



# STUDENTS

**Equip Missions:** Equip will be here soon! Don't miss out on this opportunity to serve in your community. Last day to sign up is June 9th. If you would like to serve with Equip this year, please contact Jason Teal.

**Student Worship:** Wednesdays at 6:30p

**Small Groups:** Sundays at 11a

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**THE WITNESS**

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG**  
 EASTER OFFERING  
 FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

**North American Mission Board**

June 23-July 14 | Church goal is \$15,000

## SEND CITY Prayer Map



**WEST**

- Denver
- Las Vegas
- Los Angeles
- Phoenix
- Portland
- Salt Lake City
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- Seattle

**SOUTH**

- Atlanta
- New Orleans
- South Florida

**NORTHEAST**

- Baltimore
- Boston
- New York
- Philadelphia
- Pittsburgh
- Washington, D.C.

**MIDWEST**

- Chicago
- Cincinnati
- Cleveland
- Columbus
- Detroit
- Indianapolis
- Kansas City
- St. Louis
- Twin Cities

**CANADA**

- Calgary
- Edmonton
- Montreal
- Toronto
- Vancouver

**TERRITORIES**

- Puerto Rico

## YOUNG ADULTS

**Meant to Be:** Join us on Wednesdays at 8pm for Common Ground as we continue to dive into this new summer series, *Meant to Be*.

**Cultivate:** Sunday small groups at 11a



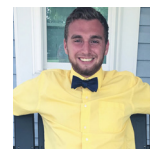
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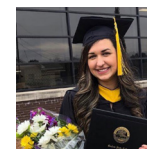
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### FBC missionaries serving this summer!



**Noah Hendrix**  
 Dublin, GA  
 May 18- July 22



**Amelia Daniel**  
 Philippines  
 May 30- Aug. 1



**Maddie Pollard**  
 Puebla, Mexico  
 June 6-18



**Allen, Jill, Allie, & Autumn Smith**  
 Puerto Rico  
 June 23-July 1



**Ashlyn Halseth**  
 Alabama, North Georgia, and NYC  
 June 5- July 13





## From the Shepherd's Heart

with Pastor Garth Forster



On Mother's Day Sunday, I kicked off our **FAMILY EMPHASIS 2019** with a message on marriage called "**Till Death Do Us Part.**" It is no accident that the Bible envisions the relationship between Christ and His Church as a marriage. Why? Because marriage is the most meaningful, the most intimate and the most beautiful relationship of life. Recently, I was listening to a civil wedding ceremony from another state where, when the officiant performing the ceremony got to those last words of the traditional wedding vow, she made them very untraditional. Instead of saying the words "**...as long as you both shall LIVE,**" she said, "**...as long as you both shall LOVE.**"

Well, that sounded cutesy and creative, but it betrayed a deadly flaw in modern marriage. It is the idea that **you only need to stay married to someone as long as you FEEL LIKE YOU ARE IN LOVE WITH THEM! Love is not a feeling, it is a commitment!** **John Drakeford**, my professor of counseling at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, shared a principle that can help every marriage: "**It is much easier to act your way into a new way of feeling than it is to feel your way into a new way of acting.**"

If you wait until you feel like you love your spouse to treat them like you love them, then you won't have a very good marriage. On the other hand, if you will go ahead and treat your spouse like you love them, regardless of the way that you feel, then once again that "loving feeling" will eventually come back!

May has been a very busy month with 353 in Bible Study. We had a nice community crowd for the **National Day of Prayer** on May 2nd. **Mother's Day** with its Baby Celebration on Sunday, May 12th was a special day for us all. Thanks to all of our Mission Friends, R.A. and G.A. workers who made our Missions Recognition Program on May 15th a success. **Graduate Recognition** and the luncheon provided a record number of graduates and their families a great time of celebration. Our Children's Music Recognition Program on May 19th celebrated our preschool and children's choirs and their workers. Last night, I greatly enjoyed our **Faith Friends Academy Commencement** program. And, as I write this on May 22nd, tonight is **Baccalaureate** at the Lamar County Fine Arts Center.

June has some special emphases:

- **FATHER'S DAY** on June 16th complete with Baby Celebration. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.
- **WORK DAY AT HOPE TREE FOOD BANK** on Friday and Saturday, June 21st through 22nd.
- **ANNIE ARMSTRONG NORTH AMERICAN MISSION OFFERING** runs from June 23rd to July 14th. Due to our Generations Following fund-raising campaign, we postponed this annual offering. Our goal is \$15,000.
- **GOD & COUNTRY DAY** on Sunday, June 30th, will be celebrated along with the Lord's Supper.

June is going to be a great month! COME EXPECTANTLY! I Love You, *Garth*

As we begin to wind down the spring and head into summer, we are grateful to everyone for their involvement and commitment to our Generations Following Campaign. To date, 153 families/individuals have committed to the campaign totaling \$1,223,252 and our on-hand funds are \$606,202.77. Others who have not made such formal commitments are still giving generously. What God has led us to do is very exciting! In the coming months the design and construction teams will be hard at work to be prepared for the day that we break ground. I am so thankful for everyone involved and their dedication to making future disciples for Christ. As we have progressed through this effort over the last year, one thought always comes to mind that was delivered in the sermon series on the Holy Spirit. The "Spirit-filled Life" is characterized by making the most of opportunities to build God's Kingdom. Matthew 6:33 states "But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." Please continue to pray for the "Generations Following" and the opportunities it will provide to build God's Kingdom and that we first seek God in all aspects of this project and in our daily lives.

God Bless,  
Steven Bacon

## Mark Your Calendars

**Coffee and Conversation:** Tues. June 4 at 10:30a in the Annex. Kathy Rhodes will be joining us. Kathy is the coordinator for a mentoring program and a food/backpack program for kids in Spalding County.

**Baby Shower for Abby Adams:** Sun. June 9 on the Bridge from 2-4p

**Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting:** June 11-12 in Birmingham, AL

**Father's Day Baby Celebration:** Sun. June 16

**Young At Heart:** Thurs. June 20 at 11a

**Work Days at Hope Tree Ministry:** Frid. June 21 and Sat. 22

**Annie Armstrong Kick-Off:** Sun. June 23

**Baby Bottle Boomerang:** Pick up a baby bottle. Fill it up with change, dollars, or checks made payable to the Monroe County Pregnancy Center. Return the Baby Bottles by Father's Day!

**Vacation Bible School 2019:** Don't forget, VBS is happening next month, July 21-25. If you would like to serve, please contact Maria Brannen!

**Centri-Kid:** Final total due by June 9. Centri-Kid has three spots available. Trip is July 8-12 and \$350.

## A Word of Thanks

We are a fellowship of love. Words cannot express how much we appreciate the love, care, and prayers we received from you all. The meal for our family was delicious. Thank you to the Agape team. We felt God's love through you and are resting in His truth. We know our beloved "Granna" is home now with our Lord. What a mighty God we serve! With love, The Hughes Family

Thank you all for loving our Mama, Eleanor Andrews Selsor! Our hearts are still grieving & many months have passed, but our appreciation is still bountiful. Mama loved her church and raised her family there faithfully. Your many expressions of love and sympathy continue to heal our hearts. Your generosity through meals, flowers and church memorials was overwhelming! Special thanks to each of the Homebound Ministry ladies for their touching visits with Mama and our ministers for holding us close before and after Mama's passing. Pastor Garth's sweet eulogy and beautiful music from Norma and Greg deeply touched our hearts at her graveside service. With much love and sincerity, The Family of Eleanor A. Selsor

## COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

TUESDAY JUNE 4 AT 10:30 | IN THE ANNEX



"Every day, the nations come here. Many are from people groups whose home countries are extremely difficult to reach."

Kevin Ezell  
President, NAME

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## Kids in the Word

THIS WEDNESDAY | 6:30P

for 1st-5th graders

**GENERATIONS following UPDATE** Received for May: \$23,287.22 | Received Total: \$606,202.77