

# Ash Avenue Baptist Dispatch

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## IN MARCH

- **On the Air, WHLF 95.3 FM**
- **The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions Goal—\$1850**
- **Week of Prayer for North American Missions: March 1st through March 8th**
- **North American Missions Study for Children at 4:30 Sunday, March 8th**
- **North American Missions Study at Fork Baptist Church 3:00 on March 22nd**
- **Lenten Lunches at 1st Presbyterian Church every Wednesday through Easter / Noon-12:45 pm**



Daylight Savings Time begins at 2AM on Sunday, March 8th.

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour at bedtime on Saturday.

## From Eure Pastor's Desk *by John D. Eure*

Simon Peter always seems distracted from the things that concerned Jesus most. In **John 21**, it appears they may be concerned about the same thing... *Peter's guilt and need to be restored.*

Peter had denied and abandoned Jesus when He was on trial and headed for the cross. That guilt was hard enough to bear when Jesus was dead, but now that He was alive again, what was Peter to do with this? And He knew He couldn't hide it... Jesus had known Peter denied all along .

Jesus restored Peter as He asked three questions, each inquiring, "Do you love me?" As Peter answered, "Yes", Jesus told Him to: "*Feed My lambs*", "*Take care of My sheep*", and "*Feed My sheep.*"

As Peter experienced God's for-

giveness and restoration, he was given a task, also, that matched the whole purpose of Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection.

Jesus desires for sinners to be



**"Feed My Lambs"  
John 21:15**

forgiven and restored to a relationship with the Father. Then He gives the restored a mission. That mission is to share the message of salvation and demonstrate it through sharing God's loving care for them.

I'm excited about the **Feed My Lambs** food ministry that has begun at Ash Avenue. Food pantries are not the only way to demonstrate God's love and care, but it is a very important one.

When some of our members saw that people within the community and church were not having this basic need met, they saw an opportunity to minister in Jesus' name and took action. Through this ministry, we have another opportunity to demonstrate God's love through helping families meet this basic physical need. As we show His care, God will reveal opportunities for us to share how He can meet other's eternal needs... through His Son, Jesus, broken, bleeding, and resurrected... all to restore us!

## "FEED MY LAMBS" FOOD PANTRY

The Jeanne Taylor Sunday School Class has begun a Food Pantry which is available to anyone, especially Ash Avenue Church Family.

If you need assistance, please call church office (572-2006) between 8:30am and 2:30pm Monday through Friday for an appointment. Each appointment will be handled with discretion.

If you would like to donate food, please check expiration dates for freshness. Place food on floor

next to table in Jeanne Taylor Classroom.

In addition to this new ministry, we have also begun a food distribution partnership, through our W.M.U., with a local elementary school.

We provide food packs to children who would otherwise not have food over the weekend.

If you would like to donate to this ongoing project, or would like more information, please contact church office



The Annie Owen Sunday School Class will hold a fundraiser Saturday, March 14th. Spaghetti Supper served from 5pm until 6:30pm. Eat in or take out. Gospel Sing follows at 7pm. Adults: \$6.00/Children age 10 & under: \$3.00. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to re-stock our Food Pantry.



We hope that you enjoy the “new look” of our front page. Beginning with the April edition, the inside pages of the Newsletter will be updated, as well.

ABC Offering Report as of: 2/25/09

Budget offering received....\$28,859.66  
 Budget offering needed.....\$31,733.84  
 Budget deficit.....(\$2,874.18)

2:00pm Monday, Mar. 2nd- Nonie Gravitt

10:00am Tuesday, Mar. 3rd- Eva Saunders



7:00pm Thursday, Mar. 12th-  
Sisters Serving Christ



for March

- 3/1 Rick Brogden, Wayne Bales,  
Mike Harris, Mike Laughorn
- 3/8 Jim Chandler, Jerry Crenshaw,  
Fred Flinn, Randy Hupp
- 3/15 Randy Guill, Wes Bosiger,  
Tom Hahn, Buddy Wilborn
- 3/22 Dennis Stewart, Jimmy Allen,  
Victor Crump, Benny Smith
- 3/29 Rick Brogden, Wayne Bales,  
Mike Harris, Mike Laughorn



Our new church bus is available to pick up anyone needing a ride to church on Sundays. Please call church office (572-2006) by 10AM Thursday to request pickup.



National Goal: \$65,000,000.00  
 Ash Avenue Goal: \$1,850.00

**Disaster Relief Training –  
Saturday, March 7**

8:00 am- 3:00 pm at 1st Baptist, SoBo  
 \$15 per person,  
 (covers ID badge, T-shirt, hat, and lunch)

\$5 for those renewing ID badges  
**Signup Deadline- March 2**



Set clocks **ahead one hour** at bedtime  
on Saturday, March 7th



**Fred Arrington**  
2265 Mount Cross Rd.-Lot 4  
Danville, VA 24540-7374



**Lavonne Chernault**  
709 Riely Avenue  
South Boston, VA 24592

**Peggy Snead**  
1105 Owens Avenue  
South Boston, VA 24592

*We're delighted to welcome you  
into our Church Family!*

### During Worship in March

- 3/1 - Faye & Don Gainey
- 3/8 - Sylvia & Ernest Morris
- 3/15 - J.D. & Janet Conner
- 3/22 - Victor & Sandra Crump
- 3/29 - Brenda Hancock & Joyce Ward

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



### During Sunday School in March

- 3/1 - Cynthia Camp & Jessica Snead
- 3/8 - Judy Meeler & Janice Martin
- 3/15 - Tina Englebright & Sharon Brogden
- 3/22 - Judy Meeler & Becky Whitt
- 3/29 - 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*



Thank you so much for all you have done for us.  
A special "thank you" to the Children's Committee  
and Hospitality Committee.  
Please keep us in your prayers.

*The family of Misty Lloyd Dickerson*