



# NEWSLETTER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CHILLICOTHE, MO

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### April 5th: Easter at FBC

We'd love for you to join us as we celebrate our RISEN Savior! We will have two services, at 8:00 & 10:30 am, with our Sunday School hour at 9:15 am.

### April 3rd: "Near" a Good Friday Service

Make plans at 6:00 pm to join us for a special evening of worship as we reflect on Christ's love for us and His sacrifice on the cross. We look forward to gathering together for this meaningful time of reflection and gratitude.

### April 24th-25th: Women's Spring Retreat

"I AM" FBC Women's Spring Retreat will be Friday/Saturday April 24th-25th at the Jabez Retreat Center in Mooresville. Join us for a weekend of rest, worship, and studying the "I AM" statements of Christ in the book of John. Sign-ups will be outside the sanctuary until March 29th. (Overnight stay is not required).

### For all FBC Women: "CHOCOTIVITEA"

*Defined: Chocolate, Activity, Tea*

- Savor an assortment of chocolate varieties to kick off our time together as we center our discussion on savoring God's Grace!
- Make the most of every opportunity when sharing our time. Monthly mission activity for others in our community.
- Sipping tea as we learn, do and pray for People on Mission in our church, city, country and beyond.

Please contact Mary Ellen Kincaid if you would like to join this group. Your interest will allow planning for time and place to be announced. 660-247-5208



## MISSION COMMITTEE NEWS

**It's all about the ONE...**

And reaching ONE more child with the Gospel of Jesus Christ through Operation Christmas Child is a great way to do just that.

Every November, shoeboxes are filled with small treasures like notepads, pencils, toothbrushes, gloves, and other thoughtful essentials. During the month of March, we're encouraging everyone to include a special "WOW" item for each box. Second only to the love of Christ packed inside, a "WOW" item is the biggest and most exciting gift in the box. Examples include stuffed animals, dolls, small soccer balls, basketballs, baseballs, or other fun and meaningful surprises.

Our church's goal is to pack and ship **100 shoeboxes** at our **2nd Annual Packing Party in November 2026**, and we need YOUR help to make it happen! Shipping alone will be \$1,000 (as shipping costs \$10 per box). Begin saving and collecting quarters. The red and green shoebox is ready to be filled, and quarters or \$10 can be given to the office anytime.

Let's come together and make an eternal impact, ONE child at a time. Who's ready to pack a shoebox?



## ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING

It will soon be time for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This special offering was started in 1895 by the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) to support the work of the Home Mission Board, now known as the North American Mission Board.

In 1934, the offering was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader.

Today, more than \$2 billion has been given by Southern Baptist churches and individuals. Every dollar donated goes directly to support thousands of missionaries serving across the United States and Canada.

The annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® will be observed March 1-8, 2026. Please begin praying now about how God would lead you to give. Our goal this year is \$6,000.



## A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Much of our focus in the next few weeks will be on Good Friday and Easter, April 3 and 5. The Good Friday service is going to be incredible. We have a great group of people singing and dramatically portraying the events of

the crucifixion. You are going to want to invite your friends, co-workers, and family to attend with you.

On Easter Sunday, we will have services at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. We will celebrate the most important event in all human history, Jesus' resurrection from the dead. In his death, he defeated sin. In his resurrection, he destroyed death. We, of all people, should be the most joyful. I am praying that this Easter the Lord fills our Sanctuary for both our Good Friday and Easter services.

I also want to make you aware that we are making a change in the church management software we use. There were several factors that impacted this change, which I would be glad to go over with you in detail. In general, we will gain several additional benefits from the new system compared to our current one, including better resources at a lower cost.

One of the first impacts of the new system will be on how online tithes and offerings are received. First, thank you for your faithful and generous giving to the Lord through the Church. Because of your faithfulness, we have seen God work in incredible ways.

You will still be able to give in person by cash or check through our collection boxes. If you have your bank send your tithes and offerings directly, as we do in our family, you will still be able to do so. The giving change will primarily impact those who use the website or give online through the Church Center app. If you give online, you should expect to see some emails in the next week or two with detailed instructions. Our goal is to change to our online giving formats starting March 22.

Thank you for your continual prayers for our church staff and for me. Together we know Him, serve Him, and make Him known.

## UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

### March 1st

Missions Committee Meeting

### March 7th

Men's Breakfast

### March 8th

Daylight Saving Time  
SPRING FORWARD!

### March 10th

Monthly Staff Meeting  
Trustee Meeting  
Deacon Meeting

### March 11th

Business Meeting

### March 16th

Golden Heirs Carry-In

### March 22nd

Child Dedication

### April 3rd

Good Friday Service at 6 pm

### April 4th

Men's Breakfast

### April 5th

Easter Services at 8 & 10:30 am

### April 7th

Monthly Staff Meeting  
Trustee Meeting  
Deacon Meeting

### April 8th

Business Meeting

### April 15th

Second Harvest Food Pantry

### April 20th

Golden Heirs Carry In

### April 24-25th

Women's Spring Retreat

### April 26th

Senior Recognition Sunday

