

The Messenger

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“Walk with Jesus”
an interactive event for families
that traces the last week of Jesus' life,
His death, burial and resurrection.
Sunday, April 9 | noon to 4
at the Beacon 718 N. Market

Easter Week Schedule

Friday, April 14

7:00 pm—Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 16

6:30 am—Worship Service @ the Beacon

8:00 am—Easter Breakfast @ the Beacon

8:45 am & 10:30 am—Worship Service in the Sanctuary

No Evening Service

Family Talk

On Sunday, March 26, our church family took a big step and opened up a new chapter in our life as a congregation. But it may not be the step that you are thinking. Let me explain...

For those of you who were not able to be here that weekend, our church family called a new full-time minister of worship and administration. Greg Braswell will begin leading us in worship on Sunday, April 30. He and his wife Christin, along with their daughter Julia, will commute from Springfield until the end of the school year, and then they will relocate here in the area. Between now and then, I would ask you to keep them in your prayers as they say good bye to a congregation that they have served for five years and prepare to begin a new chapter in their lives here with us.

Greg will bring an approach to worship that is new for us. It is not driven by any particular style of music; it doesn't fit any particular genre. Rather, worship for us will become an experience driven by the theme of the individual service and the biblical text for that week. In addition, worship will mean more than just music. Visual arts, video, drama, and many other elements will be creatively blended to lead us before God's throne as we come together in worship. Each week, Greg and I will work together to carefully and prayerfully craft a worship experience that will give God's Spirit full control to move among us!

With this new, broader understanding of worship, there will be many opportunities for you as members of the worshiping family to be involved. You may be a musician who has never volunteered in the past. You may be an artist...a painter, potter, sculptor, creative dancer, or actor. You may be a videographer, an audio or video technician, a lighting specialist, or just someone who likes to surf the internet looking for just the right visual image for a service theme. You may be an interior decorator who would like to help us create thematic elements on the platform. Or...you may be a person with a talent that we haven't even thought of yet! Begin praying **now** about how you could participate in our weekly worship experiences. Your age...your gender...your social station in life...none of that matters. We are a family, and together we will bring a weekly offering to God from the best that we have!

But having said all that, there's something else...another big step that we took on March 26...a step that in some ways means as much (and maybe more) to me as does the new chapter in our corporate worship. On March 26, we passed a baton to a new generation of godly leaders in our church. We called a man to serve us who is twenty-six years younger than I am. We said to all of our young families in the church...and out into the community, "We are ready for a new generation of leaders to shepherd and minister to us." And that decision...that step, will have ripple effects throughout our church family. Younger deacons and Bible study leaders, younger members of committees and ministry teams, younger approaches to outreach and discipleship and, yes, worship...all of these and others will begin to filter into the DNA of our church leadership at all levels. And I, for one, as your pastor, have wept with joy before the Lord! I am excited to see what God is going to do as a new generation of lay leaders rises up in our church, with new ideas, new dreams, and new energy! Indeed, a new chapter has opened in the life of our church family. To God be the glory!

Bro. Steve

*Together
For His
Kingdom*

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING®

Her name lives on.
Her legacy stands millions strong!



Every year, we honor the life and missions impact 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 of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong united women in missions endeavors, ultimately leading to the formation of Woman's missionary Union (WMU). She served as WMU's first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed and followed Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed her belief in tangible ways. A prolific writer, she spent many hours using her hands to type and handwrite letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy, and all were motivated by her desire for others to, as she put it, "grow in grace and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." Annie also used her hands to reach out to others in need, whether by hugging a child or distributing food, clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands cradled her Bible as she studied how best to share God's love with others. Most importantly, as a woman of prayer, Annie regularly folded her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and those with whom they shared Christ.

Annie once wrote, "If I get hold of an idea which seems to me to be a good one, I somehow do not feel comfortable until I see it carried out." As a result of her persistence, Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more to reach people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be encouraged and empowered by following her legacy.



Module 15: Progress Check/Growth Track Introduction

Sunday, April 23
11:30 am In the Team Kid area @ the Beacon

Module 15 is designed to compel you to review your progress and pace. A comprehensive recap will illuminate the areas on which you need to focus. During session 15 you will also be introduced to the idea of a discipleship growth track process. The implementation of the growth track process will be thoroughly covered in session 22.

Lord's Supper Service

Sunday, April 30 @ 10am



*Please remember that we will receive an offering
for the benevolent ministries of our church.*



Upsy Daisy Spring Luncheon

Saturday, April 22

11:00 am—1:00 pm @ the Beacon

For ladies 16 years & older

No cost!

Reservations required by Sunday, 4/16.

Mark the communication card in the bulletin TODAY!



Quarterly Family Meeting & Potluck Dinner

You bring the Food!

We will provide the Drinks!

**Sunday, April 30
11:30am @ the Beacon**

Plan now to come and join us!!

Super Summer For students 7-12 grade

June 27—July 1

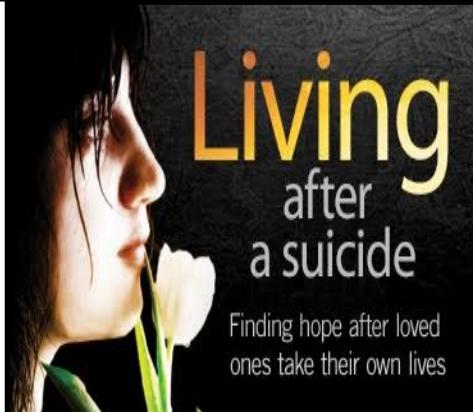


*For more information,
contact
Pastor Daryl!*



**Tuesdays 7pm
@ the Beacon!**

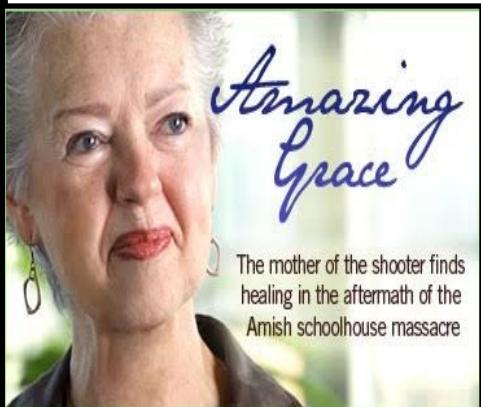
*To serve on the
LifeTree Café Team, mark
the communication card
in the bulletin.*



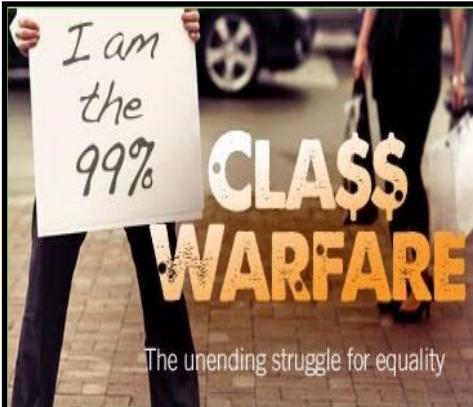
Tuesday, April 4



Tuesday, April 11



Tuesday, April 18



Tuesday, April 25



Tuesday, May 2

All Women Invited!



Thursday, 4/20
10am @ the Beacon
Pot-Luck Lunch

We will be working on:
*a project for Life Network
*prepping for the "Upsy Daisy Spring Luncheon"
For more information, contact Nancy Garrett,
618-444-2037.



Tuesday, 4/25
11:30am
Meet @ Tequila's
For more information, contact
Lisa Dean, 314-249-7742.

All Crafters Invited!

For more info, contact Lisa Dean, 314-249-7742.



At the Beacon
Every Tuesday
9am-2:30pm

Craft2gethers

Friday, 4/7—6:30pm @ Church
Saturday, 4/8—8:30am @ Church

All Men Invited!

*Retired Old Men Eating Out



Tuesday, 8am
4/11 @ Denny's
4/25 @ the Beacon

Get Acquainted Meal

For Church Newcomers/Guests

Sunday, 4/2 11:30am @ Pizza Hut
Join Pastor Steve, Pastor Daryl, and their families
to eat, fellowship, & get acquainted!
Contact the church office.

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 4—Denny's Seniors to Denny's

*@ 8am

Tuesday, May 2—Lincoln Museum

*Leave after breakfast at Denny's
*Cost to be announced later

Tuesday, June 13—Brussel Ferry

*TENTATIVE

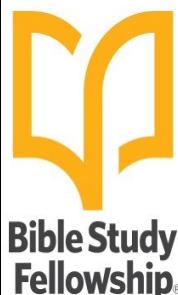
All trips will be by church bus. You will need to sign up. Participation is increasing to the point we will have to restrict riders on bus to the first 20 to sign up. Others are welcome to come along but alternate transportation will be needed. Possibility of taking van but will need an additional driver. If you would be interested in providing this service, check in the church office for requirements.
Happy tripping! Mary Ann & Janice

For more information, contact Mary Antry
@ 618-799-9951; mantry@charter.net.



FBC academic scholarships to student members, are available in the church foyer and at the Beacon.
Due back Sunday, May 28.

We rely on contributions from members.
Please consider giving generously.



Bible Study Fellowship
Informational Meeting

Thursday, 4/6
9am @ the Beacon

Beginning in September:
Thursdays, 9—11am @ the Beacon
An international, non-denominational
Bible study on the book of Romans



“April Birthdays”



- 1st Drake Dudley, Rick Procasky
 2nd Jesse Niebruegge
 4th Kory Kalmer
 5th Casey Stemler
 6th Stan Green
 7th Jill Johnston
 8th Patrick Bourgeouis, Lucas Moore,
 Sharon Neill, Lola Niebruegge
 9th Charlie Groves, Robin Johnston,
 10th Ken Kelly, Aimee Magliulo
 11th Don Modglin
 15th Blake Weltig
 16th David Lunk, Jonathan Lunk
 18th Sharon Qualls
 19th Al English
 20th Bud Brown, Brenda Bueschel, Alex Busche,
 Sarah English
 21st Bella Byrd, Wayne Lee
 22nd Matthew Davis, Rita Trantham
 24th Jason Niebruegge, Samantha Schweigert
 25th Gavin Barlow, Nick Krebel, Larry Miller
 26th Amanda Badger, Audrey Badger,
 Vivian Branson, Sue Hefner
 29th James Marquardt, Zach Morgan
 30th Donna Brooks



Be a Compassionate Visitor

“...I was sick and you looked after me...”

Matthew 25:36b

Are you looking for an avenue of service that would be rewarding, yet be a blessing to others? We have homebound members of our church family who would benefit socially and spiritually from regular visits by those desiring to provide compassionate visits. Unsure about making visits? Training and classes will be provided. We as a church family do not want our homebound ill or elderly to think they are forgotten. If you are interested in becoming a Compassionate Visitor, contact Margaret Miller at 939-8124.

APRIL CALENDAR

- 4/2 Name Tag Sunday, Bible Study,
 Traditional Worship@ in Sanctuary,
 Contemporary Worship @ Beacon,
 Get Acquainted Meal, Sr High/College Time,
 Evening Worship, Foundation Class
 4/4 Election Day, Senior Adults @ Denny's,
 Cast, LifeTree Café
 4/5 GriefShare, Team Kid, Student Time,
 Prayer & Bible Study, Easter Egg Hunt,
 GriefShare, Choir Practice, Worship Team Practice
 4/6 Bible Study Fellowship Informational Meeting
 4/7 Craft2gethers
 4/8 Craft2gethers
 4/9 Bible Study, Combined Worship@ in Sanctuary,
 Walk with Jesus
 4/11 ROMEO's @ Denny's, Cast, LifeTree Café
 4/12 GriefShare, Team Kid, Student Time,
 Prayer & Bible Study, GriefShare
 Choir Practice, Worship Team Practice
 4/14 Good Friday Service in Sanctuary
 4/15 Bridal Shower for Sonya Wattles
 4/16 Easter Service @ the Beacon,
 Easter Breakfast @ the Beacon,
 Easter Service in the Sanctuary,
 Easter Service in the Sanctuary
 4/18 CAST, LifeTree Café
 4/19 GriefShare, Team Kid, Student Time,
 Prayer & Bible Study, GriefShare
 Choir Practice, Worship Team Practice
 4/20 WMU
 4/22 Upsy Daisy Lunch
 4/23 Bible Study, Combined Worship@ in Sanctuary,
 24D, Sr High/College Time, Evening Worship,
 4/25 Romeo's @ Beacon, CAST, JULIET's, LifeTree Café,
 4/26 GriefShare, Team Kid, Student Time,
 Prayer & Bible Study, GriefShare
 Choir Practice, Worship Team Practice
 4/27 Oak Hill Service
 4/30 Bible Study, Combined Worship@ in Sanctuary,
 Lord's Supper, Church Potluck,
 Quarter Family Meeting



LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN--

Please join us for a Bridal Shower in honor of

Sonya Wattles

Saturday, 4/15 11:30 am @ The Beacon

RSVP:(618)-558-3390 or bethanywattles@gmail.com

Registries: Target, Pampered Chef & Lowes

For more information visit www.theknow.com/us/justinandsonya

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Please feel free to contact one of our deacons if you have a ministry need.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday Schedule

8:45am Bible Study

10:00am Contemporary Worship-B

10:00am Traditional Worship-C

6:00pm Evening Worship-C

6:00pm Student Prayer Room-B

Wednesday Schedule

2:45pm-6:30pm Children's Activities-B

2:45pm-6:30pm Student Time-B

5:15pm Light Dinner

6:00pm Prayer & Bible Study-C

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Stewardship

Station Kiosk

Located in the first hallway past the church office @ the Main Campus.

Schnucks Donation

A percentage of each purchase made at Schnucks will be donated to the church when the ***Free Schnucks eScrip Community Card*** is used. Cards are available in the foyer or at Schnucks. **This money will be designated to the Church Building Fund!**