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But appearances can be deceiving. Their world is actually crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. But their lives take an unexpected turn when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara, and is challenged to establish a “war room” and a battle plan of prayer for her family. As Elizabeth tries to fight for her family, Tony’s hidden struggles come to light. Tony must decide if he will make amends to his family and prove Miss Clara’s wisdom that victories don’t come by accident. Rated PG.

Tony and Elizabeth Jordan have it all—great jobs, a beautiful daughter, and their dream house.

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The Lamplighter

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The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) was started in 1895 by Woman’s Missionary Union and in 1934 was named for Annie Walker Armstrong. Annie Armstrong was a passionate advocate for missionaries and their work. She championed missions involvement and gave personally and sacrificially of her time and talents to see the gospel go forward around the world.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
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Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?—

HERE I AM SEND ME.

ISAIAH 6:8

Week of Prayer for North American Missions
March 13—20

Church Offering Goal: **\$1,200**

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Conference promises to be first hand report from the center of conflict

I am looking forward to this conference, *ISIS, ISRAEL & THE END TIMES*, March 4-6 with great anticipation! We hear so much information in the news about the Middle East, but Dr. John and Dee Cook work there. So this will be a first hand report right from the center of the conflict.

I have seen John’s heart for the church in this part of the world when I traveled to Egypt with John a few years ago. I watched a local pastor respond to a local Muslim who was threatening his life.

John and Dee have been in ministry in the Middle East, Asia and India for over 40 years. He is founder and CEO of Indigenous Ministries International. His background includes being a pastor in the U.S. for 26 years and being married for 38 years.

You will enjoy John and Dee. They speak with a dynamic realism which comes from seeing the truth in action in the middle of the conflict. You won’t want to miss this opportunity to hear their presentations.

Pastor Dan Mohler

(See page 2 & 3 for more details.)

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of 2/14/16 (7 wks): **\$3,495.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,603.**

Budget Status: (\$755)

Average morning worship attendance 1/31-2/14/16: **92**

PTL! For Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Received: \$2,404.
Offering has concluded.

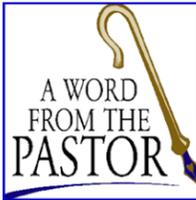
REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

- Sunday**
8:30a **WORSHIP**
9:20a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
9:30a **Bible Study/Sunday School**
10:30a **WORSHIP/Children’s Worship**
6p **Monthly Last Sunday WORSHIP**
6-8p Youth Ministry Mtg. (wkly mtgs)
7:30p Deacons’ Mtg. (usually last Sun of month)
- Monday**
5:30p **Praise & Worship Team Practice**
- Tuesday**
11a **Worship Cmte Mtg.** (4th Tues, monthly)
- Wednesday**
6:30-8p **Kids’ Klub** (for grades 2-6)
6:30-8p **Prayer/Bible Stdy**
BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)
- Thursday**
10a **Choir Practice**
11a **Ladies’ Prayer Time**



Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. These past few weeks I have been preaching a



series on some of the prophets in the Old Testament. These men of God, little known to most of us, were powerful preachers in their time. Each one

ministered to "his own generation by the will God, [then] fell asleep" (Acts 13:36). For example, most of us are quite familiar with Rev. Billy Graham—the most famous preacher of the 20th century. But the teens only seem to know his son Franklin. Each generation is different.

Micah was the first prophet we examined. He served God in Judah, near Jerusalem. He prophesied that the

Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). He's the one who said God will pardon our iniquity and "cast all (our) sins into the depths of the sea" (7:19). The key verse we looked at was Micah 6:8 "... What does the Lord require of you?—to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Our faith in God must be coupled with a changed life, that's what God really wants.

The 2nd prophet we studied was Hosea. He preached to rebellious Israel (in the north) at about the same time. God told him to marry an adulterous woman (Gomer) who would break his heart by going after her other lovers. God said this is what His people have done to Him by worshiping idols and departing from the one true God. In the end Hosea bought her out of the slave market and took her back (Hosea 3:2). In the same way God will forgive His repentant children when they return and seek the LORD in the last days (3:5).

Joel was the next prophet we looked at. He was the earliest of the minor prophets and probably knew Elijah. The theme of his short book is the *Day of the Lord*, a future day of judgment for sin.

Like all the prophets of the LORD, Joel calls people to repent and turn back to the Lord. Joel's key verse is 2:32, "everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved." Paul quotes this in Romans 10:13. It has become the central verse of all of us who share the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

We will look at a few other prophets in this brief study, but know that each one of them calls for repentance from sin and a return to the Lord. Every generation needs to hear this message. Today, more than ever, our world needs to respond to this invitation.

This is the message of the whole Bible. The writer of Hebrews puts it this way, "... Let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (10:25). The closer we get to the return of Christ, the more urgent this becomes! What particular

sin is God's Holy Spirit speaking to you about? Will you repent and return to God? Each of us needs to deal with something. John says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). The sacrifice of Christ on the cross is what makes our forgiveness possible. God requires our faith in Him. Salvation is a free gift of God to all who will believe. Now that we are part of His family, He expects us to act like it. Paul says, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

The message of the Old Testament prophets is the same in the New Testament. Two thousand years later the good news of the gospel has not changed. But each person in every generation must respond for him/herself.

March 4-6 is our spring prophecy conference with Dr. John Cook. Our theme verses are 2 Peter 3:11, 12, "You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming." Prophecy has always pointed us to a holy God in control of earth's history who demands your faith and a changed life. I hope and pray that you will be able to attend and participate in all of the activities and services. Mrs. Dee Cook will be sharing with the ladies in the Saturday service (11am-1pm with pot luck supper) and Sunday School hour. We hope you will come with your whole family.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

Dr. Stephen D. Hokuf

P.S. See the next page for more details on this prophecy conference. AND, please use the enclosed flyer to invite someone to the conference.



PSun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
FEB 28 6pm WAR ROOM DVD SHOWING on the BIG SCREEN	FEB 29	MARCH 1 10:30a SBA Ministers'/ Wives' Fellowship, Maple View	2	3	4 7p ISRAEL, ISIS & THE END TIMES CONF with John & Dee COOK	5 11a-1p ISRAEL, ISIS & THE END TIMES CONF with John & Dee COOK (Pot Luck Lunch)
6 9:20 Breakfast 8:30, 9:30 & 10:30am & 7pm ISRAEL, ISIS & THE END TIMES CONF with John & Dee COOK	7	8	9 BUSINESS Mtg (after Prayer Mtg)	10	11 4:30p 76ers Basketball Game & Christian CONCERT	12 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> OPEN TO ADULTS & YOUTH \$5 ea. </div>
13 TIME CHANGES— <i>Spring ahead 1 hour</i> After 10:30a worship: <i>The Lord's Supper Re-enactment Practice & VBS Workers' Mtg.</i>	14	15	16 11a Church COUNCIL Mtg	17	18 7pm <i>The Lord's Supper Re-enactment DRESS REHEARSAL</i>	19 11a-12p Easter Egg Hunt 7pm <i>The Lord's Supper Re-enactment</i>
Week of Prayer for North American Missions (March 13-20)/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering GOAL: \$1,200						
20 8:30 & 10:30a <i>The Lord's Supper Re-Enactment</i> Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt (between performances) <i>Lamplighter</i> April articles DEADLINE	21	22 11a Worship CMTE Mtg	23	24	25	26
27 EASTER 6:45a "SON"rise Service, NE Town Park 8:30 & 10:30a EASTER Worship NO pm service	28	29	30	31	You ought to LIVE and GODLY LIVES as you LOOK FORWARD to the DAY OF GOD and SPEED ITS COMING. 2 Peter 3:11b-12a	
See page 4 for regular services/events.						



PUZZLE

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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Puzzle answer is on page 4.

Editor's note:
The need is GREAT!
 When you receive a prayer guide for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (bulletin insert for March 13), notice the facts in the first paragraph of Day 1: In Canada, only 27 percent of people are affiliated with an evangelical church. Nine out of 10 residents in the western states have no relationship with Christ. Even in the South—the so-called Bible Belt—two out of three residents are lost and living in darkness. Consider these facts as you pray for and give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.



March birthdays

- 1 Betty Ball
- 1 Sonny Hayes
- 2 Dave Jackson
- 3 Nicholas Airey
- 3 Georgianna Keyes
- 3 Lloyd Ramsey
- 4 Scott Barton
- 4 John Tyler Sprout
- 5 Gabrielle Forino
- 6 Sarah Walsh
- 7 Hunter Hokuf
- 9 Matthew Osborne, III
- 10 June Bibey
- 10 Margie Jackson
- 10 Chris Lee
- 10 Carol Neall
- 11 Bryan Beman
- 11 Joe Moyer
- 13 Misty Parsons
- 13 Donna Sprout
- 14 Mark Beltran
- 14 Jacob Perry
- 18 Penny Clough
- 18 Helen Diksa
- 18 Dorothy Hudler
- 19 Ryan Perry
- 20 Kelly Jackson
- 21 Marcia Roark
- 22 Loretta Sexton
- 23 Carol Evans
- 24 Bernice Jackson
- 24 Richard Jackson
- 25 Joy Grant
- 25 Taylor Johnson
- 26 Mark Gray
- 26 Marcia Murray
- 28 Chrissy Jackson
- 30 Cortnie Barton
- 30 Robert Gregson
- 30 Mary McLean
- 30 Linda Thornton

March anniversaries

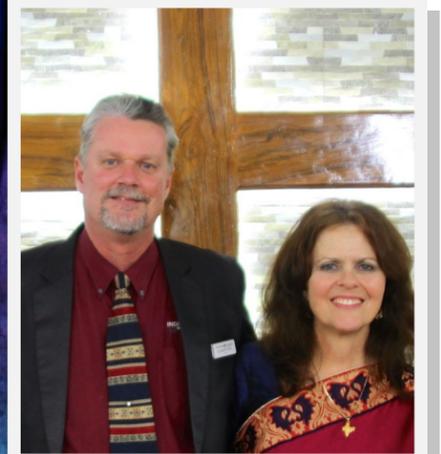
- 1 Clint & Joyce Blithe
- 2 Bob & Arlee Brown (60th)
- 5 Steven & Karen Harclerode
- 24 Devin & Amy Short
- 27 Ralph & Judy Veasey

ISRAEL, ISIS & THE END TIMES

with

Dr. John & Dee COOK
March 4 - 6

FRI - SUN



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2 Peter 3:11b-12a NIV

DR. JOHN COOK, CEO of INDIGENOUS MINISTRIES*, has been in full time ministry for 40 years. He is an international conference speaker and professor. Cook and his wife, DEE, are HEAVILY INVOLVED IN MIDDLE EAST MINISTRY. Dee is the Director of Beautiful International Women's Ministry.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

FRI	7pm
SAT	11am-1pm* with LUNCH
SUN	8:30am 9:30am* 10:30am 7pm

*Dee meeting with ladies; John meeting with men.

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Image of unborn baby was shocking—to some

Since last night (February 7, 2016/Super Bowl 50 Sunday) there hasn't been any shortage of

responses to NARAL's (National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League) bizarre anti-scientific, anti-baby, and anti-human extremism.



watched their baby being "humanized" right in front of their eyes, which is why having an ultrasound is such a

against God, or nature, or plain old biological reality.

Memo to NARAL: *That's what an unborn baby actually looks like.*

Every couple who has ever had an ultrasound has

beautiful and moving experience.

Nowadays, with crystal-clear "4D" ultrasounds, couples can watch their babies kick about, suck their thumbs, respond to noises in the room, move away from the doctor's or nurse's touch, etc.

RELATED: 'I saw little arms, little legs, and a head!': Mom leaves abortion clinic after seeing ultrasound.

And that's why pro-life activists are working furiously to pass laws ensuring that women are given the opportunity to see an ultrasound of their babies before they go through with an abortion. It's called "informed consent." That means, telling a patient everything they need to know to make an informed decision before going through with an irrevocable medical procedure.

But pro-abortion groups like NARAL are fighting these commonsense laws tooth and nail. Why? Because they know what pro-lifers who work in crisis pregnancy centers have learned through long

experience: when women see their baby in front of their eyes on an ultrasound, they are far, far less likely to go through with the abortion. And that means lost income for abortion clinics.

RELATED: UK (United Kingdom) parents reject abortion after seeing son smile on ultrasound.

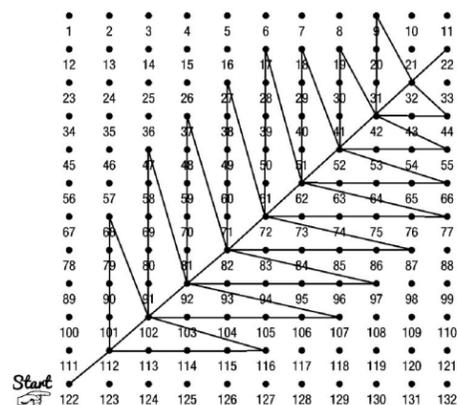
That's why story after story has come out of women saying that even when they asked to see the ultrasound of their baby before their abortion at an abortion clinic, the staff at the clinic refused. Because feminism.

So, a question for abortion supporters out there: If your whole ideology has to be propped up on a stubborn denial of one of the most clearly proven scientific facts—i.e. the humanity of the human unborn child—what does that say about the value of your ideology? And if the only way you can get women to buy your product—abortion—is by lying to them, what does that say about your view of women?

Submitted by Pastor Dan MOHLER, Director Cecil County Pregnancy Center



Answer to puzzle on page 6



BRING THE FAMILY! Celebrate the risen CHRIST!

EASTER Services
March 27

"SON"RISE Service

@ North East Town Park
Benjamin Pavilion
6:45am.



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Son"rise Service, 2015



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3 Performances

The Lord's Supper Re-enactment

Sat. March 19, 7pm and

Palm Sun. March 20, 8:30am & 10:30am

with **BREAKFAST and an EASTER EGG HUNT** between performances on **March 20th.** PLEASE bring PLENTY of FOOD and DRINK to share. Coffee provided.



COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

SAT MARCH 19

11am-12pm

(rain or shine)

Candy! Prizes!! Lunch!!!



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