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By Paul Sisk



Growing Challenges and Resources

The next eight weeks will be exciting and hectic as we prepare to open the new "ARC" (Anchor Resource Center). The addition of 18,400 square feet to our physical plant will mean great opportunities to serve and minister to our church family and neighborhood.

The list of things to do is staggering and we will be asking for your help in several areas. The challenge of volunteer staffing will be met if we share the areas of help we can provide. Some people have time during the day to volunteer and we need you! Others will be needed in the evenings for different tasks. Will you let us know your ability, desire, and availability?

Taking care of a combined 35,000 square feet is a big job, not one which a single person can handle. To that end, you have budgeted and the Personnel Committee has made an addition to our staff with the hiring of Roy Tatum



as Custodian Supervisor. He is full-time but will focus mostly on the ARC. With his secular and professional experience, he will make a welcome addition to staff. Certainly we will still need volunteers to help keep the existing building clean and some new help for the ARC.

I must take a moment and say thank you who faithfully serve behind the scenes in thankless job. I wish we had pictures of all of you to share. Thanks



Marilyn Adcock, Leona Mayfield, Janie Powell, and Joan

Veazey for dusting. Ken Williams and John

Aguhob clean and mop the stairwells and vestibules.

Laura Cobuluis, Nancy Sisk, Gene Carter, Sam Ball, Wayne Still, Howard



Mayfield vacuum our carpets in every room! Thanks Joan Sweers for the overhaul of all the vacuums! Lois Brown, Jacque Hammond, Charlotte Woodward, and Leona Mayfield remove old papers from the hymnals and straighten them in the pew



chair racks. Claudia Thomas and Paige White collect

and take out all the trash each week and replace the plastic bags. Connie Dotson and others in the Bluegrass Deaf Mission help out by taking all those chores for one week a month. Mary Dawson and others substitute. I am sure that I am missing some, and I know there have been many others through the years who have had to give up their service due to health concerns. We certainly appreciate all these servants in the Lord's house.

Would you like to be part of this team? We need you now more than ever!

Watch for the Christian Life Academy returning in the first month of each quarter. April will feature several classes.

Sneak peak at new Bible Study classrooms. Palm Sunday, March 16, new ARC will be opened for all to tour. Before SS begins, those classes moving to new space in the weeks to come are invited to take a few minutes and come visit your new "digs!" After worship, the ARC will be open for all to tour.

The exterior remote entry system is not functioning properly. While we track down the problem and a service provider, please be aware that we can hear the bell, see you in the monitor, but cannot communicate audibly. Listen for the "click" at the left door and pull. If you don't get a response, please call the office 296-1214. Thank you for your patience while we affect repairs.

By Mat Whitaker



So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

All the men of the church are invited to attend and bring a guest to the Men's 1st Thursday Monthly Prayer Breakfast Thursday, March 6.

Beginning with a biscuits and sorghum breakfast at 8:45, this month's testimony and the sorghum will be given

by
Dr. Morris Bitzer.



April 3rd - Judge John P. Schrader, Family Court &
May 1st - Rev. Homer Carter, retired pastor



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Sanctifying the Secular: Easter Eggs and the New Birth

The egg has had a very prominent past. It has, during the span of history, represented mystery, magic, medicine, food and omen. Before the egg became closely entwined with the Christian Easter, it was honored during many rite-of-Spring festivals. Numerous cultures have all cherished the egg as a symbol of the universe. From ancient times eggs were dyed, exchanged and revered.

In Pagan times the egg represented the rebirth of the earth. The long, difficult winter was over and the earth was bursting forth colors and growth just as an egg breaking to reveal a new life. For this reason, many people have trouble relating the egg to any Christian meaning or significance and would dismiss it summarily, but I would like to propose a few con-

siderations before we throw them out altogether.

First, let us remember who created the egg, the chicken, and the entire universe. As Christians, we know that all life comes from the creative genius of our Heavenly Father. Let us not concede our right to worship God for His creating, sustaining powers simply because unbelievers may adopt ungodly practices. Instead let us remind others to thank God for his amazing creation that cannot logically be explained in any other way than an Intelligent Designer fashioning the universe to specific plans and purpose.

Second, what illustration of death's ineffectual hold on Christ is better than the egg? A seemingly, inanimate, round object sits still and appears on the outside to have no life in it. At the

perfect moment, however, a little chick breaks through the walls to reveal life. Is that not what happened at the scene of a borrowed tomb? When there seemed to be no hope, no life, no chance for Jesus, the stone rolled away and glorious Life exited this container, this temporary prison. Instead of focusing entirely on the exterior of the egg as a canvas for decoration, or the importance of a strong shell to hold up to the jostling, hiding and finding, consider that shell as the tomb, which had no power over the risen Christ and could not hold him back from his victory over death.

Finally, and closely related to the second illustration, is the similarity of the egg to every believer's testimony. Ezekiel 36:26 says "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;

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Church Family Information

March Birthdays

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| 2 - Stacey Barrier | 25 - Eugene Asher |
| 5 - Jo Browning | Sam Ball |
| Nan Helmond | 26 - Betty Jo Cavanaugh |
| 6 - Markita Goodman | 27 - April Drake |
| Nancy Hogg | 28 - Sue Jones, Nate Pratt |
| 8 - Amy Bishop | 29 - Margaret Hyde |
| Ricky Pittman | Dawn Keyser |
| 11 - Diane Daugherty | Carl Peters |
| E. J. Lankford | 30 - Dick Edwards |
| 12 - Ron Nutter | 31 - Stephanie Denniston |
| 14 - Robert Stinnett | Dorothy Hylton |
| 15 - Wanda Barwick | |
| Wayne Still | |
| 17 - Jane Oliver Boone | |
| George Day | |
| 19 - Carol Mitchell | |
| 20 - Rick Boyatt | |
| Paul Sisk | |
| 21 - Thelma Smith | |
| 22 - Amanda Chrouser | |
| Jane Culler | |
| 24 - Betty Gilbert | |

March Anniversaries

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| 2 - Roscoe & Jeannie Covington |
| 4 - Dick & Iva Dean Boyatt |
| 5 - Roy & Barbara Tatum |
| 7 - Paul & Dorothy Hylton |
| 13 - Charles & Ethel Denniston |
| 14 - Ted & Ginny Sisk |
| 17 - George & Kay Ragland |
| 21 - Pete & Betty Fisher |

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



Marlene Gibbons



Carolyn Baber Davis

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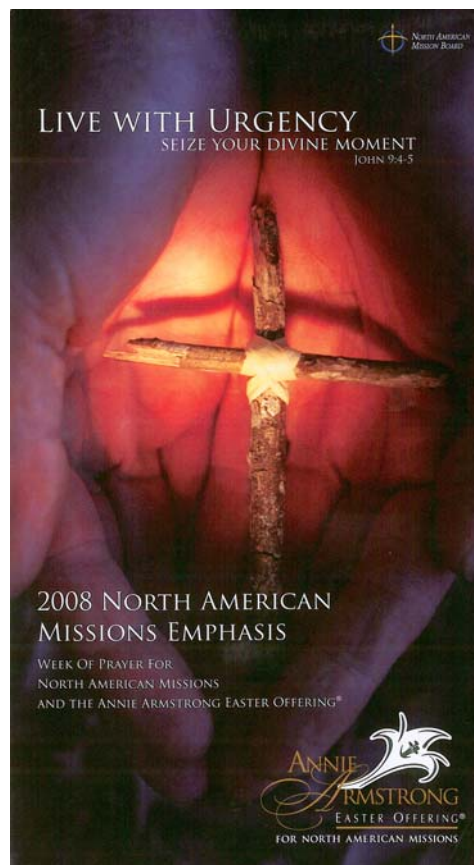


unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in 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. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and 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 God's 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. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.



Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to

Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 2-9

The March meeting of the WMU will be Sunday, March 9, 3:00 p.m. room at the home of Charlsie Still. Come and enjoy the fellowship and be part of the true purpose in life - on mission to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

Anchor's Goal \$2,000

GIFT TO ANNIE

While the majority of AAEO gifts provide salary support for missionaries, some are used for ministry supplies. Use the following to give people more tangible examples of how missionaries use AAEO funds.

- \$1** A hot meal at the Open Door Soup Kitchen in Barre, Vermont
- \$5** Snacks for Kids Club ministry at an apartment complex for one week
- \$10** A can of paint for a World Changers project
- \$15** A textbook for an ESL student
- \$20** 100 Gospel of John booklets to be given out at special ministry events
- \$50** Hot chocolate reception to introduce college students to Christ
- \$100** Supplies for a brand new Sunday School at a mission church
- \$250** Newspaper ads promoting the first worship service of a new church start
- \$500** Materials and supplies for a new church to hold their first Vacation Bible School

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Anchor Baptist Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship	3 5:00 Boy's Choir 6:00 Chamber Choir 7:15 Orchestra	4 9:30 Staff Mtg. 6:30 Visitation	5 5:30 Wed. Night Activities	6 9:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Women's Prayer Group	7	8 9-12 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
<i>Week of Prayer for North American Missions, March 2-9 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering</i>						
9 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship	10 5:00 Boy's Choir 6:00 Chamber Choir 7:15 Orchestra	11 9:30 Staff Mtg.	12 5:30 Wed. Night Activities Business Meeting	13 10:00 Women's Prayer Group	14	15
16 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship Palm Sunday	17 5:00 Boy's Choir 6:00 Chamber Choir 7:15 Orchestra <i>Mornings Deadline</i>	18 9:30 Staff Mtg.	19 5:30 Wed. Night Activities	20 10:00 Women's Prayer Group 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	21 7:00 Good Friday Service	22
23 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship EASTER	24	25 9:30 Staff Mtg.	26 5:30 Wed. Night Activities Finance Mtg.	27 10:00 Women's Prayer Group	28	29
30 9:00 Bible Study 10:25 Worship BLOOD DRIVE						

What's the Score: Music Ministry Update

By Carl Peters

Have you ever wondered what it would have been like to sit at the table with the other disciples as Jesus shared the Last Supper with them? What a thought. Do you realize that Jesus was not creating a new sacred rite, but rather, He was fulfilling an ancient one?

Luke records in the 22nd chapter of his gospel, "Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, 'Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.' When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, 'I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfillment in the kingdom of God.'"

That fateful Thursday night, the Passover remembrance, normally focused on the Exodus out of Egypt, was reinterpreted by Jesus. Shifting from the escape from the bondage of Egypt, Jesus places the new emphasis on our escape from sin, death and hell as we are "in Him."

In that upper room, Jesus shared the Passover

Seder. Notice in Luke's account (Luke 22:17-20) that two cups are mentioned. This reveals that Jesus was following the traditional Passover Seder. In fact, the Passover meal has four cups. According to Paul, the final cup Jesus offered the Disciples was the third cup – the Cup of Blessing (1 Corinthians 10:16 KJV). He abruptly interrupted the normal Seder by singing a hymn and going out. Jesus did not drink the last cup *that night*.

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 5:7-8, "Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast..." This year's Maundy Thursday service will not only be a celebration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper, but will place our celebration in the context of the Hebrew Seder – the Passover meal that Jesus shared with the Twelve. You are cordially invited to take part in this stirring and informative night. You will never view the Lord's Table the same way again.

Our Holy Week services reconvene on Good Friday at 7 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra will present

Joseph Martin's moving musical – *The Weeping Tree*. This time of remembrance will focus our thoughts on the reality of Calvary's cross. Through music and Scripture we will be transported to the final scenes of Jesus earthly life. Invite a friend and experience the long shadows of *The Weeping Tree*.

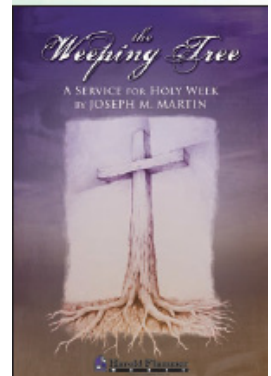
Easter Sunday, the greatest day in all of history, we will celebrate by pulling out all of the stops – both literally and figuratively. With the organ soaring, trumpets blasting, choir voices echoing forth, and our congregation bedecked with joyful colors reflecting the sheer joy of New Life in Christ, we will gather at the tomb only to find it empty. From every corner of our Sanctuary the cry will ring, "Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed!" Our baptismal waters will stir and our hearts will be moved on this day of days.

Make your plans now to be with the family of God for each of these sacred celebrations. Invite those in your sphere of influence who need an introduction or reintroduction to the Savior.



Maundy Thursday Service – March 20, 7 pm
From Seder to Sacrifice – The Passover as a Picture of Jesus with music by the Chamber Choir

Good Friday Service – March 21, 7 pm
The Weeping Tree Presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra



Easter Sunday Service – March 23, 10:25 am

Thank you, Dan and Shirley!

Easter Sunday will mark the end of another chapter in the history of Anchor. That will be the last Sunday Dr. Daniel B. Tilford will serve as our organist. December 31st, Shirley stepped down as the worship pianist and accompanist.

It has been my personal joy and privilege to be in a ministry partnership with Dan and Shirley. From

those early days at Milward Funeral Chapel with little more than a digital piano and eager volunteers to form a choir, the Tilfords have been integral in our growth and enhancing our worship.

I wish you knew the many times the Lord has blessed me as I stepped into the pulpit to preach having just received encouragement

from the choice of music and spirit in which it was played by these two.

With all the planned Easter events, we wanted to extend our thanks to the Tilfords beforehand. Therefore, Sunday, March 9, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. we will have a reception in their honor. I know you will want to be here and express your gratitude in person.



Sanctifying the Secular (continued from page 2)

I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” We cannot see what goes on inside the egg during its developmental process. A chicken or duck will only emerge from the egg if there is life planted on the inside. Otherwise, it will look on the outside like any other egg, but there will be no life in it. We believers, at one time were like this egg. We appeared on the outside like every other person, but on the inside, there was no life. Just like the egg, when our hearts have been changed and recreated, a outward transformation occurs as the life of Christ bursts out of the old man and is revealed . So let us hold to 1 Corinthians 10:31 and do all things to the glory of God.

If they are secular, let us sanctify them. God has made all things, He deserves our worship for all things. Let us not be hindered by the sinful practices of the world, but give God the glory he deserves. I hope you will pass on these truths to your children as you talk about the various symbols of Easter. I hope you will join us for our Easter Egg Hunt at the church. It will take place on March 15th, at 10:00 am. As part of our desire to sanctify the secular, we will be sharing the story Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection with all children present. They will also discover scripture verses inside each plastic egg they find. You can help us make this event a success by donating plastic eggs

By Mat Whitaker

filled with candy, or plastic eggs and bags of candy, which volunteers will fill. The donations need to be put under the coat rack outside the sanctuary by Sunday, March 9, so we can put the scripture strips in them on the following Wednesday. If you would like to help with this event in addition to the candy and eggs, please call Susan Smith or call Mat at the church office.



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