

# This Month @ Cropwell

## 2009 SPECIAL EVENTS

April 5, 10, 12  
- Resurrection Celebration/  
see the Easter '09 Schedule  
on page 2 in this newsletter

June 14-18 - VBS 2009

Church-wide Mission Trip  
To the Ocoee

July 19-25, 2009

-Back-yard Bible Clubs

-Construction

-Float the Ocoee/last day

For more info or to sign up  
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Dec 4, 5, 6

- Back to Bethlehem 2009

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### FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

#### **An Easter Reminder**

Contrary to the 21st century, salvation is not possible through many ways; there is only one way. Jesus explained this staggering statement when He said that to know Him is to know the Father (see John 14:7). To know Jesus is to know God. To see Jesus is to see God. When we come to Jesus, we can be sure we have come to the only true God. Francis Schaeffer said, "Jesus said a totally exclusive word: 'No man cometh unto the Father but by me.'" As you reflect upon the passion (suffering) of Jesus Christ during the month of April, remember what Jesus' passion accomplished for this world. His passion is the most important event in all of history, and the most explosive political and personal issue of the 21st century. When all is said and done, the most crucial question is: Why? Why did Jesus suffer and die? What did Christ achieve with His passion? What great thing was happening on Calvary for the world? What did Christ achieve with His passion? What great thing was happening on Calvary for the world? The Cross of Christ is God's greatest testimony that Jesus is the exclusive way to the Father. Only the gospel of Jesus Christ

and His work on the cross proclaim the good news of salvation by grace through faith in the accomplishments of One who paid in full the price of sin as our Savior-Jesus, our Mediator. Let us join with Apostle Paul and proclaim, "Far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world (Galatians 6:14)

#### **The "Annie" of the Offering**

The following information is an excerpt from the home site of the North American Mission Board. "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 that ultimately led to the formation of Women's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary. 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 writing 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. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also 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. 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."

When you give to the offering, 100 percent of your gift will be transformed into missionary salaries and supplies for North American missions. Those missionaries and supplies will help others hear the message of Christ. Would you join your pastor in giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering? As we continue to unite to make Annie's vision a reality in North America today.

~ Bro. Phillip

**Attention Ladies of Cropwell**

Holy Week services will be held at the First Methodist Church Monday, April 5th through Friday April 10th. Cropwell has been asked to participate again this year by furnishing salads (garden, potato, pasta, congealed, etc.) for 250 people on Monday, April 6th.

Our ladies have done a great job in the past providing salads for this event. We need all our ladies to join in helping with this opportunity to serve our community. Please remember to make **LARGE portions**, use **THROW AWAY containers** and have your dish in the Fellowship Hall by 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 6th. If you prefer to bring your salad (provided they keep well overnight) on either Sunday morning or evening) please store them in the refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. All salads will be transported to the Methodist church on Monday morning. Thank you in advance for your generosity and willingness to serve.

On Sunday night April 5th, immediately following the choir presentation, there will be a fellowship to kick-off our Annie Armstrong Easter offering. Ladies, grab your favorite recipes for sandwiches, finger foods and desserts to help make this the biggest and best smorgasbord ever! The church will provide the drinks.

Annie Armstrong offering envelopes will be available in the back of the pews. Please carefully pray about what God would have you give. Our goal is \$7,500. This offering supports our North American Missionaries. Let's pray that we will surpass our goal by Easter Sunday.

**WMU (Women on Mission)**

Women on Mission monthly fellowship will be held on April 1st in room 503.

Ladies we need your help and your yarn. If you have crochet yarn (Red Heart brand, etc.) or novelty yarn (variegated, fuzzy, etc) that you would be willing to donate please drop it into the collection box in the Old Sanctuary. In the very near future all interested ladies will be given an opportunity to learn to make infant caps, scarves and adult hats from the donated yarn. Look for more information to come concerning this project.

**RESURRECTION CELEBRATION 2009**

**Palm Sunday, April 5**

6:30 pm - "It Took A Lamb" presented by the Worship Choir

**Good Friday, April 10**

6:30 pm - Lord's Supper Service

**Easter Sunday, April 12**

8:45 am - ONE Sunday School Hour

10:00 am - ONE Worship Service

No Evening Worship or Activities

[www.resurrectioncelebration.org](http://www.resurrectioncelebration.org)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**Pray for our Bible Drillers:**

Church Drill - March 29  
Association Drill - April 5  
District Drill - April 19

**Get Ready for Vacation**

**Bible School.** Mark your calendars and volunteer to help. June 14-18, 5:30-8:30

**ROME: Paul and the Underground Church**

See Ashley or Patsy with questions or to volunteer.

**PRESCHOOL MINISTRY  
MOPS**

(Mothers of Preschoolers)

**April 4** at 4:00 p.m.

Sanctity of Life Speaker:  
Angie Cantrell, St. Clair Sav-  
A-Life. \$5.00

**Parents Night Out**

April 3rd, 6 till 10:00 p.m.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS  
GREETER MINISTRY**

Begins on April 5th. Ad-  
ditional greeters are still  
needed. If you would like  
to serve, please contact  
the church office.

**Random Acts of Kindness  
Saturday, April 25, 2009  
Church Wide Clean Up  
Day.**

Please sign up in your  
Sunday school class. We  
need a head count for  
meal planning. For more  
information contact Mike  
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# April 2009 @ Cropwell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 29 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 4:00 pm-Choir Reh. 4:00 pm-Children's SS Teacher Mtg. 6:30 pm-Worship	March 30 9:00 am-Exercise	March 31	April 1 9:00 am-Exercise 6:30 pm-WMU Monthly Fellowship DIG for Kids (CLC) Student Worship	2	3 9:00 am-Exercise 6:00 pm-Parents Night Out	4 11:00 am-Easter Egg Hunt (babies-4th grade) @ Pete & Ethleen Funderburgs 4:00 pm-MOPS 6:00 pm-Choir Dress Rehearsal
<b>5 Palm Sunday</b> 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 2:00 pm-Association Bible Drill 6:30 pm-Choir Pres- entation 7:30 pm-After Church Fellowship/ Annie Armstrong Emphasis	6 9:00 am-Exercise 12:00 pm-Holy Week Services @ FUMC 7:00 pm-Deacon's Mtg	7 12:00 pm-Holy Week Services @ FUMC	8 9:00 am-Exercise 12:00 pm-Holy Week Services @ FUMC 6:30 pm DIG for Kids (CLC) Student Worship	9 12:00 pm-Holy Week Services @ FUMC	10 9:00 am-Exercise 12:00 pm-Holy Week Services @ FUMC 6:30 pm-Easter Lord's Supper	11
<b>12 Easter Sunday</b> 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 6:30 pm-No Evening Worship or activities	13 9:00 am-Exercise	14	15 9:00 am-Exercise	16	17 9:00 am-Exercise 6:30 pm-SS Game Night 6:30 pm-Parent Conference with Dr. Donna Peavy/FH	18 3:30 pm Scrapbook- ing Fellowship/ Sonshiners SS class- room
19 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 12:30 pm-District Bible Drill 4:30 pm-Student Choir 5:00 pm-Choir Reh. 6:30 pm-Worship	20 9:00 am-Exercise	21	22 9:00 am-Exercise	23 10:30 am-Omegas	24 9:00 am-Exercise	25 10:00 am-Bowling Trip (1st-6th grade)
26 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 4:00 pm-Children's SS Teacher Mtg 4:30 pm-Student Choir 5:00 pm-Choir Reh. 6:30 pm-DIG Mem- ory Celebration	27 9:00 am-Exercise	28	29 9:00 am-Exercise 6:15 pm-Women's Visitation	30	May 1 9:00 am-Exercise	May 2 Women's Spring Conference 4:00 pm-MOPS

Exalting Jesus Christ

Our 2nd "Mug Um for Jesus" Visitation Night is scheduled for Wednesday night, April 29th. Be in the FH at 6:15 to receive your packet of information and your mug. This is a night for our women's ministry to visit ladies in our community and share the love of Christ with them.

2009 Spring Fling, Women's Ministry Event

Saturday, May 2 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Hall. Our speaker will be Mrs. Natalie Burden. We will also have music, games, fellowship and door prizes. Please take this opportunity to invite a new lady to join you for this event.

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**Family Easter Egg Hunt, April 4, 2009, 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Babies through 4th grade. Pete and Etheleen Funderburg's Residence**

Don't forget to bring your Easter basket, a blanket, and a picnic lunch! We will be collecting Easter eggs filled with candy (no chocolate). The egg collection days are from now until April 1st. Please place the eggs in the buckets labeled in the pre-school or children's ministry areas. Any questions, please feel free to email us: Patsy (pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org.) or Ashley (ashbug1969@yahoo.com) RSVP to pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org or aanderson@cropwellbaptist.org.

**Discovering your Child's Personality, Friday, April 17 - 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Who: Parents of Preschoolers and Children

Location: Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Dr. Donna Peavey, NOBTS assistant professor of Childhood Education

Dinner: Barbecue Sandwich, a choice of two sides, dessert, and a drink for only \$5 Childcare and Dinner for the children will be provided. To register your children for childcare and purchase meal tickets, please see Patsy or Ashley. Any questions, feel free to email Patsy ([pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org](mailto:pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org).)

**New Check in System for Preschoolers and Children starting on April 17th!**

**CROPWELL BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF**

- Phillip Burden, Senior Pastor (205-863-8449)
- Bill Daniel, Associate Pastor (706-466-7977)
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- Ashley Anderson, Director Children's Ministries
- Patsy Flournoy, Director Preschool Ministries
- Janice Hudson, Ministry Assistant/Senior Pastor
- Sherry Daniel, Interim Ministry Assistant/  
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- Jeremy Elliott, Ministry Assistant/Worship Pastor
- Jacque Owen, Financial Secretary
- Linda Williams, Church Custodian

Find out more about our staff at...  
[www.cropwellbaptist.org/staff.htm/](http://www.cropwellbaptist.org/staff.htm/)

**CROPWELL NUMBERS (Numbers = Souls)**

**Average Attendance Feb 22, 2009 to Mar 22, 2009**

- Sunday School: 323
- Morning Worship: 382
- Evening Worship: 141

**Financial Update for Feb 22 to Mar 22**

- Weekly Budget Offering Required \$16,341
- Average Weekly Budget Offering Given \$16,665

**Financial Update Year-to-Date for 2009**

Budget Offering Required Year-to-date:

Deadline for May 2009 Newsletter information - Monday, May 25, 2009