



Read Across America is the first week in March. Our CDC will celebrate by reading and participating in activities centered on rhyming books. We will also celebrate with special theme days. One day we'll wear something with stripes, one day crazy socks, another day pajamas, and on the other days we'll wear specific colors!

Parents, you will have the opportunity to sign up at the end of the month to help with our annual Easter Eggstravaganza in April.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER
 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday
 PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5
 ANN SMITH, Director 455-8642

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As we continue to focus on the priority of prayer for our church throughout this year, don't forget to sign up for BLESS or call the church office to start praying for five of your neighbors each week. We need to realize that prayer is vital to the Christian life because it flows out of a heart that delights in the Word of God. When Scripture becomes our joy rather than a duty, prayer becomes a natural response of trust and dependence.

Psalm 1 opens with a gracious invitation: "How blessed is the man..." This blessing isn't a temporary happiness tied to good circumstances, but a deep, abiding joy that's rooted in spiritual, emotional, and moral well-being. It's the kind of joy God desires for every believer. Psalm 1 answers a very important question: Who is the truly blessed person? And the answer may not be what the world expects. The blessed person is first identified by what they refuse. They don't walk in the counsel of the wicked, they don't stand in the path of sinners, and they don't sit in the seat of scoffers. There's a downward progression in that pattern of walking, standing, sitting, which leads to a gradual settling into a mindset that leaves God out. The blessed individual understands how subtle that drift can be. So they guard their heart. They're careful about the voices they allow to influence their thinking, because they know that beliefs shape behavior, and behavior shapes destiny.

But the heart of the passage is not simply avoiding things; it's delight. "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on His law he meditates day and night." God's Word is not an obligation to check off a list. It's a treasure. It's the revelation of who God is. It's His wisdom, His ways, and His purposes. The blessed person returns to Scripture again and again, not out of routine, but out of a hunger to know God more fully. They think on it throughout the day, they allow its truth to correct their perspective, to calm their fears, and to guide their decisions. Over time, that steady meditation renews their mind and reshapes their desires so that they want what God wants. And that's where true blessing begins.

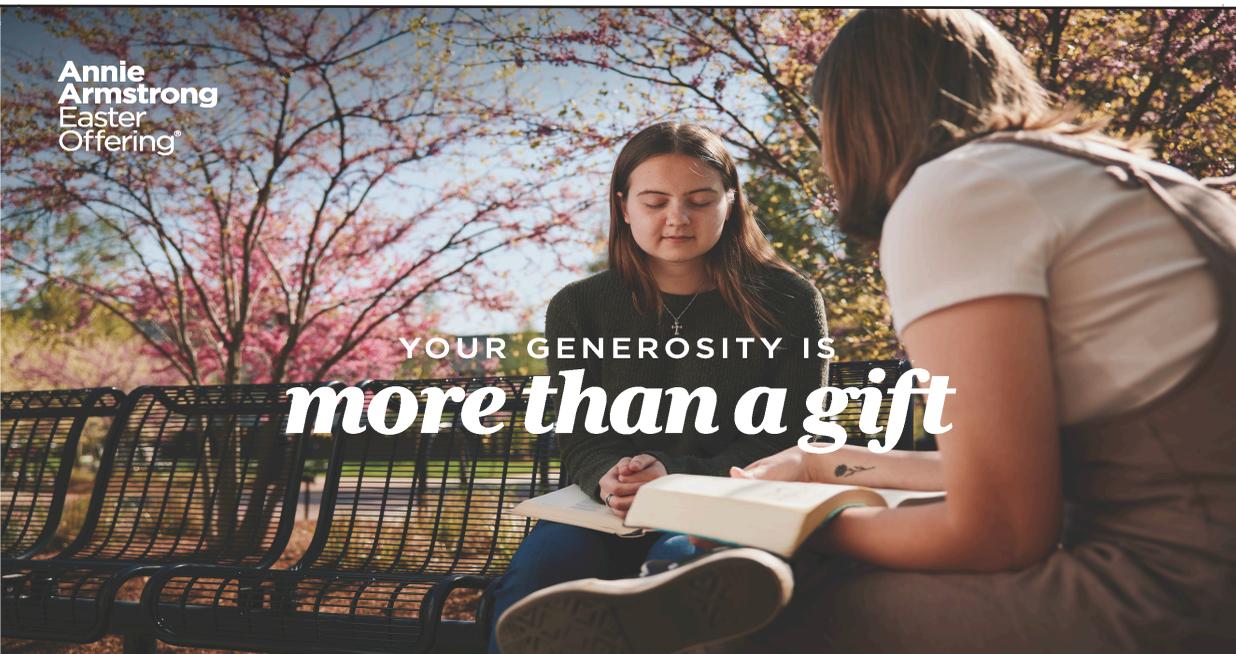
The psalmist then gives us a powerful image: this life is like a tree firmly planted by streams of water. It's not struggling to survive; it's rooted in a constant source of life. As a result, it bears fruit in its season. There is evidence of spiritual growth, and there's evidence of love, wisdom, encouragement, and strength flowing into the lives of others. And even in seasons of heat or drought, its leaf does not wither.

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Circumstances may change, but the source of life doesn't. When we, as believers, are anchored in God's Word, we can remain steady because our confidence rests in an unchanging Lord. By contrast, the wicked may seem secure for a season, but they are like chaff, which is weightless and temporary. Their success doesn't endure. But the Lord knows the way of the righteous. He watches over them with loving, personal care. And the fruit of a life rooted in His Word carries eternal significance.

When Scripture says that whatever they do prospers, it doesn't promise a life without hardship. Rather, it assures us that a life that's aligned with God's truth will accomplish His purposes. Nothing is wasted in His hands. True blessing, then, is not measured by comfort or success as the world defines it. It's measured by a life that's rooted in Scripture, sustained through adversity, and fruitful for eternity. And that kind of blessing is available to every believer who will delight in God's Word and trust Him day by day to accomplish what only He can do. So keep prayer as a priority by using God's Word to guide your prayers and keep on praying for your neighbors that God would open opportunities for you to be an eternal blessing to them!

In Christ,
Pastor Jim



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March 1-8, 2026

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Deacon of the Week

Feb.28-March 6	Bradley Rogers
March 7-13	Ben Murray
March 14-20	Rick Miller
March 21-27	Paco Prince
March 28-April 3	Jason Robison
April 4-10	Jonathan Sipe

Greeters – March 2026

March 1 – Jimmy/ Kristy
March 8– Johnny/ Gayle/ Brian
March 15 – David/Diane
March 22 – Samantha/Linda/Kathy
March 29 – Keith/Ramona

Security – March 2026

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HBC Deacon Family Assignments 2025-2026

Group	Deacon
A-BO	Roger Williams
BR-DOU	Stan Smith
DUN-F	Steve Conner
GA-HEN	Jimmy Gaddis
HES-JOR	Bradley Rogers
KI-MOF	Ben Murray
MON-RAY	Rick Miller
RID-SM	Paco Prince
SN-V	Jason Robison
W-Y	Jonathan Sipe
DEACONS	Mark Smith

Ready to Start Being a Blessing to Your Neighbors?

Scan this QR Code to get signed up!

BLESS
Mobilizing Churches and Individuals to Pray for and Love their Neighbors.

Join our community of Lights today and begin using BLESS to transform your neighborhood with the love of Jesus Christ.
Or call the church office and we'll get you signed up!

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Our nursery is growing with new babies! During the month of March, they will be learning about how Jesus taught. Pray for all of our preschoolers that they will know and love Jesus more and more each day!

March Nursery Volunteers

Nursery Director – Kathy Hasty – If you are not able to serve on your assigned date then please contact Kathy Hasty.

Sunday March 1:

Bible Study: Kelly Farris

Morning Worship: Julie Rogers, Kelly Farris, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Samantha Norman, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 4: Kim Dodson and Rick Miller

Sunday March 8:

Bible Study: Liz Bond

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Phil and Traci Henderson

Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 11: Kim Dodson and Carrie Newton

Sunday March 15:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

Morning Worship: David Inocencio, Kim Dodson, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 18: No AWANA

Sunday March 22:

Bible Study: Lauren Fults, Linda Bolinger

Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Kathy Hasty

Evening Worship: Steve Stone, Kathy Hasty

Wednesday March 25: Kim Dodson and Kathy Hasty

Sunday March 29:

Bible Study: David Inocencio

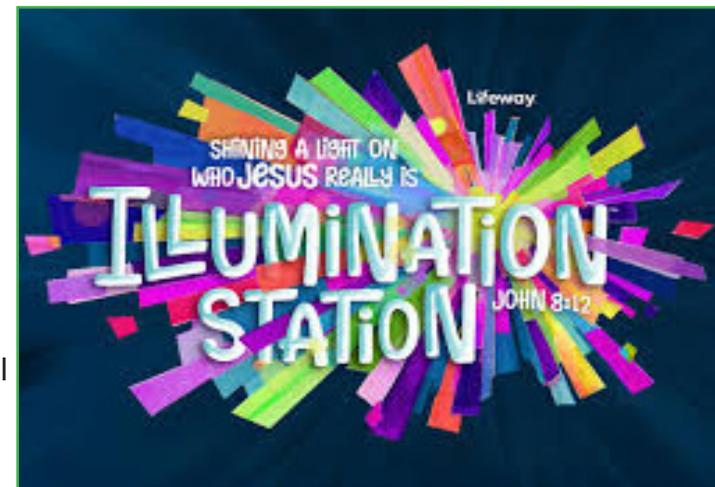
Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, Lauren Fults, Rick Miller

Evening Worship: Linda Bolinger, Kathy Hasty



Sunday School Teachers, don't forget our training is Sunday, March 8th, after the morning service. We will be serving lunch and then jumping into a training session with Alan Roughton. If you haven't signed up, please do so now! I hope that this training will help sharpen your skills and give you fresh ideas on how to encourage your class as y'all study God's word.

VBS is only 4 months away! We still need volunteers. We need help with decorating, helpers, and much more. Please see Brittany Howell or me if you are interested in helping. Be a part of the VBS team to share the Gospel with kids and their families. Jesus said, "Go and make disciples..." not sit back and watch. Our next VBS training will be on April 19th at 3 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Local Children's Pastor Gary Irvin will be joining us. Pastor Gary has served in Children's Ministry for over 35 years. I asked Gary to come and share some of his experience working with children and in having spiritual conversations in leading kids to Jesus. Come with questions ready to ask! Take advantage of this opportunity!



Men, we will be having our quarterly breakfast on March 21st at 8 am. Invite another man to join us. Bring your sons and grandsons. We will have plenty of food! Don't forget our Men's Bible Study meets Sundays at 5 pm.



Ladies, we will be hosting a painting event for you all on April 11th at 10 am in our Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend, please scan the QR code or speak with Abigail Peppers for more information. Don't let cost be a reason you can't attend. We have scholarships to help!

Invite a friend!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Micky Kiber	6	7
Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering- March 1-8						
"Spring Forward" 8 Sunday School Training 12-2 PM Deacons Meeting 4:00 PM	9	10 Prime Timers 12:00 PM	11 Christie Craig Laura Hice	12	13 Nolan Brazier	14
15 Business Meeting 6:00 PM Brenda McGinnis	16 Vickey Craig	17 Elijah Koehler	18 No AWANA TCS Spring Break Bethel Bell	19	20 Russell Leonard	21 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Jewel Ferrell
22 Lord's Supper Morning Worship	23 Tracy Sergeant	24 Amanda Monroe Joanna Koehler	25	26 Jonathan Sipe	27	28 Easter Egg Hunt 1:00-3:00 PM
29 5th Sunday Dinner and Sing	30	31	Sound Volunteers – March 2026 2/25/26 & 3/1/26 – Ben Murray 3/4/26 & 3/8/26 – Ben Howell 3/11/26 & 3/15/26 – Ben Murray 3/18/26 & 3/22/26 – Andrew Newton 3/25/26 & 3/29/26 – Ben Murray Wednesday Nights – Janice Davis		Childrens Church – March 2026 3/1/2026 – Matt Koehler, Ann Smith 3/8/2026 – Coral Leonard, Ryan Robison 3/15/2026 – Jonathan Sipe, Joanna Koehler 3/22/2026 – Brenda Griffin, MJ Murray 3/29/2026 – Mark Raymond, Julie Rogers	

Highlands Highlights

Counters for March
Linda Hawkersmith, Kimber Henry



PRIME TIMERS
TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH AT 12:00 PM

The Mercantile Cafe
Bakery & Gift Shop

LUNCH WILL BE MEATLOAF, SIDES, AND DESSERT, CATERED BY THE MERCANTILE CAFE. PLEASE SIGN UP BY MARCH 4TH, SO WE KNOW HOW MANY TO EXPECT. EVERYONE 55 AND BETTER IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

NO CLUB SPRING BREAK
March 18, 2026

Highland Baptist
Tallahoma, TN

Saturday March 28th 1-3pm

Easter
EGG HUNT

Come to the Registration Table for a Free Gift!

Join us for Food, Fun & Games
4000+ Easter Eggs
April 5 – 7am
Sunrise Service & Breakfast Following
April 5 – 10:30am
Easter Worship Service
No Evening Worship

