

The Lamplighter

The Color of Light by Rev. Gary Schneider
(reprinted from Jan. 2022)

One of God's many overlooked blessings is color. How boring would Creation be if there were no color? When my son and I visited the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, the cadets told us that West point was essentially monochromatic—everything is gray: the buildings are gray, the sky is gray, the uniforms are gray, and the food is gray. We each have a favorite color. My favorite color is green; however, that is only a general statement, because there are theoretically an infinite number of shades of green. What is God's favorite color? Based on its use in Creation, God's favorite color is probably blue, because the sky is blue everywhere and 70% of the earth is covered with blue water; indeed, when the earth is seen from space, blue is the most prominent color. Green must also be one of God's favorites since He chose to cover the earth in green vegetation.

Scientists tell us that the human eye can detect about 1 million colors; there are actually more colors available, the human eye just cannot see them. God can see all of the colors, and we will be able to see all of them in our new bodies one day. John described heaven as a very colorful place in the Book of Revelation, but he probably could not see just how colorful it really is. That's why Paul reminds us in I Corinthians 2:9 that, "...eye hath not seen nor ear heard neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him." Cont. p.3



March highlights:

- 7th: UPWARD: evals & registration
- 14th: Hooks & Needles, and CPR Training
- 21st: Irwin Baby Shower
- 28th: UPWARD: meet the coach
- 29th: Church Easter Dinner

March 2026

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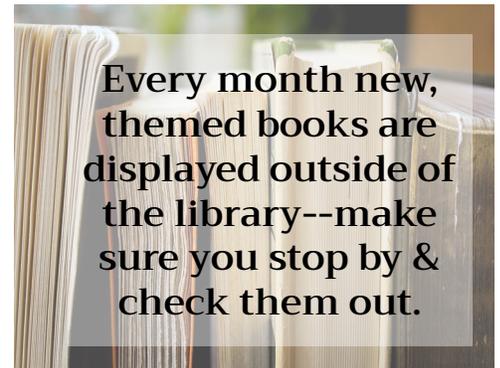
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Are you looking for a ministry? Do you enjoy driving? We are hoping to start a taxi service for people who want to come to church Sunday and/or Wednesday evenings but do not have a ride. Fuel reimbursement will be available. See Bro. Gary if you're interested.



Edify is rehearsing after the 11:00 service each Sunday. Please vacate the sanctuary to facilitate the rehearsal. You are welcome to stay and fellowship in the foyer as long as you like.

Have you shared Jesus with someone lately?
Have you reached out to someone in need?
NEW Agape bags (from Women on Mission) are available in the foyer for just that purpose. Several wonderful testimonies have been shared regarding the bags.
Keep them coming!!



Every month new, themed books are displayed outside of the library--make sure you stop by & check them out.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower

-honoring-

VAL & JUSTIN IRWIN



SATURDAY
MARCH
21ST

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH LA PLATA
FELLOWSHIP HALL
9070 HAWTHORNE ROAD
LA PLATA, MD 20646

2:00 PM

BRING A PACK OF DIAPERS OR WIPES FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE.

RSVP TO JENI IRWIN
BY 3/15/26
(240)682-5396

REGISTERED: [HTTPS://MY.BABYLIST.COM/BABYBOY-IRWIN](https://my.babylist.com/babyboy-irwin)

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.

Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same way, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, when we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.

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What is color anyway? Color requires light, and light is invisible. While we think we can see light, we actually cannot. Did you ever wonder why space is so dark? It is not because there is no light in space: there is plenty of light coming from the sun to the earth, yet the 93 million miles between us is essentially dark. That is because invisible light needs to be reflected off of something to be seen. When something comes between invisible light and our eyes, we can see it. So where does color come in? Light is made up of all colors; you have probably seen a prism demonstration whereby white light is separated into a rainbow of colors. When light shines on an object, some colors reflect off the object and other colors are absorbed by the object. Our eyes see the colors that are reflected which all combine to be seen as one color. When God created light on Day One, He also created all of the colors that make up light. Genesis 1:3 says, "Let there be light, and there was light"; but it could also say, "and let there be color, and there was color."

Jesus claimed to be the light of the world in John 8:12. Jesus also said that His followers are to be the light of the world in Matthew 5:14. Jesus is the One and only true light; we have no light of our own. Like the moon, we can only reflect the light of the Sun (Son) that shines on us. Just like with color, we will absorb some of the light that shines on us, but we must also reflect some of that light onto others. Jesus put it this way in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." May this year be filled with each of us absorbing and reflecting the light of Christ! ~Pastor Gary



ARK ENCOUNTER & CREATION MUSEUM trip! 4/8-11, 2026

*** cost \$325 with a \$100 non-refundable deposit that is required **by 3/1/26**. Sign up at Welcome Center**

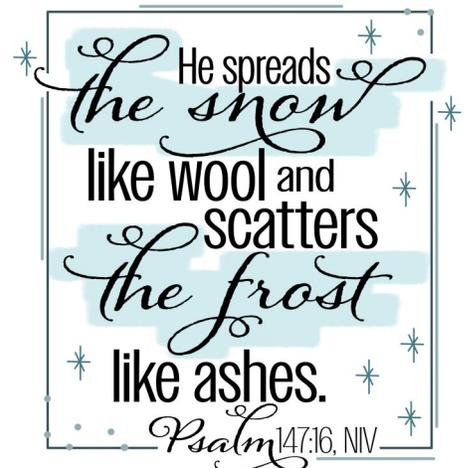
*** see Jennifer Miller with questions**

We are going to be adding a new section in our directory for those who are a faithful part of our congregation but are not members. **If you would like your info added, please contact the office.**



Operation Christmas Child

March Shopping Ideas:
Wow ideas



March EVENTS



Deacons' Meeting March 2nd 7 PM



Brotherhood & Mission Warriors will meet Sat., 3/7 @ 9am.



March 14th, 9 am to Noon

Hooks & Needles

Other activities coming up (info on WC):

- ◆ March 6-7: Revive Baptist Women's Retreat in Davidsonville, MD
- ◆ March 27: Marriage retreat in Reston, VA

Merry Widows

3/13 @ 12 PM

First Aid & CPR Training 3/14/26, 9-11 AM
Details & sign-up sheet available at Welcome Center.

We'd like go to see the movie, *The First Hymn*, as a church on 3/24, 7 PM at the AMC Hoffman Center 22 in Alexandria, VA. More info. available soon.



VISITATION MINISTRY WILL MEET THURS., MARCH 19th, 9:45 AM

College & Career (and beyond) Bible Study

Thursdays 7 PM



Friday evening Bible study 6:30-8 PM
Youth: 6-12th grades
See Patrick Hancock



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Benevolence Offering AWANA 5:30 pm	2 PACE 8:30am Deacons' meeting @ 7 pm	3 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10am	4 Food Giveaway 5 pm	5 WOM 9:45 am College Bible Study 7 pm	6 Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	7 Brotherhood & Mission Warriors 9 am UPWARD 11 am
8  AWANA 5:30 pm	9 PACE 8:30am	10 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 am	11 Food Giveaway 5 pm	12 College Bible Study 7 pm	13 Merry Widows 12 pm Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	14 First Aid & CPR 9-11 am Hooks & Needles 9-Noon 
15 AWANA 5:30 pm	16 PACE 8:30am	17 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 am 	18 Food Giveaway 5 pm	19 Visitation Ministry 9:45am College Bible Study 7 pm	20  Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	21 Irwin Baby shower 2 pm
22 AWANA 5:30 pm	23 PACE 8:30am	24 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 am	25 Food Giveaway 5 pm	26 College Bible Study 7 pm	27 Youth Bible Study 6:30 pm	28 UPWARD 9-12
29 Easter Dinner 5:30 pm PALM <i>Sunday</i>	30 PACE 8:30am	31 Ladies of the Light & Men in the Word 10 am				

Sunday Morning Nursery:
 Infant/Toddler
 Mar. 01 Norma S., Ruth D.
 Mar. 08 Norma S., Stephanie W., Abby P.
 Mar. 15 Norma S., Adrielle L.
 Mar. 22 Norma S., Cecelia S., Erin H.
 Mar. 29 Norma S., Donna F.

Greeter Schedule:

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Mar. 01	Marion S.	Paul D.
Mar. 08	Gary B.	Ken D.
Mar. 15	Kevin G.	Billy M.
Mar. 22	Bobby J.	Henry N.
Mar. 29	Marion S.	Dave B.

Children's Worship:
 Mar. 01 Stephanie W., Donna F., Kayla H.
 Mar. 08 Jennifer C., Chloe C.
 Mar. 15 Amanda N., Kristen G.
 Mar. 22 Tara H., Abby P., Ayla H., Elle H.
 Mar. 29 Debbie S., Jennifer M.



Sunday Morning Security Team:

	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Mar. 01	Marion S.	Jerry P., Jim M.
Mar. 08	Courtney H.	Melvin K., Brian M.
Mar. 15	Norma S.	Robert H., Patrick H.
Mar. 22	Kevin G.	Terry M., Bob M.
Mar. 29	Marion S.	Brian M., Jerry P.



A memorial service for Bonnie Hanks will be held at the Fraternal Order of Police, on Sunday, March 8th, 3-6pm.

E.S.L.
Classes
6 PM
4/9 to 5/14



Have you been wanting to attend Sunday School but you're not sure which class to attend? Below is the list of our current teachers, what their class is studying & where to find them!

Located on the adult classroom side:

- Adult 1:** Glenn Miller, finishing 1 Peter/starting Ephesians, meets in room # 12 (last classroom on left)
- Adult 2:** Buddy Sanders, studying Matthew, meets in room # 14
- Adult 3:** Ken Doyle, studying Habakkuk, Haggai, Hosea & Hebrews, meets in Fellowship Hall
- Adult 4:** Henry Norton, studying 1 & 2 Corinthians, meets in 2nd classroom on left (#'s 15/16)
- J.O.Y. class (& classroom):** Gary Boston & Billy Moore, studying Matthew (3rd class on left)

Located on the children's classroom side:

- Married & More** (single adults, married, 25-30's age range), Andrew Conant, studying James (meets in last classroom on right)
- Women:** Courtney Harbin, studying Matthew, meets in (1st classroom on right)
- Faith: Genesis to Revelation**, meets in choir room, taught by Mike Pickens

Soccer is starting soon!

Boys and Girls K5 --12th Grade (Must be 5 years old by 9/1/26)

Registration: \$80 until March 7th (\$90 after March 7th)

Registration: <https://registration.upward.org/UPW90147>

Evaluations: at FBCLP on Sat., March 7th, b/w 11 am - 2 pm

First practice: Week of April 6, 2026

First Game: April 18, 2026

WE NEED COACHES AND REFS! Email fbclpsoccer@gmail.com to volunteer and receive a discount code. We are also looking for those willing to do a short devotional before games--please see Bro. Gary.

I'm still finding a balance between NO photos printed in the newsletter & ALL of the photos being printed so for now... enjoy! ~Amanda

Have you been wondering what **Hooks & Needles** is all about? Take a look below at ALL the different crafts that our girls/ladies enjoy working on! We even spend time teaching one another our craft! Bring any craft (or cute baby animal!), invite a friend or neighbor, and we'll see you in the FBC Fellowship Hall -**March 14th** this month, 9am!



For their February meeting, the **Merry Widows** had a guest speaker (see below) and also spent time remembering their friend, Bonnie Hanks. Do you know a lady that can benefit from this wonderful group?

Pat Masson is a certified Cognitive Behavioral Therapist (CBT) and Brain Fitness Coach. She will explore mindful movements that can help the brain stay flexible, focused, and connected to each movement you do, no matter how small. It helps support neuroplasticity, your brain's ability to adapt, learn, and create new pathways for movement and mood. Each step, each rhythm, each smile, strengthens new connections in the brain.



Women on Mission is spearheading efforts to support a nursery and primary Christian school in Cameroon, Africa. Members Valentine & Felicia Nchinda founded the school & the school is in need of supplies. Beginning TODAY, collection bins are located in each Sunday School room. More information & a list of needed supplies are available on the WC. Thank you in advance for your loving support. Mark 16:15, Prov. 22:6 Any questions, see Sally Pruitt.



Here is a list of items that we will be collecting: pencils, erasers, small dry erase boards, dry erase markers, composition notebooks, charts, small first aid kits, rags/dusters, drinking cups, small bowls (for students to wash their hands in), hooks/racks (for students to hang their bags), fans for classroom, toys for nursery aged students.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS
 Week of Prayer: March 1st - 8th
 Collection: March 1st - April 5th

Your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and The Cooperative Program fuel the work of missionaries and chaplains who are taking the Gospel to the most unreached communities across the US, Canada and beyond. We will be collecting until Sun., April 5th, and our goal as a church is \$8,000.

The children have worked so hard & this ministry of our church is growing!
 ~~Sarah Conant

The T&T kids had their annual Bible Quiz last Saturday & FBC had the largest church team in attendance. Teams won 1st, 3rd & 4th place and 2 of the kids won the highest honors! Way to go!!

