

FMBC News



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THREE CELEBRATIONS

If you, or someone you know, are truly in Christ, then you, my friend, have reason to **celebrate!** Even though your favorite team may have celebrated winning the Championship, twenty years from now few people will remember or care. In contrast to that, the new birth is truly worth **celebrating**. Consider the following verses:

Luke 15:23-24 Bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. And they began to **celebrate**.

Psalms 35:9 My soul will rejoice (**celebrate**) in the Lord, exulting in His salvation.

Isaiah 25:9 This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation.

Luke 15:7 I (Jesus) tell you, there will be more joy (**celebration**) in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance.

Salvation, as you can see, is a big deal. If you want a reason to **celebrate**...then **celebrate** the new life you have in Christ. And **celebrate** meeting someone new who is also a Christian.

I suggest every church have THREE CELEBRATIONS marking the uniqueness and definition of our faith.

- I. We celebrate the event and **profession of faith** in Jesus Christ for eternal life, for each individual. With all that the Bible tells us, the Church should **celebrate** with much joy and attention.

However, this salvation should never be confused as the same as water baptism nor with any church membership. These are three related but different experiences. Let's not allow confusion about the greatest event and miracle – the salvation of a soul.

- A. At church we will strive to rejoice with the new child of God and offer praise and thanksgiving to God. This rejoicing celebration will be purposefully observed for a period of weeks, before baptism and membership.
 - B. During this celebration, each new Christian is provided a class to grow in Bible doctrine and in fellowship with others.
 - C. Every church meeting should be a **celebration** for new and old Christians.
- II. We celebrate the **water baptism** event of each believer, which is not the actual salvation experience, but is the believer's public demonstration of his faith in Christ and desire to obey and follow Jesus as his/her Lord. We intend to observe a believer's baptism after he/she has publicly acknowledged receiving salvation and has enjoyed a new convert class which is provided by the church.
 - III. We celebrate the addition of **new members in covenant** with FMBC members to become an active member of our church. A professing Christian who has also agreed to be baptized by immersion, and who has attended the classes about salvation, baptism, and church membership will be celebrated at a monthly church meeting and the following Sunday morning worship service.

Pastor Richard

BIBLE READING PLAN APRIL

- 1. 1 Peter 3:3-4
- 2. 1 Peter 3:5-6
- 3. 1 Peter 3:7
- 4. 1 Peter 3:8-9
- 5. 1 Peter 3:10-12
- 6. 1 Peter 3:13-14
- 7. 1 Peter 3:15-16
- 8. 1 Peter 3:17
- 9. 1 Peter 3:18-20
- 10. 1 Peter 3:21-22
- 11. 1 Peter 4:1-2
- 12. 1 Peter 4:3-4
- 13. 1 Peter 4:5-6
- 14. 1 Peter 4:7
- 15. 1 Peter 4:8
- 16. 1 Peter 4:9-10
- 17. 1 Peter 4:11
- 18. 1 Peter 4:12-13
- 19. 1 Peter 4:14
- 20. 1 Peter 4:15-16
- 21. 1 Peter 4:17-18
- 22. 1 Peter 4:19
- 23. 1 Peter 5:1-4
- 24. 1 Peter 5:5
- 25. 1 Peter 5:6-7
- 26. 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 27. 1 Peter 5:10-11
- 28. 1 Peter 5:12-14
- 29. 2 Peter 1:1-2
- 30. 2 Peter 1:3-4

The Supper

Gathering round the table of peace,
the Passover time at hand,
Jesus and friends proclaimed with a song,
the glories of Jehovah their God.

One last meal, this final hour, to
celebrate His Father's great love;
With night rushing fast upon Him,
the end of His mission on Earth.

He longed to stay, life was a joy,
but leave He must...and soon;
Peter and John, James and the rest,
stayed true to their Lord, save one.

Here's the bread, take now the wine,
remember Me in years to come;
Take courage when evil assails...
I will be with you again.



By Millard R. Howington
New Ellenton, South Carolina
From his collection of poems,
"The King in His Beauty"

Glory

In the cross
suffering Son of Man,
glory round thy
brow..
Thorn pricks
streaming light
brighter than
a thousand
suns, shedding over
the world
salvation's
Holy balm,
thy pain's stabbing
wounds
from nails hammered
cruel
paying the debt
unpayable,
a gift
from
God above.
Reign on
Lord of the ages.

Please join us to celebrate His resurrection on

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025, at 11:00 AM

Spring Bulletin Board

Week of Prayer for North American Missions & the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Please come to our week of prayer for NAMB & the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering on **Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, March 31, April 1 & 2, at 10:00 am** in the Golden Circle Classroom (next to the sanctuary on the Pine Street parking lot side of the building), and is led by Mrs. Bradham.

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING®**

Planning for July, 2025 Summer Blitz Event

Anyone interested in helping to plan a community outreach event for July 2025, should contact Lorraine Webb soon. Please consider helping!

East Building Fund

We have a fund to support needed work on the East Building which includes the Sunday School Rooms, Nursery, and Fellowship Hall. Our goal was \$30,000 (which has been reached), but due to rising costs and updated estimates, we have had to increase the goal to \$50,000. Work has begun, but we welcome your continued contributions which may be made at any time by designating an amount for "East Building" and using an envelope in the back of the pew. We are now about \$19,000 away from our new goal (as of 3/20/2025).

All donations are tax deductible.

Shoebox Item for April

We are collecting toys for **boys only** during the month of April for the Operation Christian Child Shoebox Ministry.

King's Kids Club & YouthZone Every Wednesday at 6 pm

All children ages 5K through Grade 12 are invited. King's Kids Club meets in the Staff House across Pine Street from the Main church building. YouthZone meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Every Thursday: Ladies' and Men's Bible Studies

All ladies are invited to attend a Bible study every Thursday morning at 10:00 in the East Building next to the Fellowship Hall. The class is led by Mrs. Karen Barnard and all you need is to bring your favorite Bible.

All men are also welcome to join Pastor Richard as he leads a Men's Bible Study in the classroom at the front of the East Building at 10:00 am each Thursday.

New Ellenton Christ Central Needs

Our local Christ Central can always use the following canned goods. You may leave your donations in the box by the vestibule (near the front sanctuary door).

(Easy-to-open/Pull tab Cans, Please.)

**Canned Peaches, Fruit Cups
Green Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup
Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup
Rice Soup
Beef Stew
Vienna Sausages
Spam
Baked Beans
Chili Sauce**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Members' Health Concerns

Tommy Braswell
Dwight Hall
Edna Hanna
Phyllis Hutto
Bobbie Kendrick
Kay McKinney
Louise Parrish
Bunny & Steve Raper
Gloria Shaw
Jennifer Watkins

All Seniors & Caregivers

Friends/Family Health
Concerns

Other Requests

Visitors & Families
Our Community & Other Area Churches
New Ellenton Christ Central
Life Choices Pregnancy Care Center
Aiken Baptist Association
Aiken Schools, Teachers & Students
Our Country, State & Local Leaders
Grant Ensley (Jennifer Watkins' son)
First Baptist Church-Jedburg
(Summerville SC)

Church Leaders/Ministries

Pastor Richard & Karen Barnard
Deacons, Trustees, Ministry Asst.
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders
All FMBC Committees
Adults on Mission
YouthZone
King's Kids Club
Ladies' & Men's Thursday Bible
Studies
Saturday Men's Prayer Breakfast
Future Foreman Team
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

FINANCIAL REPORT – MARCH 2025

TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$13,003.54

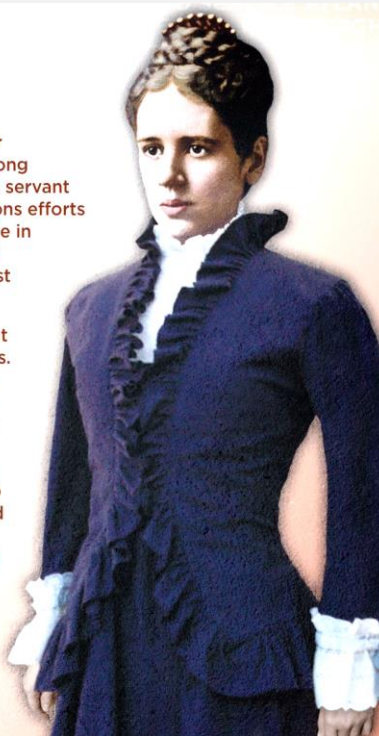
EAST BUILDING FUND TO DATE: \$30,925.00 (Adjusted Goal \$50,000)

WHO IS ANNIE?

Each year, we honor the life and advocacy of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American missions. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of missions efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in missions endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in and followed Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our missions efforts. Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food, clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share God's love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more and do more for reaching people for Christ. As modern-day missions advocates unite to continue that work today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.



FMBC GOAL FOR APRIL 2025: \$2,500

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

Thank you for reading the FMBC News! We covet your prayers and support. Please contact the church office if you know of anyone who wishes to **subscribe** — the subscription is free. We always welcome and encourage new subscribers! To **unsubscribe** please either:

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207 Smith Avenue,
New Ellenton SC 29809
- Send email to:
fmbc.church@outlook.com
- Personal Message on
Facebook
- Call the church office at
803-652-2242 and leave
a message.

Thank you!
Wendy Grigsby, Editor

P.S. WE NEED NEW SUBSCRIBERS!
IF YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO
WOULD LIKE TO BE ADDED TO
OUR MAILING LIST, PLEASE LET
ME KNOW!



2025

SUNDAYS: 9:45 AM Bible Study Classes ♦ 11 AM Worship Service ♦ 5 PM Worship Service
WEDNESDAYS: 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study; YouthZone Grades 6-12; King's Kids Grades K-5
THURSDAYS: 10:00 AM Ladies' Bible Study and Men's Bible Study
SATURDAYS: 9:00 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 30 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship & <i>Lord's Supper</i> 5 – Worship	March 31 Week of Prayer Meetings – 10:00 AM 6:00 PM Buildings & Grounds	1	2 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	3 <i>10:00 am Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies</i>	4	5 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
6 9:45 – SS. 11 – Worship 4 – Finance Comm. 5 – Worship	7	8	9 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	10 <i>10:00 am Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies</i>	11	12 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
13 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship 5 – Worship	14	15	16 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	17 <i>10:00 am Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies</i>	18	19 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
20 EASTER 9:45 – Sun. Sch. 11 – Worship <i>No PM Activities</i>	21	22	23 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	24 <i>10:00 am Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies</i>	25	26 9:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
27 9:45 – SS 11 – Worship 12 – Church Meeting 5 – Worship	28	29	30 6:00 Service 6:00 YouthZone, King's Kids Club	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® <small>FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS</small> To Be Collected during the Month of April Goal: \$2,500		

Regular FMBC Church Office Hours: Monday & Thursday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (1-2 Lunch break)