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Greetings from your excited and proud Pastor:

Be and Optimistic Christian. A.W. Tozer writes, Attitude is all-important. Let the soul take a quiet attitude of faith and love toward God, and from there on, the responsibility is God's. He will make good on His commitments. May these words remind us that even when the challenges of the day seem daunting, God remains faithful! And so should we! No Christian should be a pessimist, for Christianity is a system of radical optimism! "Optimism and cheerfulness are by-products of knowing Christ"! Billy Graham

Bro Dennis

A Church United in Love, Exemplary in Their Conduct, Fervent in Prayer, and Wisely Zealous to Promote the Cause of Christ is Very Likely to Increase Rapidly

Deacons In Service

Tommy Barron
 Jay Barron
 Benton Blackmon
 Charles Cain
 Charles Gamberi
 David O'Briant
 Jay White

Special points of interest:

- *Courtyard memorial scheduled to complete March 2016*
- *A beautiful fountain encircled with brick benches and engraved pavers*
- *Engraved bricks are available for purchase for \$100 each*


Memorial Courtyard Almost Complete

Construction on the memorial courtyard is going well. Over 100 engraved pavers have been purchased and Gibko Landscaping is expected to finish about the second week in March. There are plans to add lights and there will be future maintenance needs. If you feel led to give, please do so by designation. If you would like to purchase a brick in memory of your family or friend, contact Melissa Loomis at 318-757-7831 or check out our Face book page. Bricks purchased after initial construction is complete will be installed when a total of 20 have been purchased. Look for announcements! Thank you for your prayers and support for this project!



Courtyard view from Ferriday Drive

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 2016



HERE I AM SEND ME.
ISAIAH 6:8

North American Missions
Goal: \$70 Million

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING™

North American Mission Board

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, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary. 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. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our missions efforts. 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 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 modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours. You can give now thru the end of March. Thank you!

Spring-In to Revival, March 21-25, 7:00pm



Revival, the act or an instance of reviving or the state of being revived; an instance of returning to life or consciousness; restoration of vigor or vitality. Doesn't that sound exciting? Have you become ritualistic in church attendance, prayer time or worship? Have you lost your zeal for God. As God's creation is revived with the coming of Spring, we too are in need of revival. As we consider pre-

paring our gardens for the planting season, let's take a moment and prepare our hearts, minds and spirits for revival. We've been busy, busy. Busy is good, but being too busy often can take our attention, time and resources away from the One who is most deserving of it all. God loves us so much that he has chosen to work in us, with us and through us to accomplish his perfect will. Get ready!

Get excited! Get REVIVED!

We will host a different speaker each night. If you would like to provide a meal for our guest, a list will be posted in the hallway. Guest speakers include:
Bro Glen Harrigill (Mon)
Bro Byron Gray (Tues)
Bro Todd Whittington (Wed)
Bro Greg Dunn (Thurs)
Bro Clay Fuqua (Fri)
Music provided by **Bro Jeffery Goodman and RBC Choir**

Pray for America!



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12)

Thank God for this great country in which we live! Please pray for the men and women, who stand up and protect and defend our great United States of America!

**National Day of Prayer
Is Thursday
MAY 5, 2016**

Our Family in Service

Jackie Ashley
Nathan Bozeman
Striker Brown
William Butler
Joshua Chellete
David Cloyd
Dust Craft Tate
Steven Crane
Matthew Dobson
Jeremy Verbeck
Chance Edwards

Jarred Edwards
John Dale Loomis
Tyler Mason
Cameron O'Briant
Bailey Sutherland
Holden Braswell
Thomas Tarver
Kaleigh Beaver

If you would like to add a service man or woman to our prayer list, contact the church office.

Upcoming Calendar of Volunteers

| NURSERY WORKERS | PARKING LOT DUTY | CHILDREN'S CHURCH MOMS |
|---|---|------------------------|
| 6th(M) Dorothy Dutton/Elisha Sanders (E) Amy Dewitt/Pasty Smith | 6th Jay White David Ainsworth | 6th Amy Dewitt |
| 13th (M) Edna Craft/Peggy Wood (E) Business Meeting | 13th Rayford Buckles Benton Blackmon | 13th Samantha Black |
| 20th (M) Marie Harris/MarySue Jackson (E) Peggy Barron/ Marie Harris | 20th William Seyfarth Paul Harris | 20th Cindy Craft |
| 27th (M) Sue Cothorn/Michelle Edwards (E) MarySue Jackson/ Linda Wiley | 27th Eddie Nugent Bill Rayborn | 27th Elisha Sanders |



Welcome
 Gage Colton Smith
 February 9, 2016
 Parents
 Allen & Gabby Smith
 Grandparents
 Kathy Smith & Charles Smith
 Grandparents
 Fred Smith/Edith Keys

Beth Moore, A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place

The women's bible study group is in the middle of "A Woman's Heart", God's Dwelling Place by author and Women of Faith speaker, Beth Moore. All ladies young and old are invited to explore the fascinating account of the building of the Old Testament tabernacle, its pivotal role in God's eternal plan, the grand fulfillment of its purpose by Jesus Christ, and its variety of meanings for your walk with God today. The group meets every Monday at 6:00 pm, with dinner starting at 5:50 pm. Come join us! Contact Karen Baker for more details.



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Flowers for the Sanctuary & Benevolence Ministry

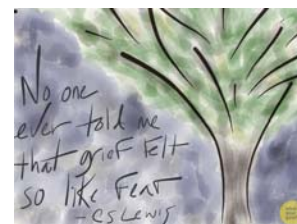
We are so grateful for those who place flowers in the Sanctuary each week. If you would like to take a turn, please contact Samantha Barron, the chairperson for the sanctuary flowers. The month of February schedule is as follows:

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| 6th | Leeon Cassels |
| 13th | M/M Bill Rayborn |
| 20th | M/M Eddie Nugent |
| 27th | Mrs. Jan Armstrong Smith |

Our church extends a benevolent hand to those grieving. If you know of a need, the contact for March is Kathy Edwards or Chairperson Marie Harris.

Kathy Edwards
 318.757.2880/601-807-9281
Marie Harris 318.757.6530

Where Flowers Bloom, so does hope!
Lady Bird Johnson



**No one ever told me
 grief felt so like fear.
 C.S. Lewis**

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Our Church Staff

Pastor and Wife
Bro Dennis & Mrs. Karen Baker
Minister of Music
Bro Jeffery Goodman

Youth Pastor
Bro Denny Braswell
Assistant Youth Pastor
Bro Adam Gamberi
Children's Ministry
Ricky & Cheryl Cullum
Young Adult Ministry
Jay & Pam White

Church Secretary
Mrs. Peggy Barron

We invite you to worship with us! Get plugged in to one of our many weekly and/or monthly ministries.

Sunday

Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 am
Adult Choir Practice 4:30 pm
Discipleship Training 5:30 pm

Pre Service Prayer 9:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 pm
Evening Worship 6:30 pm

Monday

Women's bible study. Currently, Beth Moore
A Woman's Heart

Weekly 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study 7:00 pm

AWANA 6:00 pm
(September - May)

March 2016

AWANA Worship Service
Ladies of Faith Luncheon
Young Adult Dinner
Building/Grounds Committee Meet
Week of Prayer/Annie Armstrong
Sr. Appreciation Fish Fry
Daylight Savings/Deacon Committee Meeting
Business Meeting
Love Circle, Monthly Widows Luncheon
Cinnamon Roll Ministry
Children's Easter Egg Hunt
Spring Revival
NO AWANA
Easter Sunday
Bulletin Mailed (entries deadline 3/29)

| | |
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| March 2 | 6:00 pm |
| March 5 | 2:00 pm |
| March 5 | 6:00 pm |
| March 6 | 4:00 pm |
| March 6-11 | |
| March 12 | 5:00 pm |
| March 13 | 4:30 pm |
| March 13 | 5:30 pm |
| March 14 | 11:30 am |
| March 15 | EARLY! |
| March 19 | 2:00 pm |
| March 21-25 | 7:00 pm |
| March 23 | |
| March 27 | |
| March 31 | |



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Enjoy!

Bulletin Board

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt
March 19
2:00 PM
at the home of
Ricky & Cheryl Cullum

Acknowledgements (see bulletin board)

James Smith & Family
Ethan Shields
& Family

Church Cookbooks

\$15
See Samantha Barron

Welcome to Ridgecrest Baptism

Abby Eames
Linda (Lynn) Welch
Julie White
MaKenzy Hawley

Special Needs

Veronica Boren will have surgery March 21. If you would like fix a meal for her family, please contact Tanja Maroon. Thank you in advance!

If you would like to host one of the Revival Teams for a supper meal, please sign the list on the bulletin board in the educational hallway.

Thank you in advance!