

# CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

## NEWSLETTER — MARCH 2015



We believe that salvation is the gift of God brought to man by grace and received through personal faith in the Lord Jesus Christ plus nothing. His precious blood was shed on Calvary for the forgiveness of our sins. The salvation of the ill-deserving sinner is based on the finished work of Jesus Christ, who became the sinner's substitute before God and died a provisional sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

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### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

Winter is over, well for the most part now that we are in March. Things should start to warm up, the time has changed (March 8), the days are going to start to get longer and while it seems we have more time two things will cool off if you do not make a conscious effort to keep them hot. First, your time with God will cool off. This happens and we don't even see it. We spend so much time working in the yard by the time we get in the house it was time to go to bed. My I say to all of us our relationships are intentional. What I mean by that is we must make a decision to spend time with a friend by the same rule we must decide to spend time with God. I encourage you be like Daniel have a set time that nothing derails your commitment.

The second thing that will cool off is your church attendance. I believe in time off and time away but when any one is missing from our congregation we limp, it takes the whole body of Christ to function properly. Each person has a vital role to play in this church; I especially believe that to be true for Sunday school and Sunday morning. Now I am not trying to get you just to come then but that is when visitors seem to try us out. Now I am going to ask you a question to consider, "If you visited a church and there was no children there, or there were no young adults, no older adults, no piano player or music leader, no men or no women, would you

consider that church a place you may want to join or even come back to visit again?" I kind of doubt it. With the size of our congregation any one missing makes a huge difference especially for visitors.

So here is what I am going to ask each one including myself to do. First, let's get a regular time to pray and read our Bible for ourselves. This may mean we have to get up earlier or come in the house earlier in the evening. It is vital that we hear from God each day this will keep us on track. Second I am going to ask each one of us to invite people to church each week. If you invite someone you are going to feel foolish if they come and you are not here. By this I am going to ask all of us to double our efforts to make Sunday morning's events. Third, I am going ask you to ask God to do something spectacular each Sunday morning, if you do this and you believe He will, you will not want to miss Him showing up. Each one of these things will take each one of us living intentionally. We will have to set a time aside for God, we will have to set time to go visit someone and we will have to make sure nothing takes priority over church attendance.

As the weather warms up let us warm up our efforts to see God's church here at Cedar Grove grow for the glory of God. Let's us be intentional.

Pastor Marty

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## WHO IS ANNIE?



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 the Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.



### ANNIVERSARIES

Al & Linda Rose	26 March
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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.



### BIRTHDAYS

Michelle Camp	03 March
Linda Heath	11 March
Billy Owens	13 March
Kristy Whitehead	16 March
Michael Franklin	19 March
Wayne Brewer	31 March

# ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS



## DANIEL & LINDA YANG TRINITY LIFE CHURCH TORONTO, CANADA

Daniel Yang's call to church planting was simple—he heard the Lord, trusted Him, and moved out in obedience. That required a physical move from the United States to Toronto, Canada. There, Daniel connected with another church planter, Michael Seaman, and together they have started the thriving Trinity Life Church.

Daniel is married to Linda and they have three sons named Justin, Conor, and Joel.

Daniel grew up in Detroit in a neighborhood dominated by gangs, violence, and failing schools. He graduated from the University of Michigan and had an 8 year career in software before becoming a pastor. At the age of 24 Daniel began having doubts about God, church, and Christianity. This began a secret two year journey of struggle which eventually led him to enrolling in seminary to learn more about the Bible, theology, and philosophy.

In June 2009 Daniel and Linda received an invitation by Bob Roberts Jr. and Northwood Church to be mentored on how to plant churches, do community development, and engage globally. In June 2012 after several years of praying and countless hours of assessment and counsel – Daniel and Linda accepted the Toronto Call to plant churches in a great city that's known as the world's most ethnically diverse city – a gateway to the rest of the world!



## HARK, THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING

HARK, the voice of Jesus calling,  
“Who will go and work to-day?  
Fields are white, and harvests waiting,  
Who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth,  
Rich reward he offers free;  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
“Here am I, send me, send me?”

2 If you cannot cross the ocean,  
And the heathen lands explore,  
You can find the heathen nearer,  
You can help them at your door;  
If you cannot give your thousands,  
You can give the widow’s mite;  
And the least you give for Jesus  
Will be precious in his sight.

3 Let none hear you idly saying,  
“There is nothing I can do,”  
While the souls of men are dying,  
And the Master calls for you:  
Take the tasks he gives you gladly;  
Let his work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when he calleth,  
“Here am I, send me, send me.”  
*Daniel March.*

This hymn was written in 1868, while the author was a pastor in Philadelphia. On the 18th of October he was to preach, by request, to the Christian Association of that city. At a late hour he learned that one of the hymns selected was not suitable. His text was: “Here am I; send me.” (Isa. 6:8.) In “great haste,” he says, he wrote the hymn, and it was sung from the manuscript. In verse one the author wrote “crying” instead of “calling.” The original contains one stanza that is omitted above:

3 If you cannot speak like angels,  
If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
You can say he died for all;  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
With the judgment’s dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
To the Saviour’s waiting arms.

Charles S. Nutter and Wilbur F. Tillett, *The Hymns and Hymn Writers of the Church: An Annotated Edition of the Methodist Hymnal*, vol. 1 (New York; Cincinnati; Nashville: Eaton & Mains; Jennings & Graham; Smith & Lamar, 1911), 214.

## ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING® (AAEO) FAST FACTS

- › Reason we give: To support the efforts of the North American Mission Board’s Send North America strategy, as missionaries and church planters push back lostness in the United States and Canada.
- › Amount of AAEO used to support missionaries and their work: 100%
- › Amount of NAMB budget that comes from AAEO: 49%
- › Amount of NAMB budget from Cooperative Program: 38%
- › Year offering started: WMU started it in 1895
- › Amount given in 1895: \$5,000 +
- › Amount given to AAEO in 2013: Year-end figures totaled \$57 million
- › Year offering named for Annie Armstrong: 1934
- › The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal for 2015: \$60 million