

Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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From Eure Pastor's Desk

by John D. Eure

In March:

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Lenten Lunches

Regional Partnership Missions Lunch

Playground picnic workday

Daylight Savings Time begins

Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday Procession of the Palms

Children's

Over the months of January and February, the Sunday morning messages came from the book of Esther in the Old Testament. Through the series, we learned how Esther and her older cousin, Mordecai, placed their trust in God (though God's name is never mentioned in the entire book) to deliver their people, the Jews, from annihilation.

While these two sought God's deliverance, Esther took the greatest risk by approaching her husband, King Xerxes. She realized that God had permitted her to be Queen to help His people (Esther 4: 14).

The faith that led Esther and Mordecai to act is inspirational. But the character they demonstrated as they acted was vital. They displayed *integrity* in their beliefs and actions as God's people. Rather than panic, they used *sober thinking* and *patience*. They gave *respect* without demanding it for themselves. *Trust* for their security was placed in God; and they lived *righteously* in the midst of the threats against them. *Courage* is definitely evident in this story, as well as honesty, humility, honor, and compassion.

Looking ahead from that point in history, we see Jesus coming to deliver His people (the human race) from the destruction and condemnation from our sins.

It can become easy for us as the people of Jesus to become legalistic in our attempt to be accountable to one another; or to maintain the integrity of Christian living. Obedience requires faith in whatever our Lord commands us. However, the kind of attitude we choose when we obey determines whether we receive *joy* and *peace* in our relationship with God.

Philippians 2:5 [NASB] directs us to "*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus...*" Then it lists all the ways Jesus displayed the right attitude as He obeyed the Father.

When our attitudes are left unchecked, we leave the door open for defiance and resistance against God's word and His Holy Spirit. This defiance can weaken our walk with God. In our minds, we believe we've fully complied to His will, so we become fooled into thinking we must be very close to Him. Yet we're far from the *joyful living* He desires for us.

To understand what I'm saying, think of a child who has been told to clean up her toys. She resists, but finally does it. Her first reaction isn't gently placing the toys where they belong, but flinging them into the toy box. Though she obeyed the command, her mind is still ready to start doing things her way. (*an illustration from home?*)

It wasn't a pleasant thing for Christ to take mockery, beatings, and then the nails in His body; it was agony taking upon Himself the sins of the entire world. He faithfully obeyed the Father's will. Notice the attitude, "*...who for the joy set before Him endured the cross...*" **Hebrews 12:2 [NASB]**.

May we start giving Christ more than just our minimum. Take on His attitude, His desire to please the Father and experience His joy in obedience. In this way, we'll have a more full and complete union with Him. A right relationship needs the right attitude.

The theme of this year's Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions is **"Live With Urgency. Share God's Transforming Power"** - Romans 1:16



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be collected from **Sunday, March 7th through Sunday, April 4th.**

Week of Prayer: **March 7th through March 14th**

The National goal is \$70 Million. Ash Avenue's goal will appear in Sunday's bulletin



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- 3/7 Jim Chandler
Jerry Crenshaw
Fred Flinn
Randy Hupp

- 3/14 Randy Guill
Wes Bosiger
Tom Hahn
Daniel Wilborn

- 3/21 Dennis Stewart
Jimmy Allen
Rick Brogden
Victor Crump

- 3/28 Don Williams
Gene Comer
Don Gainey
Mike Harris



AABC Offering Report

as of: 2/21/10:

**Budget offering
received...
\$28,970.96**

**Budget offering
needed...
\$32,912.64**

**Budget deficit:
(3,941.68)**

NOTE:

Due to

inclement weather
we were one Sunday
short on Offerings.



Pastor John & Ash Avenue Baptist Church,
I wanted to take a moment to say thank
you for your financial and prayer support
through the *C2C Ministry*. The support
you have provided to us has helped
relieve our financial burden and allowed
us to focus a little more clearly on the
things the Lord has called us to do.
We pray that Ash Avenue will be greatly
blessed by your giving to us.
Again, thank you!

- Pastor Jon Rissmiller
& Abundant Hope Baptist Church

Dear Church Family,
I would like to thank you for your prayers
and concern, as well as visits, calls, and
food. November and December were ter-
rible for Elton and me, but we are so
thankful that things are better for us. I
would like to thank the Christmas carol-
ers for their visit and also the Annie
Owen Sunday School Class for their visits
along with the goodies. I am not fully
recovered and don't have the breath to
do much. I am getting out in the wheel
chair and have been to church down here
for the last 4 Sundays. Cold weather is
not good for me and I'm so thankful my
doctor finally released me to come to a
warmer climate. We've had cold spells
but they only last a few days and then it's
in the 70's and occasionally the 80's.
Please continue to pray for us.

-Sincerely,
Hilda

WMU News

Monday, March 1st
2PM-Nonie Gravitt

Tuesday, March 2nd
10:00AM-Eva Saunders

Thursday, March 11th
7PM-Sisters
Serving Christ

No nursing home
devotions scheduled in
March for Ash Avenue

Wednesday Night Suppers:



If you are on our Permanent
List for Wednesday Night
Suppers and are not able to
be here please call Church
Office (572-2006) by 2pm
Tuesday of each week to let
us know. This enables us to
get an accurate head count
and
allows Hospitality to know
how many
to prepare for each week.
If you're NOT on the Perma-
nent List and wish to come
to supper please
remember to fill out
a yellow reservation card.

Congratulations and Welcome
to our new

Children-Youth Ministers, Stephen & Jami Hunt. Many of you already know Jami, who grew up in our church, the daughter of Mike & Donna Daniel and the granddaughter of Barbara & Don White

Those of you who come to Worship on Sunday also know Stephen, who has enriched our Worship Services with his guitar playing.

Jami & Steve have felt called to this Ministry and we feel they will be a wonderful addition to our church staff.

During Worship in March

- 3/7 - Brenda Hancock & Joyce Ward
- 3/14 - Tina Englebright & Faye Clark
- 3/21 - Jimmy & Vicky Allen
- 3/28 - Beulah Crenshaw & Shane Brogden

Judy Meeler is the Nursery Coordinator for Worship. Please contact her for any changes.



During Sunday School in March

- 3/7 - Allyson & Andrea Sizemore
- 3/14 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead
- 3/21 - Becky Whitt & Lavonne Chernault
- 3/28 - Faye Beck & Faye Gainey

If you find that you will not be able to be in the Sunday School Nursery on your scheduled date please call Cora Cliborne—575-8100

EASTER SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Saturday, March 27th
11am-1pm

Lunch will be provided.

Please register your kids so that we can get a head count. Signup Sheet will be placed in Welcome Center, or can register child by calling church office (572-2006) from 8:30am to 2:30pm

Sunday, March 28th



Gather at 10am at former location of Urgent Care on N.Main. Procession begins at 10:20. Be sure to check in with your Sunday School teacher before heading to N. Main.

Thursday, April 1st

Maundy Thursday Service at Ash Avenue Baptist-7pm

Resurrection Day, April 4th

Sunrise Service at Ash Avenue Baptist 7am

Church Office CLOSED
Monday, April 5th.

No Wednesday Night Suppers
March 31st and April 7th.



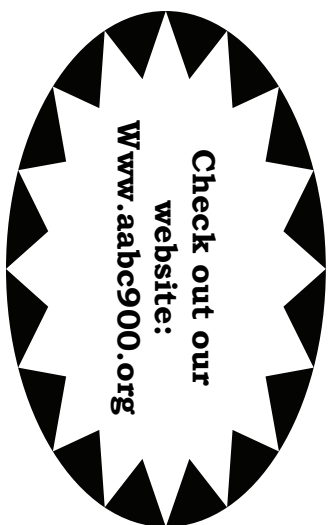
Sunday, March 28th. Please join us at 6:30pm for an Easter Musical presented by the children of Ash Avenue Baptist.



**Properties Contacts for March
are Randy Guill & Calvin Owen**

**Deacons of the Month for March
are Don Williams & Ricky Brogden**

**Need to use the church van this month?
If so, contact Mike Harris for availability.**



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