



**Dove Award winner, Lauren Talley**

Will lead us in worship this Sunday, March 5th during the morning worship service. The Dove Award honors outstanding achievements and excellence in Christian and Gospel Music. What a joy it is for us to have her leading that day!

**Giving Report through February**

Year to Date Budget Giving \$68,218  
Year to Date Budget Required \$77,193  
Budget Shortfall \$8,975

**Trustee Capital Campaign for church repairs**

Collected \$34,056 through February  
(this includes the amount paid for the back steps)

**February 2023**

Average Sunday School 114 Average Worship 178



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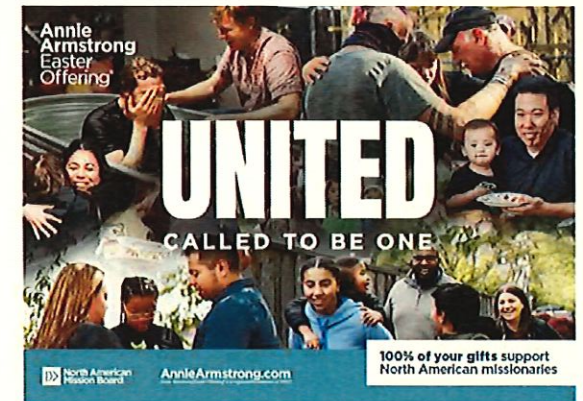
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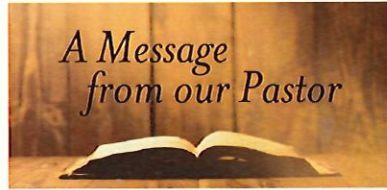
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**March 1, 2023**



**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**  
**Central Baptist Church Goal - \$4,500**  
**Week of Prayer**  
**for North American Missions**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup> – March 12<sup>th</sup>**



February, another month that has flown by quickly. Much has happened, yet through the fast pace of time it somewhat seems as though we've lived through two or three months in this shortest month of the year.

In worship services, we have experienced Holy Spirit moving in people's lives, we have rejoiced and been brought to solemn standstills of the heart. Worship experiences have brought tears to the eyes of some and newness of life to others. Thank you to Mickey and all who lead us in worship from the platform, and those who lead through your own participation in worshipping from your place in the sanctuary.

Our Ephesians Bible study small groups have not only been well attended, but have brought great discussion and learning of "Who We Are in Jesus". Our group of six or seven is active and lively with discussion, with every person participating in studying, open discussion, confession, and asking questions. I hear similar reports from other groups. May God grow us into spiritual maturity as we open up to Him and those walking through this, and future, studies with us.

Wednesday night prayer meetings have become a special part of my week (when I am in town). Unlike many church "prayer meetings" we actually spend the majority of time in prayer. We pray for the sick and hurting, for our community, our church, and much more. We have people lead us in prayer for certain needs, requests, thanksgivings, and petitions. We break

into smaller groups and pray. We pray for not only what is on our list, we pray for revival, for our schools, government officials. We pray for those incarcerated and those imprisoned by addiction and the evils of this world. We pray for renewed hearts, both for us and all those connected to Central Baptist Church.

I am extremely grateful to those who faithfully attend to pray, grow, and worship. My prayer is that you will join us in all three of these areas of church life. As believers we are united as the local body of Christ. The body needs all its parts functioning together. Let us be united in spirit and encouragement through our joining together in these meeting times as we prepare to go into all the world and serve the Risen Savior.

In humble adoration,

Pastor George



#### MICKEY'S MUSINGS

##### MUSIC NOTES...

**Worship Experience** led by Lauren Talley on March 5 during the 10:45 service. Lauren has won the prestigious Dove Award along with multiple Young Artist awards and Female Vocalist of the Year awards. You will not want to miss this. Tell your friends! Tell your neighbors!

**Worship Choir** rehearsals have resumed. Want to sing with us? Rehearsals are on Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Childcare is available with advance notification.

**Music Makers** spring musical will be held on Sunday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. It is not too late to have your child be a part of this fun and exciting program!

**KY Baptist Children's Choir** is open to all Music Makers in grades 3-6. See me for more information.

#### BUILDERS AND BOOMERS

(you know who you are 😊)...

The **2023 Activities Page** is on the Registration Center Counter. Please be sure to grab a copy and place it on your refrigerator at home.

**Lunch Bunch** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 11:30 for lunch. On March 14, we will meet at The Rock Cafe. Please be sure to register by Sunday, March 12 to ensure enough seating.

**Builders and Boomers Luncheon** is March 30 at 11:30 am in the fellowship hall. Our guest speaker that day will be **Lawrence Smith**. Mr. Smith has been the Communications Director for the Kentucky Baptist Convention since 2022. He is an Emmy-winning political reporter and has more than 40 years of experience in journalism, public and media relations. The event is free. Though not required, registration is requested to ensure we have enough food.

A special event being added to our program calendar for the year is the annual **KBC Celebration** for Builders and Boomers. This year's event will be held at Porter Memorial Baptist Church in Lexington on April 27. There is no charge for this event, but you must sign up by April 16.

The next evening, April 28, we will have dinner at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park for dinner and entertainment—**Elvis and Sinatra, Live!** More information to follow.

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## OUTREACH

It's time for our Easter Egg-stravaganza! To help us with this event, it would be most beneficial if you could donate plastic eggs and/or candy. **Please no chocolate candies nor candies with nuts.** There will be a box outside my office for you to deposit your goodies. We will also need a number of volunteers to serve in different areas during the event and will need many more to engage in Gospel conversations with our guests that day. In a change from year's past, this event will be on Wednesday, April 5 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm



Hello Church Family,

It is hard to believe that we are already in March, and thank you to the church for blessing me with an opportunity to take a couple of weeks off to get some much-needed rest and restoration. The rest was great, but having the opportunity to spend a significant amount of time with the Lord in prayer and in His Word was refueling.

Through this time, I had the opportunity to spend some time at Asbury, experiencing the movement of the Holy Spirit and truly praising Christ in song and worship. Seeing people confess their sins, watching believers praying with one another, and seeing people experience the Holy Spirit like they never have before was something that is hard to put into words, except for PRAISE GOD!

It has allowed time for me to reflect on this past year and even in the beginning of this year, all I can say is that God is good! Through hardships, whether in church or life, God is always there. Too often, all of us, as believers, lose focus on the one that is taking care of

everything, who is constantly teaching us, and is showing His love and mercy to us every day. Too often we look to our own desires on how to fix things, when the fixing was never left up to us. As much as I like to be in control of things, I realize that I do not have any control, but Christ has all the control. Christ is the one that heals. He is the one that changes hearts. He is the one that brings wisdom. He is the one that brings revival and revitalization!

My challenge to the church is to focus on Christ! Even when things are not going the way we like, focus on Christ! Being believers does not excuse us from hardship, but it does give us an answer for those hardships, Christ! A fellow pastor, and close friend, constantly tells me to stay in the Word, seek God's will, because at the end of all this, God alone is going to be glorified! God has an amazing plan and a purpose for all those who put their faith in Him. Be actively involved in God's ministry, we are called to go out! Let's use 2023 to refocus on Christ and serving in His ministry. Let's refocus on Christ to see how He wants His ministry to move. Let's refocus on Christ and see how He wants to use His body to keep furthering His kingdom, and give Him the glory!

Psalm 46:10 says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!" (ESV)

The youth and children ministries have a candy bar fundraiser going on right now. The funds for the fundraiser will go to help with cost of both youth and children's camps. If you are interested in helping with selling candy bars, or would like to purchase some, please contact me.

Give God the Glory, God Bless!  
Jonny

## March AWANA Calendar

March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Club Night (Sports Night)
March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Club Night
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Club Night
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Regular Club Night (Balloon Blast Night)

## Pastor Search Committee Update

The pastor search committee has interviewed several candidates during the month of February and have still not found the man we believe that God is calling to our church. So, we "press on" and believe that if we are faithful, we will find him. 1 John 5:13 says, "I write these things to you who believe, so that you may know that you have salvation". That is the type of "knowing" that we need as a committee as we search for the right man and we ask that you pray toward that end.

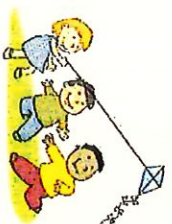
## WMU Mission Moments


March 5<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> is the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering kick off. Central Baptist Church's offering goal is \$4,500.

The Life House Ministry continues to serve our community. The ministry is open every third Tuesday of every month, 11 AM until 2 PM and 5 PM until 8 PM. Thank you for all that you have donated. We continue to need diapers, wipes, lotion, baby bath, diaper rash medicine, children's clothes or monetary donations and of course prayers. In the month of February, we had 8 shoppers.

Please continue to pray for our missionaries and the Life House Ministry.

# March 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>March 5th—12th Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering</b> <b>CBC Goal \$4,500</b>						
5 Lauren Talley 10:45 Worship Service  6 PM AWANA, Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Bible Study	6 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	7	8 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Prayer Meeting Youth	9	10	11 11 AM Sisters in Christ at 8th St. First Baptist
12 Daylight Saving Time begins  6 PM AWANA, Youth, Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Bible Study	13 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	14 11:30 AM Lunch Bunch @ The Rock	15 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Prayer Meeting Youth	16	17	18
19	20 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	21	22 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers Prayer Meeting Youth	23	24	25
26 6 PM AWANA, Youth, YMCA Prayer time in chapel 6:30 PM Worship Service	27 9 AM Willing Hands Quilters  	28	29 Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers in sanctuary Prayer Meeting FH Youth	30 11:30 AM Builders & Boomers' quarterly luncheon	31	

## Our Ministries Opportunities

### Sunday:

- 9:30 AM – Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:45 AM – Worship and Children's Church
- 5:30 PM - Bible Drill (4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 6:00 PM – Prayer time in chapel
- 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:00 PM - AWANA
- 6:30 PM – Bible Study Groups

### Wednesday:

- 6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 PM - Music Makers

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 can also scan the QR code below with your phone's  
 camera to be directed to the link.



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