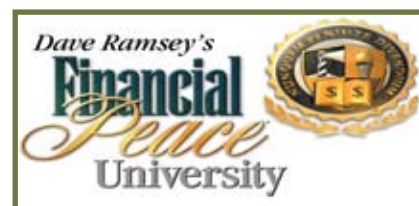


# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN MARCH & APRIL



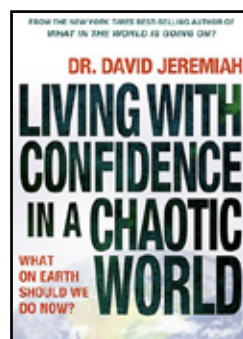
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# The Reporter

Dear Church,

February was a great month for our church and Kid's Weekend was a huge success. We are so fortunate to have Lisa on staff. We are also fortunate to have that many parents who are willing to give a weekend to make Kid's Weekend happen. Although you did not see a public decision this Sunday, know that I have talked with some who need to come forward. We are so rich. When I look at the 90 something children involved in Kid's Weekend I see a precious gift our church has been given. We need to be faithful and continue to sacrifice to meet their needs.

I have also enjoyed studying and sharing with you the sermon series on the seven churches of Revelation. I have had many positive comments about the series. By the time you get this I will have only one more church. The letter to the church of Laodicea is one of the most interesting and I think you will be challenged by its message. I am also going to add another sermon to the series. On Sunday, March 14, I am going to preach on the letter to the church at Oxford. Having studied these last two months on what the Lord said to real churches some 2000 years ago I would like to share with you what I think the Lord would say to us today. That is the Sunday of the time change. I want to encourage you to take special steps to be here for that service. Go to bed early, set your alarm, move your clock ahead. You know the drill. Don't Miss This!!!

Easter is the first Sunday in April this year. So, we will move quickly from our sermon series on the churches of Revelation to our Easter series. Easter means that the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Emphasis is also upon us. Let me give you a quick rundown of the Easter Schedule. First, the week of prayer will start March 7. Our ingathering for the offering will be March 28, Palm Sunday. On that Sunday, plan to come as a family to the alter to present your gift.



Terry Bostick  
Pastor

On April 4, Easter Sunday, we will have the Lord's Supper during the morning worship. This is always a special time and I want to encourage you to bring family and any out of town guests with you to church that day.

Did you know that during the Easter season people are more open to church and spiritual things? Many studies have shown that unchurched people are open to going to church to see what Easter is about. Let's use that openness to our advantage. Begin praying now for God to show you who you can reach for Him this Easter. When He shows you, He will make the opportunity and give you the words to say, so be faithful to follow the leadership of the Lord and His Holy Spirit.

I also want to point your attention to the financial health of our church. While there are some great things going on at our church, there are also some things that are not so great. As I write this article we are barely covering our expenses for the year. In fact, depending on our offering the last Sunday of February we may not cover our expenses to date. I know that many churches are in "worse" financial condition than we are. I also know that if God's people (that's you) would faithfully tithe, our church would not barely be getting by. I know times are uncertain. I also know that many have had hours cut, commissions reduced, and profits shrunk. The church like many other businesses is going to have to do more with less. With that said, I still think we can give more to God than we are. Let's be faithful.

# YOUTH



Will Smith  
Youth Director

irmingham would show up that day. There had to have been at least 300 (ish) people on the ice that day. Once I saw the crowd, I thought that it would be best, for the safety of all who are there that I not pull off one of the greatest moves in all of figure skating.

Ok, before you begin to question the masculinity of your youth guy, let me be honest. I cannot do a salchow. I don't even know what a triple salchow is. I am assuming that it is three salchows. I couldn't even tell the difference between a salchow and an axle. The only reason I know how to spell it is because I can use Google.

So anyway, with the amount of people there that day, I spent next two hours in this slowly running flow of wall

hangers. My reason for hanging on the wall was because I had this very cute 3 year old with me. This was only Abby's second time to ice skate and therefore she stuck to the wall most of the time. As we went around the rink (5 times in two hours) I noticed something. Abby would do awesome (not falling) as long as she was focused on what she was doing. The only times that she fell was when she lost her focus. And when she lost her focus, I was there to catch her so that the fall didn't hurt quite as bad.

I began to think about that in terms of my relationship with God. I am in this slow moving flow called life. When I am focused on Christ, I feel more confident in him and notice a huge difference in our relationship. However, as soon as I

loose focus I begin to stumble and fall. It is at this moment that God holds out his hands and catches me. This does not mean that I will not fall, but that it might not hurt as bad. I do not know how people go throughout life without a relationship with their creator. I find security in the promise found in Deut. 31:8 that God will never "leave you or forsake you."

After two hours, my feet were killing me, by back and shoulders were tired from picking Abby up off the ice, and I was tired of the dirty looks that the 6 year olds were giving me as they passed me. Nonetheless, it was a good day. Hope you have a good one as well.

In Christ,  
Will

So the other day, in the spirit of the Olympics, I took a little trip over to the Pelham Civic Center for an Ice Skating Adventure. I had practiced all week on my triple salchow (that is sal-cow for those of us in Alabama) and was looking forward to executing it in front of the lucky ones who were there that day. Little did I know the entire city of Bir-

# CHILDREN



Lisa Sims  
Children's Director

Hey Guys!

What a great weekend! We had to postpone everything for a week, but then God blessed us with some incredible weather.



THANK YOU so much to all the host parents, youth counselors and parent volunteers. Thank you Shae, Terry and LeaAnn for all the good food. Thanks Mike & Gina for worship. Thanks Cindy for testimonies. Thanks to all the sound and tech guys. Thanks Will, Wanda, Paula and Mr. Austin for your help. Thanks Kelly for making our safari come to life. Thanks Rachel, Kelly & Tonya for always being there when I am CRAZY! And thanks to my family for putting up with me through it all!!!

To all my parents, thank you for making it a priority for your kids to join us for the weekend. I know that you have to make a lot of choices for your family. Thanks for making the choice to participate in the weekend. Thanks for making the effort through all the other commitments on our families!



The kids were great and I know that God worked in their hearts. God is awesome and may He receive ALL the glory from this weekend!

### Save These Dates

Please check the following dates when planning your summer:

May 16th: Spring Musical

June 18 -20th: Kids Camp

June 24—25th: 7Up Trip  
6th graders only

July 19—23rd: VBS

Wed. Nights 6/9—7/14:  
5:30—7:00  
PowerZone



# Announcements & Meetings & More

- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Ingathering is scheduled for March 28. Come as a family and give together.
- Junior High (7th & 8th grade) D-NOW, March 5-7, cost is \$55. Location TBA. Sign up now.



- The annual Nail-benders trip will be May 30-June 4. Save this week for vacation and go on this mission trip. Contact Leon Dean (831-1822) for more information.

- Disaster Relief Chainsaw class is offered March 19 & 20 at Hillcrest. Sign up on-line at [www.SBDR.org](http://www.SBDR.org) by March 15



Congratulations to the 2010 winners of the men's Chili Cook-off.



Shawn McWhorter  
Best all around  
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Hottest  
Clint Smith  
Most Original

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH







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# Nickels & Noses

Date	Sunday School	Budget Offering	Weekly Budget Requirement	Debt Retirement Offering	Weekly Debt Requirement	Total Offering	Memorials & Honorariums
Feb 7	373	\$19,401.07	\$20,569.13	\$3,010.00	\$4,085.14	\$22,411.07	Jimmy Gilmore, George & Lela Davison, Lee & Ida Burroughs, Joe & Bessie Davison, Bessie Schroeder
Feb 14	410	\$15,517.28		\$991.00		\$16,508.28	Jimmy Gilmore
Feb 21	429	\$9,225.40		\$843.00		\$10,068.40	
Feb 28	393	\$30,295.23		\$2,056.00		\$32,351.23	

# MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	10:00 Voices of Gold	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Supper 6:00 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir		Jr High D-NOW	Jr High D-NOW
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:45am S School 10:00 Worship  Jr High D-NOW  5:30 pm CR RA's & GA's	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	9:30 Gladys Phillips Prayer Group  10:00 Voices of Gold	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Supper 6:00 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir	10:00 LLL Club Luncheon		
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
8:45am S School 10:00 Worship  4:30 Deacon Mtg  5:30 pm CR RA's & GA's	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	10:00 Voices of Gold	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Supper 6:00 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir			
28	29	30	31	April 1	2	3
8:45am S School 10:00 Worship Annie Armstrong Ingathering   5:30 pm CR RA's & GA's	10:00 Ladies Bible Study	10:00 Voices of Gold	4:30 Prayer Mtg 5:30 Supper 6:00 Discipleship Classes 7:00 Choir		Church office closed 	

## PRESCHOOL

As I'm writing this article, Terry, Will, Lisa, and I have just returned from the State Evangelism Conference in Montgomery. I was encouraged with new ideas for our preschool ministry and enjoyed hearing from other preschool and children's ministers.

We want this VBS to be the most effective we've had yet! Our theme is the High Seas Expedition and we'll set sail July 19th for a fabulous week of exploring the mighty love of God!



Lisa and I have begun preparing for this summer's Vacation Bible School. Please join us in praying for VBS- pray for our church to reach out to the community, pray for us as we prepare for the outreach and for the follow-up after the week is over, also pray about where you can serve during this time! Begin thinking now about who you know without a church home that you can invite to our church!

It's been a loooong time since we've been able to get together for some fun playtime, so plan to join me at Party Central on Thursday, March 18th for the children to enjoy some fun together. Preschoolers admission is free. Older siblings' admission will be \$5. We'll play from 5:30-7:30!



Rachel Doyle  
Preschool Director

I want to thank all of you for donating your children's clothes and toys for the church to sell in Sweet Repeats Consignment Sale. We'll earn 100% of the proceeds from selling these donated items. I should know by the end of March how much we were able to earn from this. Thank you for participating in this fundraiser!

Thank you so much for allowing me the opportunity to serve FBC! I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday!

## MUSIC

Dear FBC Family, We live in a time period that is extremely busy. It is interesting to me that we have all this technology to make things easier but seems to take more of our time instead of saving us time. However, again I encourage you to make time for service to God by serving in your church. You do not have to officially join FBC to sing with us in the choir. If you are attending, this is your church. I really would like to see us continue to build the choir. The music and choir are one of the focal points of our worship services. I will always believe the way to feel a part of a congregation is to be involved. We have many opportunities for service in this congregation and this is one of those op-

portunities. I wish time allowed me to meet each of you personally and invite you to sing with us but that is that is not the case so please consider this your personal invitation. And remember, as much as we need you - you need us. We have a real need in the music ministry (in addition to choir membership). In trying to do blended music, we must have a variety of instruments. Ideally, we would have 2 or 3 groups that could rotate weeks or months or at least fill in occasionally. I am sure somewhere hiding in the congregation are musicians that could really be a help to us in making this transition. Maybe some of you have a friend that is not active in their church who might

come and become active with us because we have an opportunity for them to do so. Please invite them or give me contact information and I will invite them. All of these programs can be a tool to bring someone to a closer relationship with God and that is our goal. Our goal it not to increase numbers for numbers sake, but to see individuals learn more about the awesome God we serve. I want to commend those of you who are dedicated to the choir and to thank you for your valuable time. We have a great group that regularly comes and makes our music what it is. I definitely could not do this without you. THANK YOU!



Bill Crowe  
Interim Music Minister

I would also like to thank the ones who made possible our weekend in Nashville. It was a real relaxing weekend for Robin and I, and it was totally undeserved and unexpected.

# FAITH BAPTIST DEAF MISSION



Ricky Milford  
Deaf Church Pastor

Have you been watching the Winter Olympics this week? I can't help but admire the skills of the athletes. Although I am not glued to the TV 24/7, I do like to watch some of the events and keep up with who's winning and which country is leading with the most medals.

The athletes all complete with one goal in mind- to go for the Gold Medal. They strive to win for personal satisfaction and also for their country's satisfaction. They not only represent themselves, but also their country. They want to bring honor and glory to their country.

Christians should be the same way. We should not only strive to win for ourselves but also mainly strive to defeat the devil for our Lord's sake. Our goal should be to bring honor and glory to Jesus Christ.

These athletes must be strong to compete in the Olympics. To be strong, they must exercise daily. Christians also must spiritually exercise to stay strong. Spiritual exercise comes from prayer, Bible study, fellowship, Church attendance and Sunday school. All this will help you stay strong and grow as a Christian.

If you have not accepted Jesus as your savior, I pray you will go for the Gold. Jesus is at the finish line waiting for you. He wants to place the gold crown of life on your head.


LET'S GO FOR THE GOLD!



## March Birthday's



\*First Baptist Deaf Mission Members\*

6th	Warren Brady Doug Alger Graham Talley	17th	Kyle Mann	26th	Betty Nelson
7th	Jay Esty	18th	Martha White Jonathan Head	27th	Mildred Hurst Bobby Austin
8th	*Chad Fleming Margaret Star Josh McGuffey	19th	Faye Hubbert	28th	Doris Thompson Rachel McCombs
9th	Robert Poore	20th	Tom Brooks Anne Banks Gary Phillips	29th	Anna Tyson
10th	Robert Jackson Hunter Harris	21st	Stephanie Dean	30th	Dan Catchings Kim Coker Jordan McGuffey
11th	Syndie Smith Leon Smith Chris Denton	22nd	Betty Pace Jacob Turner K.V. Lipham	31st	Sheila Lindley Jana Smith
12th	*Elizabeth Burgess Van Hanson	23rd	Wendell McDaniel Cindy Williams	 <b>April</b>	
13th	John Prince	24th	Celeste McGuffey		
14th	Denman Croley Hilma Bennett Jerry Marks Patsy Brewer Patrick Hall	15th	Virgil Deshler Jay Johnson	25th	Polly Hill Cassy Harrell Tracy Thompson * Myriah Dixon
16th	Slenda Haynes Amy Graham	2nd	Marilyn Burke	3rd	Laura Ledbetter Carla Jones Nick Sims

## Deacon of the Week

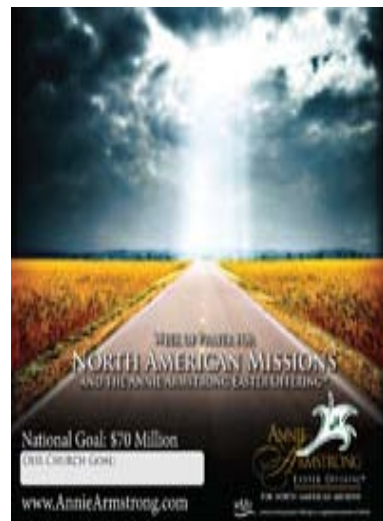
Feb 28-March 6	March 7-13	March 14-20	March 21-27	March 28- April 3	April 4-10
Matt Thompson	Barney Turner	Mike Abney	Tommy Doyle	Gowan Embry	Larry Gaines
831-7923	831-1109	831-1085	831-5550	256-362-9573	831-0699

## Child Care Schedules

Sunday Morning Nursery					
	March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28	April 4
Infants A108	Gowan & Phyllis Embry	Chris & Lorie Denton	Tommy & Robbie Doyle	Becky & Jamie Preston	Peggy Catchings & Kathy O'Dell
Walkers & Ones A111	Sam & Amy Graham	Pam & PK Ingram	Susan & Hayley Freeman	Clint & Ashley Smith	Laura & Abby Alger
Twos & Threes A 110	Deborah & Jordan Whaley	Greg & Lynn Winningham	Greg & Nancy Turner	Carla Smith & Martha White	Lynn Chapman & Pauline Snider
Twos & Threes B A109	Bob & Anne Bobo	Rhonda & Melissa Bryan	Debra & Carol Dean	Mike & Robin Snow	Richard & Stephanie Dean
God's Garden 3K A A102	Jeff & Lori Steward	Kyle & Brooke Mann	Shannon Petty	Rusty & Christy Gann	Tina & Ashley Adams
God's Garden 3K B A104	Bev Smith	Annette Grant & Karen Reeder	Clint & Shae Doyle	Tonya & Carly Sargent	Tammy & Brooke Boyles
God's Garden Pre-K A 106	Matt & Betsy Thompson	Kim Mattox	Patrick & Andi Syer	Jason & Tara T Austin	Jay & Lynn Johnson
Kindergarten A107	Anthony & Pam Whitley	Tim & Jeanne Pilkington	Tim & Natalie Wilson	Jordy & Tyler Houston	Doug & Kelly Champion
Children's Church	Dennis & Karen Reeder	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	No Children's Church	April 11 - TBA

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Week of Prayer March 7-14



Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering  
FBC Goal  
\$18,500  
Ingathering March 28



"Changing Lives"  
Sunday Nights 5:30 - Chapel

Small Groups, Step Studies &  
Solid Rock Cafe

House Band -  
"Crimson Ground"

Everyone Welcome