



# SIMPSONVILLE

BAPTIST CHURCH

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## **Church Family Forum**

### **March 14 @ 4pm**

The Building Team will be hosting a Church Family Forum on Sunday, March 14, at 4pm. The purpose of this meeting is to present and discuss the staged implementation of a two-phase building plan for Simpsonville Baptist Church including the new building location, replacement of the Fellowship Hall/ Administration Building, cost parameters and potential timeline.

As presented at the February 21 Ministry meeting, these two phases will begin with the construction of a two-story Education Building as Phase 1 and a new Worship Center as Phase 2. A letter will be sent with information about this meeting around March 5.

**Please make plans to attend this important church-wide meeting.**



### Meadow Ridge Blessings Box

The blessings box at Meadow Ridge is used every day of the week. Donation requests: cereal, oatmeal, cereal bars and PopTarts, canned meats, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, dried black beans, soup mixes, white rice, sugar, flour, corn meal, toilet paper, paper towels, dish liquid, tuna helper-type products, vegetable oil, canned fruit and vegetables, bags of apples/potatoes.



Cereal and canned fruit are high priority items.

Donations of food can be dropped off at the church office or placed directly in the box. Monetary donations can be taken to the church office.

In February we began serving meals on a monthly basis on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We had some great cooks who spent the afternoon preparing and serving a chicken spaghetti meal: Mike & Debbie Willman, Mary Wyatt & Linda Otterback. Our delivery team (Lowell & Linda Ashby, Rick & Dixie Taylor, Lorna Robinson, Steve Boyd, Laura Otterback & Helen Sims) took meals to 46 homes serving 106 people. We also gave away 37 meals to our Adventure Club employees. Contact Angie in the church office if you would like to help prepare or deliver this month!



### Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions

**Church Goal: \$2,000**



Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Anne was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.

**100% of your giving supports missionaries serving in North America.**

## How Your Gifts Equip North American Missionaries

- \$25 Meal with an unreached person
- \$500 Food and supplies for a neighborhood outreach event
- \$85 Subscriptions for training resources
- \$1,200 Bible, gospel tracts, discipleship materials
- \$175 Laundromat fees for a family of four
- \$1,400 Monthly worship facility rent.

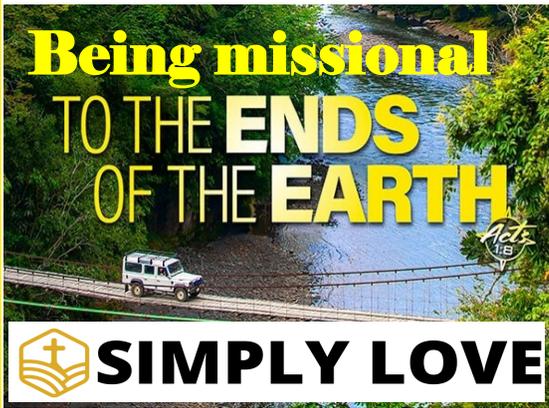
### SBC Fun History

Recently, I had the opportunity to review some of our historical documents. As I read, I was inspired, and sometimes amused, by the recordings of our SBC ancestors. In one particular book, The 1948 Women's Missionary Society of SBC Treasurer's notes, I saw that the society paid "Stewarts \$2.50 for Mrs. Peyton's nylon panties." Well frankly, I would like to know the history behind that unusual entry!

As I read on, I saw repeated entries for gifts in the amount of \$1.71 for the "inmates of the county poor farm", \$5 for sheets for the orphan's home, \$3 for the crippled children's fund, \$1.07 for a gift to someone in Korea, \$5 gift to Burks Branch Baptist Church. I saw dues of 75 cents paid and reimbursements of .03 to one group. Today, such small amounts don't mean much. What was very interesting though was that at the end of the year, those seventy-five cent gifts had turned into \$47.50. Sometimes the end balance for the months was as little as \$2.25 but that balance rose and fell as ministry was accomplished, and the Women's Missionary Society gave locally, nationally and internationally.

My takeaway from these wonderful ladies, is that it doesn't matter how much or how little time or money you can give, God uses it all to make a difference. The key is the willingness to give something. We have filled this newsletter with opportunities that the Women's Missionary Society would be thrilled to support: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Arpana (see page 7), building and orphanage in Africa, Feed My Sheep, the Blessings Box etc. As we continue in the spirit and season of Lent, please pray about how you can spread the gospel through your giving. Perhaps it is something as simple as getting a cup of coffee 4 days a week instead 6 and donating what you would have spent to one of these ministries. Pocket change in a couch or the car ashtray can quickly add up for someone living in Africa that only eats once a day. Serving one hour a month in the nursery would open that ministry up for our entire church family. Let us all do something to honor the 1948 Women's Missionary Society of SBC!

Angie Sanford



## Pen Pal Ministry

We are working with Ultimate Wings to create a Pen Pal Ministry between the children at Mijomboni School in Africa and our kids and teens. If you or your child would like to have a pen pal and write and receive physical letters, please contact Angie in the church office. Letters would be sent to the school in care of their teacher who will assist them with reading and writing their own letters. **We have one child that still needs to be connected!**



Allan

A big thank you goes out to Becky Straub, Stanalee Gowin, Macey Gowin, Rachel Tucker, Ashley Bland, Michael Bland and Sylar Peak for their mission-mindedness and concern for those needing encouragement "at the ends of the earth."

If you are interested, please contact Angie in the church office.

## LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES

Church Giving \$4,165 Missions Team Match \$4,165 Total Giving \$8,330

Did you know that one of our former pastors, Scott Pittman is serving as a missionary in Sao Paulo Brazil? Your giving supports his ministry. In December & January Scott & Joyce secured food gift baskets (and Bibles) for 450 families which served 1,800 people for one month.

Prayer needs for their ministry in Brazil. . .

- Pray for the Lord to direct our missionary team and our national partners in making the important decisions of location for the new church and the Brazilian church that will sponsor the work.
- For the Covid vaccination campaign in Brazil to move quickly.



Keep up with the Pittmans at: [pittman@pobox.com](mailto:pittman@pobox.com).



Bob Gordon, lay pastor, and his wife Linda are serving in a mobile park home in Florida. It was a blessing to get approval from the HOA at the park to host the worship services outside in lawn chairs every Saturday at 3pm. The Lord has provided great weather since the services began and they have had an average attendance of twenty-two each week.

You can send cards of encouragement through March 22 to:  
1325 Kingfisher Dr. Englewood, FL 34224

## Mijomboni Rescue Center

In previous newsletters we have shared about the conditions of several of the orphans in Mijomboni. They are so bad that Nathan Osiero (Ultimate Wings) has decided to build a rescue center/orphanage that would house 30 boys and girls and include washrooms and a small administrative office. The estimated cost of the building is \$10,000.  
The projected cost of furnishing the building with beds, mattresses, sheets, mosquito nets: \$2960.  
The projected cost of providing clothing, school uniforms, personal items (combs, soap, toothbrushes), buckets, basins: \$3,346.  
The projected cost of providing kitchen items, fridge and table wear: \$1,340.  
The projected cost of administrative supplies: \$986.  
The projected cost of dining room tables and chairs: \$310.  
The projected cost for a year of food: \$21,874. This is mainly beans, rice, maize, tomatoes, bread, onions, tea and milk.  
The projected cost of an administrator, cook and 2 caretakers: \$3,945.

This month we received another report of abuse. This young boy, Amani Mwaringa, had his leg broken by his own mother because he arrived home earlier than the rest of the children and ate cassava before dinner time. To make matters even worse, his parents left it to his teacher to take him to the local hospital to be examined and have the leg cast.

Right now we are sharing information and asking you to be prayerful about financially supporting the Rescue Center. You will be given an opportunity to make a gift following a presentation in April.



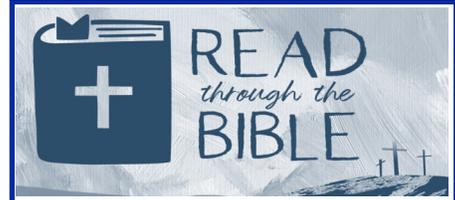


- 1 Gerry Davis, Skylar Peak, Leslie Tindall
- 2 Joy Casey, Randall Childers, Andy McDonald, Robbie Moore
- 3 Joyce Crawford, Elsie Miller
- 4 Donna Henshaw
- 6 Aaron Allen, Sadie Igleheart, Danna Sailings
- 9 Vicki Moore
- 10 Lowell Ashby, Rosemary Lumbatis, Lily Van Schalkwyck

- 12 Gina Sageser
- 13 Dawson Eden
- 15 Cindy Childers, Tim Kilby, John Royse
- 16 Masha Miller, Gary Stewart, Angie White
- 17 Betty Moore
- 18 Chloe Conway
- 19 Nathanael Sangster, Emma Wilkins
- 20 Digna Kovaka, Olivia Moody
- 21 Doris Cissell, Dale Carlson, Maggie Renfro, Allie Renfro, Allan Ruble, Bob Scott
- 23 Abby Jacobs, James McLeroy
- 24 Maddie Twyman
- 25 Jacob Miller, Lisa McDonald
- 27 Debbie Dupont, Josiah Stein
- 28 Bob Howell
- 29 Logan Hicks, Brian Marchesseault, Maggie Nicholson, Shirley Vessels
- 30 Emma Garland, Ethan Garland

*If you don't see your name, or it's incorrectly listed, please contact Angie in the church office.*

*angie@simpsonvillebaptist.com or 502.722.5246 ext. 106.*



## MARCH

1. Numbers 1-2
2. Numbers 3-4
3. Numbers 5-6
4. Numbers 7-8
5. Numbers 9-10
6. Numbers 11-12
7. Numbers 13-14
8. Numbers 15-16
9. Numbers 17-18
10. Numbers 19-20
11. Numbers 21-22
12. Numbers 23-24
13. Numbers 25-26
14. Numbers 27-28
15. Numbers 29-30
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17. Numbers 33-34
18. Numbers 35-36
19. Deuteronomy 1-2
20. Deuteronomy 3-4
21. Deuteronomy 5-6
22. Deuteronomy 7-8
23. Deuteronomy 9-10
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25. Deuteronomy 13-14
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30. Deuteronomy 23-24
31. Deuteronomy 25-26

### Ministry Meeting Decisions from February 21

- 1) Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) - Adventure Club will apply for \$192K.
- 2) Distribution of 2020 Year-End Operating Budget Surplus  
Contingency Fund: \$13,116.41; Savings: \$38,623.49; Feed My Sheep: \$3,000; Community Ministries: \$10,000; Worship Area Updates: \$10,000; Missions Acts 1:8: \$5,000; Christmas Store: \$5,000; Worship Center Fund: \$25,000; Adventure Club Reserve Fund: \$100,000.
- 3) Worship Area updates  
Approved worship area updates of \$10K for painting the back stage wall and the outer stage wall black, adding panels or planks to the outer stage wall, and painting the worship center ceiling black.
- 4) Approved the renting and remodel of a building in Simpsonville for Student ministry. The amount of \$30K was approved for renting a former day care for one year across from Penrod Lumber.



If you are interested in becoming a member of Simpsonville Baptist Church, we will have a new member orientation on

**Sunday, March 21, at 4pm  
in the Fellowship Hall.**

We will follow social distancing and masking expectations. The ministry staff will be present to give an introduction of their respective ministries and answer questions.

**RED CROSS  
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TUESDAY, MARCH 30  
1-6PM**

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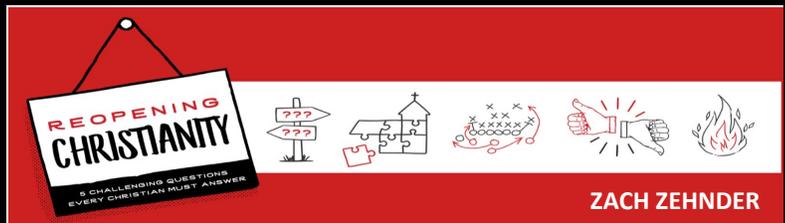
**New Feature: See your whole group and discuss the series with the new built-in video chat function!**



**Louie Giglio**

Scripture is not just ink on a page; it is God's breath in our hands. It is more than a manual for life; it is God exhaling His love for mankind to guide us away from the worst and toward the best. Breath on a Page dives into what makes Scripture so remarkable and different from any other text in history.

In this series, Pastor Louie Giglio explains why Scripture is the most precious thing we can hold on this earth, and celebrates the living connection we have to its author, the Creator of the universe. Scripture is the book that brings life and ends death. It is the greatest story ever told: a story of resolve, redemption, and restoration that centers on Jesus.



**ZACH ZEHNDER**

Before a global pandemic had swept our nation and world, our collective witness of Jesus to others was at best a shadow of what it ought to have been. Sadly, the people we are trying to reach sometimes characterize us as the exact opposite of the One that we are pursuing after. How could this be? Jesus is known for grace, good works, unity, and love. His followers have been known for judgment, hypocrisy, division, and hatred. We didn't miss the mark by a little bit. We completely misfired.

In this time where there is still great uncertainty in our world, I am certain the world needs a far greater expression of Jesus Christ.

2020 has been a year filled with debates on reopening strategies. This has been true for businesses, schools, universities, sports programs, and even churches.

Even though 2020 has produced many obstacles, it has also brought an incredible opportunity for us to examine thoroughly what it truly means to be Christian.

What if we could reopen Christianity? How would we reopen? What would we look like? What would we do? What if we could start by acknowledging that we have gone far away from who the God in the Bible has called us to be? What if we could use this time to refocus and come out a stronger representation of who Jesus is?

This small group study explores five questions every Christian must answer in this amazing opportunity to reopen Christianity!



Children laugh and learn through the entertaining adventures of the God Rocks characters as they teach important life-lessons, based on Bible truth. Kids love the stories and parents applaud the values in this award-winning, faith-based animated series. 15 episodes



Jesus is not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants completely committed followers. This package includes powerful tools to guide teenagers in your church on a journey from FAN to FOLLOWER. *Not A Fan* Small Group Study for Teens Includes:

- Four teaching episodes presented by Kyle Idleman
- Three testimony episodes shared by young adults who journeyed from "fan" to "follower."

An amazing documentary on a special forces soldier and his family as they experience God's miracles in seemingly impossible situations. This epic documentary chronicles the 20-year journey of the Free Burma Rangers, an unconventional humanitarian organization, as they venture through jungles, firefights, and heroic rescues. It's a real life action-adventure film unlike any you've seen before. 1hr 37 minutes.



# SBC Marriage Minute

## 9 KEYS TO A LASTING MARRIAGE



### 1. Don't put your marriage on a pedestal.

Every marriage struggles with shortcomings. In the early years of our marriage, I thought we were supposed to be an almost perfect model for others. But I quickly learned that people don't need to see a flawless marriage. They need to see a couple asking for God's help as they deal with their shortcomings and weaknesses.

### 2. Do for your spouse what you want him or her to do for you.

Consider the consequences of your words and actions. Ask yourself how you would want to be spoken to, or treated, or cared for. And then do those things.

### 3. Recognize the differences and be willing to defer to one another.

Your spouse is not just like you. Learn to live with your differences.

### 4. Remember that deep friendship is a key to true intimacy.

These days, you see a lot of sex in the media, as though it's the glue to a lasting marriage. But sex is not the key to an enduring bond between a husband and wife. You have to become friends first.

### 5. Love unconditionally, the way God loves you.

The only way that you can unreservedly love your spouse is by putting Jesus Christ at the center of your relationship. He can help you care for your spouse without expecting anything in return. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)

### 6. Don't think that you are above sin.

You are a sinner, just like every human being. But be encouraged. Jesus was tempted just like you and me. He wants to help us escape temptation. (1 Co. 10:13)

### 7. Love each other without demands.

When couples bring rules into a marriage—"This is your responsibility, not mine," or "I've done my part, now you do yours"—that usually reflects a loss of intimacy.

Dr. Howard Hendricks, who was a beloved professor at Dallas Theological Seminary, said the more intimate the relationship, the fewer the rules that are necessary to regulate the relationship.

### 8. Do not get into debt.

### 9. The ultimate secret to success.

After almost four decades of marriage, I can say from experience that Jesus Christ can bring true unity into any relationship. Cynthia and I attribute the success of our marriage to that.

And we believe that, with Christ's help, our marriage will be even better tomorrow...and then the day after that.

Read full article by Vernard Gant at [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com).

## HELP!



*We are very excited to have increased attendance the past few weeks as we begin to return to a more normal worship routine. We are in immediate need of preschool and elementary Sunday School teachers, and nursery workers, Please contact Kevin (502-722-5246 ext. 104) if you can help during the worship or Sunday School hour. Please contact Angie (ext.106) if you would like to be a seating usher.*



**Women's Paint Party**  
**March 20th**  
**10am-12pm**

\$25/person

With Paula Kingsolver from  
Gogh Crazy Art Studio

Call the church office or sign up in the  
foyer to reserve your seating.



**March 5-6**

Held at Shelby Christian Church  
This conference will feature popular teacher  
Jennifer Rothschild, actress Lisa Welchel, and  
several other well-known speakers through-  
out the weekend. For more information or to  
purchase tickets, please go to  
[www.freshgroundedfaith.com](http://www.freshgroundedfaith.com).

**Thursday, March 4**  
**6:30pm**

We have a maximum of 16 who  
can play. Please sign up in the  
foyer or call the church  
office.

**Masks must be worn**  
**during play.**

**FRESH  
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WOMEN'S EVENT

## Hindu Brahmin Girl's Testimony About How Jesus Saved Her

Arpana is a student at EKU studying nursing. She was born in Nepal in an upper caste family of Hindu priests. Her family secured a student Visa for her in America in an effort to help her deal with depression. She lived with her uncle and aunt who were also paying her educational expenses at EKU. With her student Visa she has not been allowed to work off campus, thus has been unable to support herself.

One of her teachers invited Arpana to a Christian fellowship to help her with her depression. Shortly after accepting the invitation she gave her life to Christ and became a devout Jesus follower. This created "shame" for her family, in Nepal as well as her aunt & uncle she was living with. Her family stopped paying her expenses and began planning for her student Visa to be cancelled so she would be forced to be returned home to Nepal where they could eliminate the shame she had brought to the family. Following is a part of her testimony.

*"My life looked very different before I became a Christian. You could even say that my life was better by worldly standards. I was born in a Brahmin Hindu family in Nepal who taught me the best they could, while they sent me to get my education, and ultimately to the United States. As a Hindu I used to worship gods and goddesses that are physical idols who cannot speak, who did not respond and I had my hope and faith in those idols. They didn't answer my questions about suffering, injustice, who is God and is he even real? They left hollow and empty and in the end devastated.*

*By the time I came to United States, I had become someone you would call an atheistic agnostic. I did not believe in God and even if I did sometime wonder about it, I did not care much about it. While I was struggling with these questions, I was also going through severe depression and I thought that life was meaningless and hopeless. I found my hope when I came face to face with the Living Hope. God placed people and circumstances in my life in such a way that I got to hear the gospel and He directed my heart to believe in Him and to love Him. Through various research and conversations, I found that there is insurmountable evidence that Jesus is God and the Bible stands against various scrutiny. What Jesus says about Himself is true, He is the God of the universe, He loves me, and I was made to have fellowship with Him. In my quest to find answers about earthly suffering, I had found answer that ends eternal suffering and the answer is only found in Jesus. In Him, we not only have hope but joy and peace with God along with persecution.*

*As Jesus says in Mark 8:34, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Whoever wants to follow Him, must take up his cross when Jesus calls them from darkness into His marvelous light. He calls them come follow him and to die to self so that he can be alive in Christ. My dying to self for me meant that I was to die to my family and I was to love God more than my family and to be willing to be despised and rejected by them for the God's glory. Am I willing to die for Him? I question myself every day because I am so weak but He who has called me is faithful."*

Over the past year, God has been protecting and providing for Arpana through the Christian fellowship at EKU, the Christian community in Richmond and others who have become aware of her situation. Recently a family in Richmond took her in and are remodeling their basement for her to have a safe place to stay. Someone provided her a vehicle for transportation and paid her insurance for 6 months since she no longer lives close to the college. She has applied for asylum in the US to keep from being deported to Nepal. This is expected to be a 2 year process to get approved.

This past month, as she is now fully disowned by her family and moved in with a Christian family, she has established a very modest budget of \$500 per month to cover her food, gas, and other misc. living expenses. This semester she will be doing clinical classes, requiring her to travel to hospitals in the area and is taking 12 credit hours of classes. She has been humbled in having come from a family of influence and wealth and never needing to ask anyone for anything. Additional information can be obtained from Linda Otterback. Your prayers are much appreciated.



## Local Ministries Meeting Sunday, March 28 at 4pm Fellowship Hall

You are invited to a discussion of ways our church can serve Simpsonville and greater Shelby county. If you have an interest in local ministries, your participation is requested.

**Dear SBC Family:**

*Thank you for your kindness during our deepest sadness. It is sincerely appreciated and will always be remembered.*  
The Larry Corley Family



Our sermon series in 1 John continues in March. Please share the messages through your social media platforms! If you have missed a message, please go to the church website and hit the messages tab!



## Red River Gorge Student Retreat March 28-29

For all students grade 6-12

We will leave the church after service on March 28 and return around 3pm on the 29th.

Cost: \$20 each

Please contact Jon Caranna at  
jon@simpsonvillebaptist.com to RSVP.



We are so excited to announce our brand new student ministry space!

The church has so graciously voted to lease a building located in Simpsonville at 7387 Shelbyville Rd.

This new location will be referred to as **The Warehouse.**

Be on the lookout for more news and info, and thanks again for supporting the student ministry.



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