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The Heartbeat

Newsletter

Love God, Love People, Serve Others.

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What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering?

The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$1 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion

ministries. Because of this sacrificial giving, millions of lives have been and continue to be transformed by the power of the gospel.

The 2021 theme is "The Mission Moves Forward".

The scripture verse is 1 Corinthians 15:58, "Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

The national goal is \$70 million. MBC goal for 2021 is \$750.

Every gift to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering – 100 percent – goes to train, resource and send thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries across the United States, Canada and their territories. Our partnership with Southern Baptist Convention churches and individuals makes this work possible.

You can find more information about the week of prayer, Annie Armstrong, missionaries or give to the Annie Armstrong offering at http://www.anniearmstrong.com.

Perspectives

MAKING GODLY DECISIONS

Most of the decisions you will make today aren't specifically addressed in the Bible. Questions like, Should I eat out today? What should I wear? Should I respond to *this instance* of my child's sin with correction or forbearance? Should I shop today or tomorrow? Should I check my email *again*?

The Bible doesn't even give specific guidance on huge, life-shaping decisions like should I marry this person? Should I give more or save for retirement? Should we adopt a child? Should I pursue a different vocation? Should we homeschool? Should I pursue chemo or try an alternative cancer treatment? Should we buy this home or a less expensive one? Which college should I attend? Is it time to put my elderly parent in a nursing home? Should I go to the mission field? Should I separate from my spouse while we work on these very painful issues?

These kinds of decisions tend to have multiple acceptable options within the scope of God's will or his commandments. Yet he cares deeply about the details and course of our lives. So what guidance does he give to help us navigate ambiguous decisions?

He says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

What does this mean? It means that God has design in the difficulty of discerning. The motives and affections of our hearts, or "renewed minds," are more clearly revealed in such decision making.



If God made more things detailed, we would tend to focus more on what we *do* rather than what we *love*. Like Pharisees, we would tend to whitewash our tombs with the appearance of obedience — to impress others — rather than deal with the dead bones of our pride.

But in decisions that require discernment, the wheat is distinguished from the tares. We make such decisions based on what we really love. If deep down we love the world, this will become apparent in the pattern of decisions that we make — we will conform to this world.

But if we really love Jesus we will increasingly love what he loves — we will be transformed by renewed minds. And our love for him and his people will be revealed in the pattern of small and large decisions that we make. I say "pattern of decisions" because all of us sin and make mistakes. But conformity to the world or to Jesus is most clearly seen in the pattern of decisions we make over time.

That's why God makes us wrestle. He wants us to mature and have our "powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:14).

The great thing to remember in all our decisions is that Jesus is our Good Shepherd. He laid down his life for us so that all our sins (including every sinful or defective decision) are covered. He will never leave or forsake us. He has a staff long enough to pull us out of every hole and a rod to guide us back when we stray.

And someday we will see that it really was him leading us through the confusing terrain of difficult decisions.

Running with Him,

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WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Bible Study 10 A.M.

Adult Prayer & Bible Study 6 -7:30 P.M.

Awana (ages 3 - 8th grade) 6 -7:30 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Praise Band Practice 8:30 A.M.
Children & Youth 9:30-10:40 A.M
Bible Study
Adult Bible Study 9:40-10:40 A.M.
Sunday Worship 10:50 A.M.— 12 NOON

BIRTHDAY

9 Walker Hall 9 Pauline Clark 7 Brenda Poe 4 Sonny Clark 2 Evelyn Wise 1 Landyn Gaines 0 Sydney Bowen Ruth Day Becky Devore **Brandon Pulliam** 30 Garrett Wilhite 30 Grayson Wilhite 26 Josh Bowen 25 Sadie Dungan 30 Janice Newton 27 Adrienne Fraley 24 Lindsay Hammond 21 Pam Hershey 30 Ronnie Cohorn, Sr.



CHURCH SERVICES & OTHER UPDATES

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Our doors are open on Sundays and face masks are required. We can have 50% (130 people) capacity. You can watch us on Facebook at Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort, KY memorialfrankfort. For those who do not have a Facebook page, you can watch MBC Sunday worship on YouTube, which is posted on the Monday following the service. We have Frankfort KY Memorial Baptist Church channel. Invite a friend to watch on Facebook.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MTG.

We are offering Bible Study and Prayer meeting both live on Facebook and in the Worship Center at 6 P.M.

TITHE & OFFERINGS

Offerings can be dropped off or mailed to the church. Memorial Baptist Church, 130 Holmes Street, Frankfort, KY 40601-2109.

NEWSLETTER

For a copy of our church newsletter, please call (502-223-8215) or email virginia@memorialfrankfort.com. It is also posted on our website and Facebook page.



MISSIONS

HARLAN COUNTY SHOE PROJECT

We are collecting shoes for boys and girls of Harlan County. They can be any color and size. You can purchase shoes and place them in the Narthex. You can also make a donation to purchase shoes.

MBC SOUP KITCHEN DAY ACCESS SOUP KITCHEN & MEN'S SHELTER

Lunch is served by a great community of volunteers at the following times: Monday-Friday: 11:30 A.M. - 1P.M. Saturday: 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. & Sunday: 2 - 3 P.M. Current needs: toiletries, T-Shirts, hand sanitizer, plastic wrap, paper towels, sugar & creamer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Evelyn Wise will be 90 years young on March 12. Join us in sending cards to her at Signature Heritage Hall, 331 South Main St., ROOM B 11, Lawrenceburg, KY 40342.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Sunday, March 14, spring forward one hour.

KENTUCKY BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, March 19, 8 A.M.—3:30 P.M. in the Narthex. You can make an appointment online at kybloodcenter.org.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

March 28, 2021 at 10:50 A.M.

Communion cups are available at the church. If you want cups but are unable to pickup, contact the church office at 502-223-8215 or virginia@memorialfrankfort.com.

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O	Bible Study	0	0	0	0	0	COVID-19
Record	Worship Service	27	23	18	28	22	
	Facebook	287-25 live	226-30 live	235-28 live	275-27 live	276-30 live	
the	Budget Offerings	3,760.00	2,953.00	2,270.00	3,832.00	6,083.36	18,898.36
	Lord OT Harvest	600.00	700.00	375.00	1,000.00	1,125.00	3,800.00
For	Designated Gifts	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
ш	Total Gifts	4,360.00	3,853.00	2,645.00	4,832.00	7,208.36	22,898.36



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Future Events



