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## It All Comes Down to This!



*By Carl Peters  
Senior Pastor*

Kentucky fans were shocked when St. Peter's upset the Wildcats. This was a most unlikely outcome! Then, St. Peter's won two more games, knocking off much bigger teams as they advanced to the elite eight. Next week, the final four will meet in the semifinals and then—the National Championship game. For basketball fans it all comes down to this—and it doesn't get much better, especially if your team is in the big game!

April is also the month we remember and mark Jesus' Passion—as He

processed into the Holy City on Palm Sunday, as He gathered in the upper room with His disciples on Thursday, went to the cross on Friday, then was raised up from the grave on Easter Sunday! We will gather for special services to mark these, the most significant days in the Christian faith. It really does all come down to this! And, it doesn't get any better, for in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, the Way is opened for us to be reunited with our Heavenly Father!

We will gather on Maundy Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. to recall the events of the Upper Room. We are calling this service, "Two Suppers that Tell the Story." On Good Friday, April 15, we will gather at 7 p.m. for the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Ensemble's musical, "Candles of Grace." Then, on Easter Sunday, April 17, we will worship at 8:45 and 11 a.m., celebrating Jesus' victory over Satan, sin, death and the grave!

I pray that you will take part in all of these services. They will help us focus on eternal truths even more important than basketball! It all comes down to this.

## Children and Youth Matters

I am happy to report that AWANA and our Wednesday night music and missions are going very well! We are seeing better numbers in AWANA and the kids are doing a wonderful job memorizing scripture verses! We have Easter approaching and the summer is coming up fast! I am excited to announce that

Vacation Bible school will be June 20th-24th!

We will have a meeting regarding materials and positions on Sunday April 10 following the church service. I hope you all are doing well and I am excited for our children's and youth ministries as we approach the summer! Thank you for your prayers and support!



*By Daulton Peters  
Youth and  
Children's Ministry*



## Church Family Information—April

### Birthdays:

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Patrick Hostetter | 22 Faith Alexakos |
| 3 Sam Still         | 24 Sherry Browne  |
| 5 Joey Bennett      | 25 Sandra Valtas  |
| Joan Switzer        | 26 Claudia Soper  |
| Sandra Williams     | 28 Esteva Cassem  |
| 8 Phil Jackson      | Diane Hancock     |
| 9 Shirley McClure   | Bonnie Watkins    |
| 10 Jim Neal         |                   |
| 11 Scott Durbin     |                   |
| Vickie Whitlow      |                   |
| 14 Sue Hager        |                   |
| Jack Hiatt          |                   |
| 15 Amy Jorgensen    |                   |
| Pamla Lyons         |                   |
| 16 Dee Dee Jackson  |                   |
| 17 Marsha Cox       |                   |
| Marilyn Melton      |                   |
| 18 Jasmine Noel     |                   |
| 20 Alison Gembar    |                   |
| 21 Vicki Carter     |                   |

### Anniversaries:

- |                            |
|----------------------------|
| 2 Dick & Carolyn Edwards   |
| 9 Jim & Helen Atherton     |
| 10 Charlie & Linda Ledford |
| 17 Scott & Shirley Durbin  |
| 19 David & Fern Powers     |

Please contact the church office if your Birthday or Anniversary has been missed. We would like to acknowledge all of our members' special occasions!

## BAPTISM



William Petross, March 20, 2022



### Holy Week Schedule







April 14—7:00 p.m.—Maundy Thursday Service

April 15—7:00 p.m.—Good Friday—Candles of Grace—Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Ensemble

**EASTER SUNDAY! - TWO SERVICES—8:45 & 11:00 A.M.**



by Paul Jorgensen

## Gospel To Every Home

**John 3:36** - *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

**Romans 10:14** - *...how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?*

**Mark 16:15** - *Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

If the Bible is true, and I absolutely believe that it is, every person will either live for eternity in heaven or die for eternity in hell. We have a responsibility to take the Gospel to those who may not have ever heard and this duty begins with our neighbors. Studies show that 84% of people in Lexington do not attend church on Sunday. This means that there is a high probability that our neighbors have never accepted Christ as their Savior and do not have a place of worship to receive spiritual encouragement and edification.

Recognizing this truth, our church joined with 2,360 other Kentucky Baptist Churches last year

in a coordinated effort to take the Gospel to all of the 1,728,681 homes in the state of Kentucky. After prayer and consideration, our church adopted nearly 11,000 homes in our immediate neighborhoods with which we would share the Gospel. Last year, we reached 4,500 homes with the Gospel, prayed with hundreds of our neighbors about issues in their life, were an encouragement to other Christians in our area to share the Gospel and saw three people make a profession of faith in their homes.

As warmer weather approaches, it is time for our church to once again continue our mission to

fulfill the Great Commission in our local region. Every person in our church can be involved in this great effort of local missions. I would like to encourage everyone to attend a training meeting on March 19 at 10:00am. During this training we will re-introduce every part of this mission work and show how you can be involved through prayer, preparation of materials and proclaiming the Gospel. Join us again on March 26 at 10:00am to prepare materials that will be delivered. Then on April 2 at 10:00am we will meet at the church to pray and proclaim the Gospel To Every Home.





By Sara Sutton  
on behalf of the Women's  
Missionary Union

## WMU News– Missions

During the month of April we are continuing to collect offerings for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. The over-all goal for the offering for 2022 is \$70 million. Anchor's goal is \$2000. Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering -100 percent- goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. Our partnership with Southern Baptist Convention churches and individuals makes this work possible.

In 1934, WMU recognized the lifetime work of Annie Armstrong by naming the annual Easter offering for home missions in her honor. Thus the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was born. The North American Mission Board states that "*Annie Armstrong was*

*born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.*"

Among Annie's many contributions are:

- Started Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
  - Served as the 1<sup>st</sup> executive of WMU
  - Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
  - Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished people
  - Gained support for first black, female missionaries
  - Initiated fund-raising "brick-cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Traveled across America

in the late 1800's encouraging missionaries and inspiring churches to pray, give, and act Miss Annie gave so much. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the "Annie Armstrong Easter Offering" to help her work continue.

For our April WMU Meeting we will be meeting on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the sanctuary. Pam Pokey who works with the Irishtown Ministry sponsored by the Central Kentucky Network of Baptists will be our speaker. Pam was originally scheduled to do a presentation in January for us but due to inclement weather this was postponed to April. Please join us on the 24<sup>th</sup> to learn about the many activities to reach people that are going on through this ministry.



## Deacon Ordination of Earl Broome

Anchor Baptist Church celebrated the Ordination Service of Earl Broome on Sunday, March 6, 2022.

Earl and his wife, Lillian, joined Anchor on November 14, 2014.

Earl served our nation in Vietnam. He retired to Nicholasville KY from Kansas City and had a long career as store manager for Sears, Montgomery Ward and T. J. Maxx. They have

one son, Charlie, two daughters, Shari Buchta and Tammy Meeker, 5 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He has served Anchor in so many capacities including now serving on our Facilities Committee and as a member of the Finance Committee and our Church Treasurer.

Thank you, Earl, for your dedication and leadership at Anchor Baptist Church!



*They must first be tested,  
and then if there is nothing against them,  
let them serve as deacons.  
1 Timothy 3:10*

## Media News

### **Come Home Running** by Chris Tomlin

1. *Oh heart of mine why must you stray? From One so fair you run away and one more time you have to pay the heaviness of needless shame*

2. *Oh heart of mine come back home you've been too long out on your own and He's been there all along watching for you down the road*

Chorus: *So come home running, His arms are open wide, His name is Jesus and He understands He is the answer you are looking for, so come home running just as you are*

3. *Oh child of God so dearly loved and ransomed by the Savior's blood Called by name, daughter and son, Wrapped in the robe of righteousness*

During Convergence services last month, Pastor Carl picked a powerful song by Christian songwriter and worship leader, Chris Tomlin. The song is called *Come Home Running*. It's about the story of the prodigal son. We all have loved ones close to us and in our family that have strayed from God and do not know the Lord. Some don't want to know the Lord. Some grew up in church and went to Christian camps and now choose not to believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of the world—God's only Son.

As I tried to make it through this song before Daulton preached about the Prodigal Son, my tears began to flow for the lost people in my family that will go to hell if they don't accept Jesus as Lord. It's just that simple but just so sad and my heart broke as I sang the words to the song. I could not make it through the song which I know only comes from the Lord Jesus. He weeps. He cries. He is sad that his children

have not come running home to Him. He longs for the Prodigal Son to run home with arms open wide and a loving believing smile wrapped all over his face as he runs to the Father. Please pray with me for our loved ones that do not know Jesus and need his love to live a life of love, life and happiness. Ultimately live a life that will be FOREVER. Eternity. It takes a decision. It takes a softening of their heart. We ALL have been there. Every one of us. We all have come running to the Father and Jesus if we know him. We had to surrender our will to His just like Jesus the Son of God.

Father please let our Sons and Daughters turn back to you. Father let our Aunts and Uncles and even some of our parents and cousins that aren't living for you see the light of Jesus and run into His loving arms in salvation. Amen.



By Phil Jackson  
Music and Media

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