

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

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STRONG CHRISTIANS MAKE STRONG FAMILIES

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Words from the Pastor

As I sit down to write this article for our Spring Newsletter, I have to say I am excited about the things that are coming up. It looks like in the near future we are going to finally see the sanctuary completely finished, visitation is going well and I believe that God will bless Cedar Grove for faithfulness. VBS is in the planning process and is always lots of fun, the choir is getting started back, and it looks like we are going to see some things start happening regularly for the children's ministry and this is just to name some of the things going on. If you have been sitting on the sideline we would love to see you get involved.

I have witnessed the church growing in spiritual realms and this excites me about the possibilities for the future. Just with anything we do we must grow and mature to perform on a higher level. I believe church attendance is a big part of developing spiritually and I try to give the church a mixture of sermons as well as I attempt to teach on a variety of subjects on Sunday and Wednesday nights. I also believe that Sunday school is a big part of growing. SS gives people the opportunity to hear other teachers besides the pastor and to interact on a different level. SS develops ownership and community for those who are active in a class. Sunday school also allows a place for people to branch out and exercise spiritual gifts as well as a place to develop those gifts in a smaller environment, such as organizing, helping others, teaching or holding an office. As I was just reminded again it takes an oak tree a lot longer to grow than it does a pine tree but the finished product is stronger and of more value. I would encourage our church to actively seek out opportunities to build a family relationship with other church members and find a place to serve in the church; Paul refers to the church as the body of Christ. As a body we are all to be actively participating in the body to bring honor to God.

As we come toward Spring commit to growing in Christ and find a place to serve in His body if you are not currently and we will get stronger together.

Pastor Marty

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 26 1:00 PM CHILDREN'S OUTING TO BUMPER JUMPERS IN GREENSBORO. COST IS \$8.00 – DINNER MEAL INCLUDED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. CONTACT TASHA FRANKLIN (336-308-3144)

MARCH 28 6:30 PM –MEETING FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN A COMMUNITY GARDEN. CONTACT PERSON PHIL ALBRIGHT. (857-2949)

APRIL 3 – LAST DAY TO BRING ITEMS FOR NC BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME FOOD ROUNDUP (LIST OF NEEDS AVAILABLE)

APRIL 4 6:00 PM CHURCH PLANNING MEETING (MEAL PROVIDED) OPEN TO ALL

APRIL 10 – COVERED DISH LUNCHEON FOLLOWING MORNING SERVICE

APRIL 23 11:00 AM EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWED BY A HOT DOG LUNCH (DONATIONS OF BAGGED CANDY AND SMALL GIFT ITEMS SUCH AS PRIZES OR STICKERS ARE NEEDED.)

MAY 7 – MOTHER DAUGHTER DINNER WITH JANET HARLLEE COME READY TO LAUGH AND BE INSPIRED WITH MITSY LOU PUPPERNICKEL AND "MAMMA SAYS..."

ANNIE ARMSTRONG HOME MISSIONS OFFERING OPEN THROUGH APRIL

BIRTHDAYS AND
ANNIVERSARIES



March 11 Linda Heath
March 13 Billy Owens
March 16 Kristy Whitehead
March 19 Michael Franklin
March 23 Bryan Reeder
March 31 Wayne Brewer

April 9 TJ Owens
April 10 Ryan Camp
April 22 Buddy Grainger
April 27 Trish Carter

*Happy Birthday
God Bless you!*

Mother/Daughter Dinner

Please plan to join us for an evening of good food and entertainment. In honor of Mother's Day, the men of our church have volunteered to prepare an evening meal for the ladies.

Following the meal, Janet Harlee, an International Christian Storyteller, Character Actress, Speaker and Songwriter will perform "Mamma Says..." featuring Mitsy Lou Puppennickel. Come ready to laugh and be inspired, all at the same time. To see video clips of Mitsy Lou visit www.janetharlee.net.

SATURDAY MAY 7
5:30 PM

Cedar Grove Baptist Church



EASTER EGG HUNT
SATURDAY APRIL 23

11:00 AM

**OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN IN THE
COMMUNITY!**

Activities and games followed by a Hot Dog Lunch in the Church fellowship Hall. Donations of bagged candy and small gift items such as prizes or stickers are needed.



COMMUNITY GARDEN

Get your sun hat dusted off and your canning jars ready as Cedar Grove Baptist Church plans its first attempt at a community garden. Scott and Kerry Bidlespacher have graciously agreed to allow us to use part of their property for the garden. Join us as we learn about gardening techniques and experience the fellowship of working together in this community project. Garden produce will be shared with the community and local organizations.

Contact Phil Albright for more information. (336-857-2949)

Planning Meeting for the Community Garden March 28 6:30 PM at Cedar Grove

Vacation Bible School
July 17-22 6:00-8:00PM
AGES 4 - 12

Join the Cedar Grove Baptist Church Gang for a fun filled week during Vacation Bible School. Plans are underway for an adventuresome time looking for treasure through crafts, Bible stories, music, and games. Friday night commencement will feature highlights of the week and a cookout for the entire family. Buddy, Scott and Kerry invite you to mark these dates on your calendar. If you are interested in helping with the activities, please contact Buddy Grainger.



CHURCH RENOVATIONS CONTINUE

Plans to reupholster the sanctuary pews are in the final stages. Fabric has been selected and dates are being set.

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF FUTURE WORKDAYS.

VISITATION IN THE COMMUNITY IS SCHEDULED FOR EACH SATURDAY MORNING 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. JOIN US AS WE VISIT OUR NEIGHBORS AND SHARE GOD'S LOVE.

INTERESTED IN SINGING?

Join the Church Choir as Donna Auman leads us to prepare special music for Easter and Sunday Morning worship.



**START
HERE.**
MATTHEW 9:36-38

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS EMPHASIS

ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

North American Missions Emphasis
START HERE...with PRAYER

The **ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**, jointly combined with funding from state Baptist conventions, provides the basic support for the North American Mission Board (NAMB) and missions personnel. The NAMB provides assistance to churches, associations and state conventions in church planting and evangelism, including soul-winning training, interfaith witness, and church and community ministries. Three priorities are sharing Christ, starting churches and sending people.

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 unite in mission endeavors. 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. She 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. Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. Missionary Jacques Avakian in Canada shares "When I think of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, I think of the first letters "A" and "A" = Always Available." Howard Burkhart in California states "The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is our lifeblood, our lifeline, and our future. It puts missionaries on the field, provides ministry funds, Bibles, church planter training, support for new churches, and provides an opportunity for summer missionaries who often are our future missionaries. It does make a difference!"

The 2011 goal for Cedar Grove Baptist Church is \$650.

***Cedar Grove Baptist Church
Schedule***

Sunday School 10:00 AM

***Sunday Worship
Service – Children’s
Church 11:00 AM***

***Sunday Evening
Worship Service 6:00 PM***

***Wednesday Prayer
Meeting – Children’s
Programs 7:00 PM***

***Pastor – Marty Grainger
Deacons: Michael Auman
Wayne Brewer
Tony Whitley***

PRAYER REQUESTS

Church Family/Special Needs
Extended Family
Friends
Government and Church Leaders
Missions and Missionaries

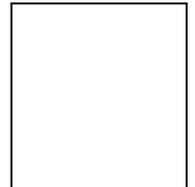
Pray for one another

*Confess your faults one to another, and pray one
for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual
fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
James 5:16*

**CUOC-ITEM FOR THE MONTH
Shelf stable fruit, Any Food
Need: Volunteer Workers and Prayer**

***Cedar Grove Baptist Church Website
www.cedargrovebaptistchurch.net
Designed by Ethan Bell***

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