

The Lamplighter



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Pastor's Page

Have you ever wondered why the picture of a dog listening to an old gramophone appears on RCA records? Had you ever even noticed the phrase "His Master's Voice" that is written beneath the logo? Francis Barraud, an English artist who lived near London, had a dog named Nipper. A smooth-haired, fox terrier, Nipper was intelligent and much loved by Barraud.

When Thomas Edison astonished the world in 1877 with his invention of the phonograph, Barraud painted a picture of his dog intently listening to the gramophone. Sending the painting to the new electronics company in the United States that was gearing up to produce records for Edison's new invention, Barraud suggested that they use the picture of his dog and carry the caption beneath it, "His Master's Voice."

However, the company wasn't interested in Barraud's proposal. They thought a dog listening to a record was far-fetched and not at all the image they wanted to convey to the world. Thirty years later, Barraud touched up the old painting of Nipper, sent it back to the company and pitched it as a brand-new idea. New executives fell in love with it and thought it would be a great logo for their company. They were congratulated for their modern thinking and Nipper made Francis Barraud a wealthy man. Nipper has appeared on RCA records since that time and the logo is a worldwide symbol of the RCA company.

When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church of Colossians, he told them they must listen to their Master's voice. Jesus

was their Lord; they were His followers. Christ knew what was best for them, so through the teaching of the Apostle Paul, Christ made some demands upon them to which they must be obedient.

Paul tells us in Colossians 3:2 to love what is good. He says: "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Our love for Jesus compels us to give Him first place in our lives. It motivates us to love what is good, as Jesus did.

Paul also tells us in Colossians chapter 3 to shun what is wrong. Paul gives a long list of things that will hinder our own walk with Christ and our testimony to others. He says to destroy the sins of sexual immorality, uncleanness, evil passion, coveting, anger, evil intent, malice, blasphemy, filthy language, and lying.

Then Paul tells us to do what is right. He says in Colossians chapter 3 to live compassionately (verse 12), to live forgivingly (verse 13), to live lovingly (verse 14), and to live peaceably (verse 15).

As you continue to serve the Lord, let me encourage you to love what is good, shun what is wrong, and do what is right. God will bless you for it. We need to listen to our Master's voice and do all we can to be obedient to God in giving, going, and growing. God bless you and may each day you live be filled with the joy of the Lord.

In His Service,
Pastor Wendell

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"When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church of Colossians, he told them they must listen to their Master's voice."

-Pastor Stokes

PS: Hope to see you in church this Sunday.



Sunday School News

by Ken Stump, Sunday School Director

I hope everyone had a great Valentine's day celebration. The floral shops and Hallmark especially had a great day! We use that day as a vehicle to express love to our spouses, children, loved ones and close friends. My take on this day is that it should be celebrated EVERY day. Simple things we can say, or small tokens of our love can be given at any time and at any place. We express love to those whom we love, which by the way is exactly what the Lord Jesus did for us on the cross. John 3:16-18 states specifically that God so loved His creation that He sent His son to the cross to die the death we deserved for our sins. All we must do is receive Jesus into our hearts and believe in Him. Our future is then secure with God that we should live with Him for eternity. Wow.....what a gift we have received from the Almighty God, the Creator, the Sustainer, and the one who loves us the most!

We can celebrate God's love to us by studying His Holy Word each Sunday morning during our Sunday School hour. There are great blessings for us as we delve into the truths of His Word. We can learn more about God, more about His plan for our lives, and more about how we can utilize the spiritual gifts He has given us. Come on out and give us a try. We have teachers who can lead us through the Scriptures. In the adult classes we start a new series of lessons in the book of Luke.

If you feel like you can assist us as a co-teacher, substitute teacher, or helper, please let me know. I am looking ahead already to the new church year, which begins the first Sunday in September, 2012. Please pray about what God would have you do in our Sunday school.

May you all have a wonderful month of March. Bring on spring so we can enjoy the rebirth of the trees, flowers, and God's creation.



Part of the deal?

Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, spread Christianity in the fifth century, helping people abandon pagan rites. One day, he was baptizing new converts, including the chief of a fierce warrior tribe. Patrick leaned on his staff for support as he lowered each person into the rushing river. As he baptized the chief, he inadvertently pressed his staff firmly down on the chief's foot.

The chief uttered not a word of complaint, but as he stepped back onto the bank, people noticed he was limping. Patrick apologized, asking, "Why did you not cry out when I struck your foot?"

The chief replied, "I remember you telling us about the nails in the cross. I thought pain was part of my baptism."


—Homiletics

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

Job's "friends" weren't exactly supportive when he experienced great trials. Which of the following lists his friends' names?

- A. Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi
- B. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar
- C. Melchior, Gaspar and Balthasar
- D. Philemon and Onesimus

For answer, go to Job 2:11





New and On the Shelf

The following titles are now available in the Library.

DVD

- Hanged on a Twisted Cross
- Socialism: A Clear and Present Danger, a Biblical Response
- Courageous

Non-Fiction

- Gone in a Heartbeat* by David and Marie Works (248.8'666)
- Give Them Grace* by E. Fitzpatrick and J. Thompson (248.8'45)
- Through My Eyes* by Tim Tebow (B TEB)

Fiction

- The Trumpet of the Swan* by E.B. White
- Close Enough to Perfect* by Terry Fowler
- Sunrise* by Karen Kingsbury
- Simple Gifts* by Lori Copeland
- Vicious Cycle* Terri Blackstock
- Intervention* by Terri Blackstock



Making the decision to home school is a direct calling by God. It is a very overwhelming responsibility to not only be accountable for your children's physical well being, but their spiritual and academic education as well. SPEAR provides an avenue where home school families come together with other Christian parents and children with similar values and challenges.

In SPEAR, there are women who have schooled children all the way through school and their children have had successful college lives, while staying true to their faith. Since this is what we want for our families, and as Pastor Wendell has shared, that is becoming more rare for Christian families, as college students are leaving the church. Having Godly women as an example and being able to be an example to younger women who are getting started is what this is all about. It is what the Bible instructs us to do, and we are so grateful that our church has provided the space for us to do this.

It has been a blessing to have mothers and fathers share their talents and gifts with the children by teaching classes that they may not have been able to take if we had to teach it. Likewise, we have the opportunity to teach classes that other parents don't feel as strong in teaching. Our high schoolers have had the opportunity to take English and science classes from teachers who are stronger in those subjects and it has allowed our students to excel in college because of the strong background they received in SPEAR classes. We were able to provide these extras because God allowed this group of Christian people to come together and share their talents and spiritual gifts with each other and give our children those extras that may have tempted us to send them to school. Instead, we have been able to pool our experiences and continue to train our children in the ways of the Lord at home.

I know that some people may feel that having an outside group meet in our church is a burden. We do our best to treat the facilities with respect. We are not, nor are our children perfect, but we make our best efforts to be sure children are behaving and staying in the appropriate areas when not in class and we make every effort to leave the facility in better shape than we found it.

On behalf of our SPEAR members, thank you for being a lifeline for home schooling mothers. Thank you for playing a huge part in the success of homeschooling by allowing us the use of this facility.

Terri Braun & Jill Hancock



Missions and Outreach

Women on Mission News

By Carol Gill

The Daytime WOM will hold its March meeting on Monday, March 6th at 10 am. Following a mission study of Annie Armstrong, we will start making decorations and favors for our Annual Tea to be held May 5th.

Don't forget to keep watching clearance sales for new clothing suitable for youth and children, and collecting gently used clothing items as well. Please hold onto them at home for now. We will begin accepting the donations this summer, probably in July. Watch bulletins and newsletters for details.



Operation Christmas Child

March emphasis is on small clothing and winter gear, such as hats, gloves scarves, tennis shoes, underwear, and socks. Dollar stores and clearance sales are a great source for these items. Remember, you can bring these things in all throughout the year.



Upward Spring Soccer

by Shanna Corum

Registration is in full swing.

Mark you calendars

Upcoming important dates:

March 10 & 17 Evaluations 10-2

March 17 Early registration ends

March 31 Coach & Referee Training

April 7 Meet & Greet with the Coaches

Week of April 9 Practices Begin

April 21 First Games



Special request: please be in prayer for our new season. Pray that the Lord will provide all needs as we move forward; and while you are at it, pray and see where He would have you serve this season.

Join the fun on Promise Island!



Dates: July 23 - July 27, 2012

Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Promise Island VBS Changes Lives

Promise Island is full of fun, music, games, projects, snacks, and other kid-friendly activities. But Promise Island is not just about fun and games - it's about changing lives and helping kids discover God's lifesaving love!

Mark your calendars and prayerfully consider where God would have you serve this year during Vacation Bible School.

Contact Terri Braun at braun4us@yahoo.com or 301-885-0567 to discuss your area of service.

Backyard Bible Clubs

July 9-13, 2012

Phoenix Run

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Diggs Circle

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Mark your calendars! More information coming.



FYI

Sermons for March

(Sermon Topics Subject to Change)

Mar. 4	AM	“That Dirty Word for Wives”	Ephesians 5:22-24
	PM	“People Jesus Met: The Man to Whom Jesus Was Silent”	Luke 23:8-12
Mar. 11	AM	“That Dirty Word for Dads”	Ephesians 5:25-33
	PM	“People Jesus Met: The Thief on the Cross”	Luke 23:30-49
Mar. 18	AM	“That Dirty Word for Kids”	Ephesians 6:1-3
	PM	“People Jesus Met: After the Resurrection”	John 20:1-29
Mar. 25	AM	“Good Advice for Dear Old Dad”	Ephesians 6:4
	PM	“A Man and His Mission”	Zechariah 1:1

Reminder: The deadline for submissions for the **March** issue is **Thursday, March 15th.**

Tellers for March

Courtney Harbin & Norma Stump

Singles' Luncheon

IHOP

Deacon of the Week

Mar. 4 - Ken Stump 301-885-3553

Mar 11 - Doug Thrutchley 301-399-7535

Mar 18 - Floyd Doyle 301-934-8200

Mar. 25 - Ken Doyle 301-934-0675

Children's Church Workers

Mar. 4 - (EL) Brian & Cathy Thompson, Nathan Hancock & Victoria Botzenhart
(PR) Carolyn Shaffer (sub) & Nicole Lusk

Mar. 11- (EL) Juanita DeButts, Kim Mauck, Tyler Irwin, & Alexandria Botzenhart
(PR) Bill & Ruby Breitenbach, Melissa Braun

Mar 18 - (EL) Hannah Doyle, Lauren Donaldson, Bao Dinh, & Max Bode
(PR) Jennifer Cooke & Anya Bode

Mar. 25 - (EL) Tabby Krauel, Collette Lusk, Steven Bode, & Chad Irwin
(PR) Kristen Stump & Ashleigh Doyle

Nursery Workers: Sundays

Mar. 4 - **AM Inf.** - Dave & Alison Bode, Kristen Stump
AM Tod. - Carol Gill & Steven Bode
PM Combined - Bonnie Orndorff & Kim Burgess

Mar. 11 - **AM Inf.** - Tracy Milcetic, Tonya Tippet, Sharon Bruce

AM Tod. - Terri & Ashley Braun
PM Comb. - Norma Stump & Kim Duehring

Mar. 18 - **AM Inf.** - Cookie Wilsey, Judy Tippet, Shannon Pankhurst

AM Tod. - Sally Pruitt & Ruth Kirkum
PM Comb. - Heather Hager & Kristen Stump

Mar. 25 - **AM Inf.** - Pat & Jill Hancock, Amy Jewell

AM Tod. - Jennifer & James Miller
PM Comb. - Lucy Bowie & Carolyn Burgess

Wednesdays (Combined)

Mar. 7 - Courtney Harbin & Nathan Hancock

Mar. 14 - Robby & Karen Jones

Mar. 21 - Janet Doyle & Chad Irwin

Mar. 28 - Jennifer & James Miller

March Family News




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| 01 | Elena Bode | 17 | Patty Johnson Robles |
| 05 | Jerry McMichael | 18 | Donna Duehring |
| 05 | Christina Thrutchley | 18 | Pat Hall |
| 06 | Phuong Dinh | 19 | Susan Sanders |
| 08 | Richard Getz | 25 | Hannah Hagadorn |
| 09 | Sy Collins | 27 | Dean Irwin |
| 13 | Thelma McConkey | 29 | Karin Howard |
| 14 | Jennifer Cooke | 30 | Ashleigh Doyle |
| 15 | Andrew Bode | 30 | Ricky Surfield |
| 15 | Jeffrey Grote | | |



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| 03 | Michael & Beth Hancock |
| 03 | Robert & Bonnie Orndorff |
| 21 | Chester & Carol Hancock |
| 25 | Melvin & Janet King |





Youth Open House

Thursday night Bible Study Fellowship
6:00 - 8:30 pm
Now meeting every Thursday night at
Pastor's house

All youth welcome!



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed March 10. You won't want to be late for Sunday School and Church!



Chest of Joash

Pastor has shared with us the story of King Joash, who in 2 Chronicles 24:1-15 recognized the need for major repairs to the temple. So he instructed the people of Israel to bring an offering of their possessions in order to raise the money for those repairs.


We have our own "Chest of Joash" to collect donations to raise \$30,000 to replace one of our HVAC systems. As of this writing, we have collected \$9,953.30. We are almost 30% there! Let's continue to pray about it and do what we can to bring in the rest.



HELP WANTED!

It's that time of year again! The Church is in need of volunteers to cut grass and do some trimming. Also, if you have any skills in other areas that you would like to use for God's glory here at the church, please complete the response form available in the bulletin or on the table in the lobby and either place it in the offering plate or give it to a member of the Building and Grounds Committee.

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10 am WOW (Women of the Word) 6 pm Youth Open House	2 6:30 pm "Courageous" movie (Best time for childcare helpers)	3 6:30 pm "Courageous" movie (Childcare available tonight)
4 12:30 pm Singles' Lunch	5 10 am Daytime Women on Mission 	6 10 am Ladies' Bible Study 7 pm Deacons' Meeting	7	8 9 am Ladies' Morning Out Visitation 6 pm Youth Open House	9	10 8:30 am BCMD Disaster Relief Training 10 am Upward Soccer Evaluations 
 March 4-11: 2012 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering						
11 Daylight Saving Time Begins 2 am Did you set your clocks ahead last night?	12	13 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	14 6 pm Fellowship Dinner	15 10 am WOW (Women of the Word) 6 pm Youth Open House	16	17 10 am Upward Soccer Evaluations
18	19	20 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	21	22 6 pm Youth Open House	23	24 10 am Upward Soccer Evaluations (Optional Makeup) <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">PBA Men's Retreat @ Camp Wabanna</div>
25	26	27 10 am Ladies' Bible Study	28	29 6 pm Youth Open House	30	31 9 am Upward Coach & referee Training

Have you ever written to a politician or organization, urging increased support for the poor, children, the elderly or other people Christ calls us to serve? How about 18,000 letters – many quite long – in one year?

Annie Armstrong (1850-1938) did just that, long before e-mail, because advocacy was central to her faith. She traveled extensively to view needs firsthand and to distribute food, clothing and Bibles. She also urged churches to persevere in prayer, giving and missions.

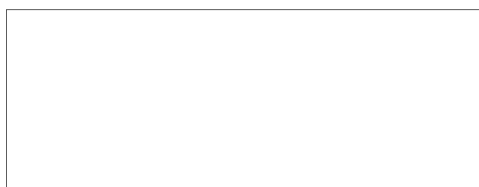
Armstrong's efforts led to the founding of the Woman's Missionary Union, which rallies Christian women to serve local missions, and to two ongoing annual initiatives: the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Easter offering named in her honor. The offering goes toward missionary salaries and ministry supplies throughout the United States and Canada.



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