

**LRBC MARCH NEWSLETTER**  
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“And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither: and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.” Psalm 1:3-4

**Building a Firm Foundation**

There is nothing like the bright colors of flowers, the scent of freshly mowed grass, and the feel of soft petals between your fingers. Many people find pleasure in seeing things grow, and anyone who has ever planted something knows the importance of a plant’s roots. The roots are the most important component for a plant; they are what holds the plant together. The roots must form a firm foundation in order to hold up the huge weights they sometimes have to deal with. These verses should be familiar because we as a church started reciting these at the beginning of 2019. In these verses, the psalmist is comparing a person who walks with the Lord to a tree. This person has established a firm, stable foundation built on a relationship with God. From this steady foundation can grow a godly, Christ-like attitude and life. On the other hand, someone who does not walk with the Lord has a flimsy foundation, one that the wind will blow away. The psalmist tells us only those with a firm foundation will prosper though sometimes it feels like the wicked are actually prospering. Remember, the roots are hidden in the soil, and it is not until the plant grows that the condition of its roots are revealed.

Though it is a process that takes time and dedication, it is not too late to begin building a firm foundation. The seed is planted when we become Christians, watered by the Bible, and continues to grow into a beautiful plant as we learn from the Bible and build a prayerful relationship with God. Jesus knew the importance of a firm foundation because He referenced this concept numerous times in his teaching. Many times, he brought up the correlation between a Christian yielding a godly life to a fruit tree yielding fruit. In Matthew 7:24, Jesus instructs, “Everyone therefore that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man, who built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon the rock.” He finishes the story with the illustration of the man who built his house on sand, and after the storm came and passed through, the house fell: “and great was the fall thereof” (v. 27). So, it is not just hearing the words of the Lord, but doing them as well, that builds a firm foundation. We are only two months into 2019; there is still plenty of time to either begin building a firm foundation or to continue to strengthen it. We need our foundation to be strong, stable, and unyielding like a tree planted beside the water so that in the end, we will prosper, while the wicked’s fall is great.

--Kalyn Lewis



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 4PM 6:23 Visitation #2 5PM B&G Meeting <b>HONDURAS</b> \$100 deposit due.	4	5 9AM Prayer Group	6 4PM Visitation #2 6PM 6:23 Class #3 DU Classes 7PM Deacon Meeting	7 10AM-12PM Quilting 6PM WMU Mission Emphasis Mtg Memorial Baptist Church	8	9 <b>TIME CHANGE- SPRING AHEAD</b>
<b>ANNIE ARMSTRONG WEEK OF PRAYER</b>						
	Prison Ministry					
10 2PM Nursing Home Ministry 4PM 6:23 Visitation #3	11 Prison Ministry	12 9AM Prayer Group	13 4PM Visitation #3 6PM 6:23 Class #4 DU Classes 7PM Council Meeting	14 11:30AM SAM's Luncheon 7PM Bread of Life Prison Ministry	15 YOUTH YEC	16 8AM Men/Youth Boys Breakfast
17 4PM 6:23 Visitation #4	18 Prison Ministry	19 9AM Prayer Group	20 4PM Visitation #4 6PM 6:23 Class #5 DU Classes 7PM Stewardship Mtg	21 SAMS GROUP MISSION PROJECT Prison Ministry	22 Prison Ministry	23
24 4PM 6:23 Visitation #5	25 Prison Ministry	26 9AM Prayer Group	27 4PM Visitation #5 6PM 6:23 Class #6 DU Classes	28 Prison Ministry	29	30 5PM Mt. Canaan Baptist Church Choir
31 4PM Visitation #6 7PM Communion						

## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT-SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Sunday School: Catch the Excitement!**

Sunday School is an important tool in the church for outreach, discipleship, evangelism and ministry to members and the community. Sunday school is a place where we can grow deeper in our relationship with God and with each other.

Each Sunday morning, we are able to spend time with a group who seek to live out the purposes of God in their lives. Our Sunday School classes are designed to help everyone feel comfortable. We share our burdens, celebrate victories, and offer support. We engage in real conversations about God and His Word while making friends and establishing bonds of love and fellowship. Most of all, we grow in Christ together by studying the unchanging Word of God. We have classes for every age, life stage, and preference.

Here at Lantana Road Baptist Church we believe the Sunday School Program is a vital part of spiritual growth. The children's classes are designed to develop a relationship with God and a desire to follow Christ on each student's grade level. Though they may be young, it is important that young children find a heart for God at an early age so that a life for God is the desire of their heart. We have a great youth program that help teenagers develop into Christians that seek to honor and please God. The adult classes help to establish a disciplined walk with God and lifelong friendships are often developed. These classes will help you be trained with biblical teachings.

If you are not already attending Sunday School, you are encouraged to try out our Sunday School Program. Find the class that fits you and faithfully attend. Through our Sunday School Program, we believe that you will find added spiritual strength to make your Christian life more pleasing to God. Our Sunday school program provides an exciting and age-appropriate environment for the entire family from 8:45 until 9:45 each Sunday morning.

-Linda Colton



## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

### **March 6th**

GA Krispy Kreme Doughnut sales begin.

### **March 7th**

WMU Missions Emphasis Meeting  
at Memorial Baptist Church-6PM

### **March 8th-9th**

Youth YEC

### **March 20th**

GA Krispy Kreme Doughnut sales end.

### **March 3rd-March 10th**

Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer

### **March 21st**

SAMs Group Mission Project with  
Spring2Life Recovery

### **March 30th**

Mt. Canaan Baptist Church Choir performance.

## **#CREW CORNER**

Charles Spurgeon once said, "If burglars are planning to attack a house they care little about the children and make small account of the boys. But if fatherly men are about, the thieves are not eager for an encounter. Even thus the arch-deceiver has hope of injuring the church by deceiving the little children and the young men."

Why do we take learning the Bible so seriously in the CREW? There is and has always been a focused assault on the minds of our young people orchestrated by the devil. Whether it is the attacks on your faith in Highschool, being laughed at by you friends and classmates, or the organized ridicule of everything you believe once you enter college we have a real enemy who has calculated a battle plan to corrupt your mind and destroy your future. Our enemy is real, and he *is* powerful. So powerful in fact that Michael the arch-angel didn't try to fight him, "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee" (Jude 9). If we are facing such insurmountable odds, how are we to fight back? How can we stand? We fight with the only weapon that the Lord gave us in our spiritual armor, "the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph 6.17).

God knew that this is a matter of life and death and he equipped us with all the tools we would ever need to be victorious. We need Him and His word. That's it. No clever arguments or cunning tactics. No specialized emergency management training or secret battle preparedness plans. Everything we need, we find in the Word of God. So yeah, we take the bible pretty seriously, because life is serious business and we want to be ready to stand against the deceiver.

-Bro. Adam

## **MT. CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH** **PERFORMANCE**

*Our friends from Mt. Canaan Baptist Church of Chattanooga will be performing for us once again on March 30th at 5PM. Please mark your calendars and join us for this special event.*



GA doughnut sales start March 6th be sure to order some to help our girls raise money for MISSIONS! (sales will end March 20th)



SPRING  
AHEAD

Don't forget to move your clocks ahead on March 9th. DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH!

## **WELCOME**

BY BAPTISM

*Sharon Ostic*

BY LETTER

*Keith & Rena' Brock*

BY STATEMENT

*Jonathon Marty*

**GET INVOLVED**

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**

Saturday, March 18th all men and youth boys are invited to have breakfast together in the fellowship hall at 8AM. If you would like to help cook be here at 5:30AM.

**SAM'S GROUP LUNCHEON**

Everyone 50+ is invited to SAM's luncheon Thursday, March, 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM. Bring a dish to share.

**BREAD OF LIFE MINISTRY**

Service is Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 7PM at the Bread of Life Mission. If you have any questions see Ray Brewer

**WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

**Adult & Children's Choir Practice**

Every Sunday at 5PM

**Prayer Group**

Every Tuesday at 9AM

**Wednesday Night Activities**

Project 6:23, DU Classes, Youth, RA's, GA's, & Mission Friends 6PM

**Church Library Hours**

Sundays & Wednesdays 5:30PM – 6PM

**PRISON MINISTRY**

Every Monday & Thursday night and fourth Friday of each month.