

# Special Events

*Taste and see that the Lord is good!*

The Word of God is alive, active, and holds the potential to change everything. Come, join us, and open your eyes to Scripture like never before at **THE WORD ALIVE WITH LYSA TERKEURST**, a two-day virtual sojourn in a setting where the Bible comes to life. This event will be held at Crossings Community Church in OKC on March 23-24. Check the bulletin board for more details or contact the church office.

The Mooreland Community Palm Sunday service will be held at Mooreland First Baptist Church on March 25 at 6:00. We look forward to worshipping our Savior together with our brothers and sisters of the church's of Mooreland. Pastor David will be delivering the message and our choir will be singing special music. As the host church we will be providing a light fellowship meal following the service. We will need volunteers to bring in finger food snack items, ie: chips & dip, veggie trays, summer sausage & cheese tray, crackers, cookies, sheet cakes, etc. If you will be one of the volunteers, please contact Jo Simmons or the church office so we will know we have plenty.

The exercise group continues to press on! The exercises are isometric, no equipment needed. You get stronger and more flexible as you persevere! We meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 5:30 in the new basement. You can also join Brenda Starr each morning 7 a.m. for a 2 1/2 mile walk, meeting at her house.



No ice storm can stop us! Game Night will be on March 29 sponsored by the Sr. Adult Ministries! A Pot Luck dinner will start the evening at 6:00. Bring a main dish, vegetable/salad &/or dessert for all to enjoy. Bring your favorite board game, dominos, cards, etc. We will set up teams or groups when folks are here and we know what games will be played. Join us for a night of fun & fellowship!



The Women's Salad/Prayer Supper will be on March 20 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite salad and/or dessert for all to enjoy. We will then go to the throne room of God for a time of praise and petition.

*" Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16*

On Good Friday, March 30, we will have a special service at 7:00 p.m. We will be sharing the Lord's Supper together, sharing the body of Christ. " Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, **"Take, eat; this is my body."** And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, **"Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness**



## Sunday Morning Highlights

We are so Thankful for all our Sunday Morning Workers. We are aware of your faithfulness to teach the Word Sunday after Sunday to our preschoolers, children, youth, and adults. This month we are going to highlight our Children's Sunday Morning Ministry and how many people it takes to make this happen. Cathy Smith serves as our Children's Sunday School Director as well as our Children's Worship Director. Our Bus Captain is Lou Harper, who faithfully visits and encourages children to come. Her bus drivers are Mike Elsey, Glenda Ross, and Bev Kelting. Breakfast is served to children weekly by Gerry Hand and Anita Flewelling and Martha Noble. Sunday School workers include: Nursery-Kristi Kincaid and Melody Miller; 2's & 3's-Sandi Highfill and Brenda Starr; Pre-K- Jody Rooney; K & 1st-Ira Smith; 2nd & 3rd-Dena Schoff and Debbie Moody; 4th-Don Sternitzke; 5th-Glenda Ross; 6th-Lorie & Jeremy Baggett. We have an amazing staff of workers in our Children's Sunday School Ministry and in our Children's Church Ministry. Cathy staffs Children's Church and those workers include: Luke & Melissa Thompson, Scott Hubbard, Morgan & Seth Lady, Jess & Jake Morton, Lou Harper, Glenda Ross, Kelli & Heath Persons, Alyssa & Jason Hillman, Nate Butts, Isaac Sanchez, Jacob Moline and Bev Kelting. Those of us who work in Children's Ministry feel blessed with the opportunity to serve God's kids and to teach them about Him. The challenge we have is to give each teacher a helper in their classroom as a support person. If you would be willing to come along side one of these workers, please contact Cathy Smith or Bev Kelting.

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# What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way we support mission efforts in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO are used to support Southern Baptist missionaries serving across the United States and Canada. Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering—100 percent—goes to train, resource and send more than 5,000 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.

The North American Mission Board supports 5,262 missionaries.

Our church goal: \$1000.00

Annie Armstrong Day of Giving: March 25

# POWERHOUSE Student Ministry

Brothers and Sisters,

Madness. Whether you're a college basketball fan or a March hare (it's an old English expression), it's the month of the year to be "wild" or "out of control". I don't think that we can simply limit madness to the NCAA or English bunnies either. I would dare say that our lives, schedules, and spirits have their fair share of madness in them (I know mine certainly does). So, how do we counteract that craziness, the stress, and the out of control nature of our lives and of who we have become? We must rest better, and when I say "rest" I don't mean "do nothing". Scripture calls us to rest in God by having faith in Jesus.

In Hebrews 3, the author is talking about responding to God's call. In doing so, he references a Psalm of David (Psalms 95) that urges people to resist the temptation to harden their hearts when they hear God's voice. The Israelites following Moses in the wilderness had failed in that regard. They hardened their hearts and put the Lord to the test. As a result of their faithlessness and hardhearted-ness, they weren't allowed to enter the Promised Land. If you are familiar with the story of the Israelites, you have heard this before. The interesting thing, however, is that the writer of Hebrews doesn't call it the "Promised Land". The word used is "rest". Think about this: the Israelites' faithlessness led them to being left out of rest.

So, what's the takeaway? You should absolutely take time to take care of yourself physically. There are times when you should "do nothing". My fear is that we don't take the time that we need to rest spiritually by having faith in God and remembering what He has done or what He is doing. We don't rest in His presence, in His promises, or in His power. As a result, we are spiritually exhausted and don't have the spiritual energy to do what He has called us to do. We need to take a good look at ourselves spiritually and start saying "no" to the things that keep us from resting in Christ, fellowshiping with his church, and fulfilling his mission.

It is only by faith that we can enter and enjoy rest. I pray that we would be a people of faith and of rest. In doing so, I believe we will accomplish much more for the kingdom.

In Christ,

Brian

## *New Church Janitor*

The Trustees have hired Ashley Miller as our new church janitor. We are excited to have her work with us and we welcome her to our staff. She replaces Brenda Starr, who served as janitor for 25 years. We appreciate Brenda's years of service to our church as janitor. Brenda will still be serving as our Church Secretary.

## *Sunday Evening Small Groups*

The Small Groups have just completed the study "Counter Culture". It was an amazing study. The New Study on Prayer begins March 18. Watch for information on times and places that the small groups will meet. If you have not been in small groups, this would be a great time to start.

## *Childcare Needs*

We are blessed to be able to minister to our families. There are several times when childcare is needed. The "Set Apart Moms" meet on the first and third Thursday of each month from 8:30-10:30 a.m. The small groups meet on Sunday Evenings from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you are available and would be willing to help with this ministry to our young families, please contact the church office.



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# Faithnews

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*Jesus died for his friends, and his enemies, and for everyone in between.*

In his recent book (2017) (Re)union, Bruxy Cavey writes: The Victoria Cross is Canada's highest military honor, similar to the Medal of Honor in the United States. These medals are awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty. Of the thousands awarded to date, more citations have been bestowed for falling on grenades to save comrades than any other single act.

The first Victoria Cross of World War II was awarded to Company Sergeant-Major John Robert Osborn. The sergeant-major and his men were cut off from their battalion and under heavy attack. When the enemy came close enough, the Canadian soldiers were subjected to a concentrated barrage of grenades. Several times Osborn protected his men by picking up live grenades and throwing them back, but eventually one fell in just the wrong position to pick up in time. With only a split second to decide, Osborn shouted a warning and threw himself on top of the grenade. It exploded, killing him instantly. The rest of his company survived that battle because of Osborn's selfless other-centeredness.

I love stories of this kind of bravery and self-sacrifice. But no matter how beautiful that heroic act may be, through Jesus we see an even greater love at the heart of God. You see, soldiers who fall on grenades do so out of love for their friends while they are on the battlefield trying to kill their enemies. Jesus died for his friends, *and his enemies*, and for everyone in between.

This month our church will focus on the love and sacrifice our brothers and sisters in Christ who are serving as church planters throughout North America. Our Southern Baptist Convention's North American Mission Board currently has just over 5000 such ministers serving in various areas giving love and service to people in need of Christ. Our part is pray, serve and give sacrificially as we serve together showing the love of Christ to our world. *1 John 3:18 (TLB) "Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions."*

On Mission Here Now,  
Pastor David Houchin