



# Koinonia *focus*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | MOORELAND FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH | MARCH 2019

## *Last year, Southern Baptists planted 926 churches in the United States and Canada.*

We are a Southern Baptist Church that cooperates with over 40,000 churches throughout North America for the purpose of sharing the gospel.

The month of March is dedicated to praying for individuals who are serving throughout North America to plant new churches in areas that have no Southern Baptist Church and to give an offering to help support those serving.

There is an estimated 273 million people in the United States and Canada who don't know Jesus Christ. Maybe you see that number and lose hope. What good can one person do? What difference can you make in the face of such darkness? Let's follow these steps and send hope to our nation.

### **1. Pray for harvest.**

God alone saves souls. Keep asking the Lord to send workers and bring the harvest.

### **2. Place significance on people.**

Every single person—everyone in that 273 million—is important to God. Reaching just one person shapes the kingdom.

### **3. Partner well.**

We are not alone. The North American Mission Board (NAMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention has created an effective strategy for getting the gospel to people who haven't decided to follow Jesus. That strategy is called Send Network, and through it NAMB helps plant churches in 32 major metropolitan areas (with more to come). These areas—dubbed Send Cities—are cities with huge population, diversity and great spiritual need. Cities that, when reached for Jesus Christ, could change cultural tides.

NAMB leaders explain, "If you reach the cities, you'll reach the nations," especially since 83% of the United States and Canada now lives in metropolitan areas.

### **4. Plan to expand.**

You may think enough churches exist in North America, especially if you live in the South.

Why do we need more churches?

- On average in the United States and Canada, one Southern Baptist church is available for every 6,828 people. In Montreal, one Southern Baptist church exists for every 112,000 people. The church must be accessible to all who desire to learn more about Jesus Christ.
- The gospel does not change, but the people groups living within North American borders have varied cultures and needs. What a blessing it is for refugees, immigrants, college students and others to have a pastor and congregation who understand their hearts and lives. Multiplication makes personalization possible.

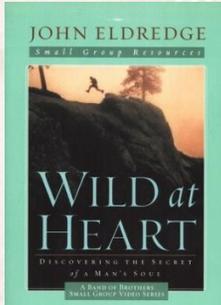
Last year, Southern Baptists planted 926 churches in the United States and Canada. How does this affect you? How can you get involved? You support the Send Network every time you pray for new congregations. One of the simplest ways to help reach 269 million people with the gospel is by giving to Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® (AAEO). Our offering date is Sunday, March 31. Our goal is \$1500.00. Every penny of AAEO goes toward North American missions and church planting. The national goal is \$70 million.

You may feel overwhelmed with 273 million lost people around you, but by praying and giving to AAEO, together we can push back lostness in North America. The 2019 theme is "Sending Hope". 1 Peter 1:3 (CSB), "... He has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

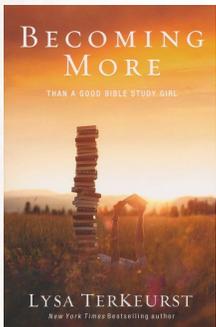
Sending Hope to North America,  
David Houchin

# Small Group - New Studies, New Format

March 3, Scott Hubbard & Ira Smith's groups, with Brett Bates' group joining when their current study is completed, will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for a men's & women's study. The men will study, *Wild at Heart* and the women will study, *Becoming More*. They will begin the evening with a meal together, then split to go to respective studies. The children will eat at the same time then go to their areas.



Dare to be the man God created you to be! *A Band Of Brothers Participant's Guide* will provide wisdom and insight as you embark on a journey to discover how God can heal your wounded heart and put a spirit of adventure back in your life. John Eldredge challenges you to abandon passivity and actively pursue your God-given dreams. Encouragement for men to walk the road least taken.



Is talking to God just another thing to check off on your to-do list? Are you tired of just going through the motions of being a Christian? Sharing her own story, TerKeurst helps you uncover the spiritually exciting life you long for in your walk with God - and in your heart, relationships, struggles, thoughts, and calling.

## Prayer-filled Mornings

*Men, you will take the lead and have a prayer breakfast on March 9 beginning at 7 a.m. "Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me." Ps. 50:14-15*

*Ladies, it's your turn, March 16 beginning at 9 a.m. with a brunch. Bring a brunch item to share with the group. "My voice You shall hear in the morning, O Lord; In the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up." Ps. 5:3*

March 10

It's time to set your clocks forward one hour!



## VBS Motto-Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!

This summer kids will focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus. Each encounter is like a snapshot-a specific moment in time captured on the pages of Scripture. Through VBS, kids will discover that each snapshot of Jesus is an opportunity to respond to the gospel. And when put together, these isolated encounters clearly reveal the most amazing truth of all-Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and by believing we can have life in His name. Are you ready for an up close and personal encounter with Jesus? The adventure of a lifetime awaits!

Our Wildlife Specialist, Carla Thomas, is now looking for Scouts (lead & assistant teachers) for this years VBS. If you have not been contacted & would like to help in VBS, please contact Carla and she will have a place of service for you! Save the date of April 9 for the Association VBS clinic held here. See you *in the WILD!*

## Kid's Camp July 29-31

*Serve* is the theme for this years camp. 1 Samuel 12:24 ESV " Only fear the LORD and **serve** him faithfully with all your heart. For consider what great things he has done for you."

The Kid's Camp committee has been meeting regularly getting the t-shirt design, making sure Bible studies/devotionals are ready, contacting and solidifying leaders and teachers. We are so fortunate to have so many in our Association willing to serve and have our roster filled! We are now reaching out to ask for adult & jr sponsors. We need one sponsor to every 7 children and we usually take 40 kids! John Elam, director of missions, has brought to our attention the need to step up security and protection for our children and adults who are at camp. Falls Creek is now requiring background checks for all who come to serve at camp. In light of the condition of the world we now live in, Kid's Camp is asking that all adults have a background check. All of the churches will be responsible for getting background checks ran for the adults from their church coming to help at camp and the information will remain confidential with their church. We greatly depend on our jr. sponsors for Kids Camp, too! The children look up to our youth and the adult sponsors rely on their help. Youth, who have completed the 9th grade, you are eligible to come to camp as a jr. sponsor. If you are interested in coming to camp as a jr. sponsor, let Brice know. We will be asking for all adult and jr sponsors to be registered by July 1st.

# FBCM Students

In a recent study by Barna of practicing Christians; it was found that three out of five millennials (twenty to thirty four year-olds) believe that people today are more likely than in the past to take offense if they share their faith. <sup>1</sup> The same study found that millennials feel better equipped than Generation X, Boomers and Elders when it comes to sharing their faith but don't share due to fears they will offend. One must immediately question whether those interviewed were truly believers. Although most American's struggle with the thought of being rejected and we don't want to make people think we are judging them. The most sobering thought is not that millennials think evangelism is *hard* but that they may think it is *wrong*. The more Christians are inspired and equipped to share their faith, the more they realize those fears are just smoke and mirrors that Satan uses to keep us from advancing the Gospel. It is important to remember that we ourselves aren't being rejected, God and the Gospel is. Be encouraged and share the Gospel and what Christ has done in your life continually.

-BRICE

<sup>1</sup> "Almost Half of Practicing Christian Millennials Say Evangelism Is Wrong." Barna. <http://https://www.barna.com/research/millennials-oppose-evangelism>  
fbclid=IwAR3x5jSfuFBp0cwIT9G3bb-NZTo2esgTIICm7XfTOJ3aoRT51



## March

10th: Super Summer Interviews

20th :Spring Break Volleyball Game

22nd-23rd: Spring Break/Falls Creek Service

*coming this summer*

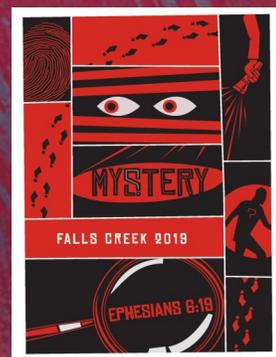
## June

3rd-8th: Falls Creek '19

17th-21st: Super Summer OK

## July

15th-20th: Student Mission Trip with Mobile Mission Ministries (adult sponsors still needed)



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Box 1000  
418 S Elm  
Mooreland, OK 73852  
Phone: (580) 994-5420  
Fax: (580) 994-2469  
E-Mail: fbcmrld@pldi.net

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
Mooreland, Okla.  
Permit #5

**Return Service  
Requested**

# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

## THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS March 3-10, 2019

Our church offering goal is \$1500

The Annie Armstrong offering intake day will be Sunday March 31st, designated envelopes will be in the Sunday School boxes and in the foyer. Please pray and seek how you can be a part of 2019 North American mission work.

The [North American Mission Board](#) (NAMB) exists to help every church take its next step in missions and encourage every believer to live on mission.

As believers, we are called to boldly send the hope of the gospel. No matter where we are, God is calling us to be on mission through praying, giving and going. With over 273 million people in North America who do not know Jesus Christ, the need is great, and the mission is far from finished. NAMB's mission field is the United States, Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. This region contains diverse ethnic groups, languages and religions. That's 363 million people, 350 languages, and more than 14 religions. Thank you for your partnership in reaching this mission field.



**100%**  
of your gifts to the  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®  
supports North American missionaries.

[ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM](http://ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM)

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
EASTER OFFERING  
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

North American  
Mission Board

**SENDING  
HOPE**