American missionaries, working in partnership with state conventions, associations, and local churches, are not ashamed to share God's transforming power in the US, Canada, and their territories. They are creatively and boldly proclaiming His message of salvation among those who have never heard or responded to the gospel before. They are making a difference in the world as they see the Holy Spirit transform lives one by one. What will your investment in the kingdom of God be? Will you commit to faithfully pray for our North American missionaries and give sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®? Will you work alongside our Southern Baptist missionaries and boldly share Christ in your community?—copied NAMB

Below is a list of the missionaries featured in this years prayer guide. Be sure to read their stories and PRAY!

Jim and Myrtle Ballard, Idaho
Associational Missions/Church Planting

Mike and Vicki McQuitty, New York
Collegiate Evangelism

Vivian and James McCaughan, Missouri
Church Planting/Woman's Missionary Union®

Craig and Suzy Miles, Georgia
Special Ministries

Bill and Carol Lighty, Colorado
Associational Missions

Michael and Marla Allen, Illinois
Church and Community Ministry

Luis and Lourdez Rodriguez, Puerto Rico
Church Planting

Louis Spears, Arizona
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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Connect, Commit, Impact

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	Wednesday at the ROC
8:40 a.m. <i>IMPACT Contemporary Worship</i>	3:00 p.m. <i>Bible Study</i>
9:50 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i>	5:45 p.m. <i>Preschool Choir</i>
11:00 a.m. <i>Traditional Worship</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>Children's Mission Groups</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>CHAOS-Youth Bible Study</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Bible Drill</i>	<i>Men's & Women's Bible Study</i>
6:00 p.m. <i>Small groups on & off campus</i>	Fridays at the ROC
	5:15 p.m. <i>Celebrate Recovery</i>

Want your life back?



**Celebrate
Recovery**

**On the campus
of the ROC
Every Friday Night
at 5:15 p.m.**

**A safe place to
work through your hurts,
habits, & hang-ups.**

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 3-7 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 3-14 Graham & Billie Brown, Willie Mae Jordan
- 3-21 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 3-28 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- February 27—March 7
Garry Hopper 927-5932
- March 7-13
Larry Maddox 927-5242
- March 14-20
Don Whitt 526-8694
- March 21-27
Mark Chandler 422-6101
- March 28-April 3
Morgan Dykes 927-8564

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ROC

927-6342

Shepherd's Fold

Daycare
927-6345

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Pastor
927-4487

Rev. Steven Langford
Minister of Youth &
Children

Rev. Brandon Snow
Minister of Music/Media

STAFF

Tina McCord
Office Manager/Financials

Joyce Woodfin
Secretary

Sheila Barrett
ROC Administrator



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