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**Old Town Baptist Church - A church leading
people to become fully committed followers of Christ**



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR
North American Missions

March 4-11, 2012

Whatever It Takes

National Goal: \$70 Million

www.AnnieArmstrong.com

Old Town Baptist Church Blood Drive

Give the Gift of Life

You can put the power of faith into action and help save a life!

Sunday, March 11, 2012

12:30 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Please contact Billy Turner at 924-8901 to
schedule your appointment.
Positive ID required.

Please Give Blood

Please bring photo I.D.

1-800-GIVE LIFE
www.redcrossblood.org

**American
Red Cross**

Save the Date:

North Carolina Baptist Missions Conference

Friday evening, April 13 and Saturday, April 14

Hickory Grove Baptist Church

Charlotte, North Carolina

For more information, or to register, visit

www.baptistsonmission.org



Proverbs 27:17 states,
"As iron sharpens iron, so one
man sharpens another."

We as men need to strive to sharpen one another spiritually and encourage one another in our walks with Christ. **IRON MEN** will meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the CLC (6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.) Our next gathering is on March 14th. We will serve breakfast (\$2 per person) and coffee. Please register on the website or contact Pastor Jason via email jledford@otbclife.org or by phone 336-480-8000.

T - People Celebration Sunday

Sunday, March 25 in the CLC

9:00 A.M. Finger-food Breakfast - 10:00 A.M. Worship Celebration

Celebrate God's activity among the T-People with our whole church family as we worship through Scripture, song, testimonies, prayer and personal commitments. God is doing great things through our embracing the Great Commission for His glory. Special aspects of our worship will include music from our local Karenni student choir, live and video-taped testimonies from church members, as well as a video-voice internet call from Southeast Asia. A team of church members is working to produce resources to help us embrace God's call to make disciples of the T-People. These resources include a day-by-day prayer card and a video introducing the T-People to the world. Pray for God to guide each of us into the personal commitments He wants us to make toward the goal of fulfilling the Great Commission among this previously unengaged, unreached people group.



FROM OUR PASTOR

I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PRAYERS and support of Pastor Mark and I as we journeyed to MY country over the first 14 days of February. If you have ever been on a mission trip then you understand the value of prayer support. If you have never had that experience, it is really difficult to try to explain; however, I want you to know that your prayers made all the difference in the world. We both stayed very healthy throughout the entire trip. We were safe through all of our modes of transportation which included 14 plane flights, rides in cars, vans, trucks, a horse-drawn wooden cart, a boat, a three-wheel taxi, a motorcycle, taxis and ... well I think you get the picture. We never felt threatened or in danger in any way.

IN ADDITION, YOUR PRAYERS WERE ANSWERED FOR OUR SPIRITUAL protection and perseverance. Yes, we were in a place that is predominately Buddhist. We were in places that were extremely *ōdarkō* spiritually. However, we were never in a place where we did not find believers and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. We were welcomed into home after home and shown gracious hospitality everywhere we went. Many of the homes were what many in our culture might call *ōshacks*, *ō* but for the people who lived there, it was their home. We respected it as such and were very grateful for every opportunity to visit in each place.

THE LORD ALLOWED US THE AMAZING PRIVILEGE of seeing people commit their lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. There is nothing more beautiful in all the earth than to look into the eyes of a person as he or she comes to understand that Jesus is their Savior and that their sins are forgiven. *Iōve* been so blessed in my life to have traveled to several different places in the world and that look is so beautiful every time regardless of the color of one's skin or the language one speaks. It is such a blessing to share with brothers and sisters in Christ from other backgrounds, cultures, nations, languages, races, etc.

I THANK THE LORD FOR THE LEADERS God is raising up in the country. We were blessed to be able to spend some time with some of them while there. I preached in a house church on our first Sunday and Mark preached in a church building our second Sunday there. It was such a blessing to worship with fellow believers in their language and in their ministry context.

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO PRAY for the new believers to grow in their faith. Pray for leaders who can follow up with the new believers and encourage them in their faith. Pray for the Spirit of God to continue to work in the hearts of the T-people. Pray for clear direction as we seek to follow God's will!

PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR CALENDAR SUNDAY, MARCH 25th as we will have a special day of worship, presentation and commitment concerning our embracing of the T-people. We will have a special schedule that morning that you will find information about elsewhere in the Crier. I don't want you to miss that special day. We have a lot more to share and a lot to experience together on that day!

MAY GOD BLESS YOU! SEE YOU ON SUNDAY!



Attention Parents!! *Centri-Kid summer camp* is just around the corner! Woohoo! Happy dance!! The kids will have a blast while creating special memories and friendships and participating in activities, sports and **wacky** games. They will also experience meaningful worship and Bible study and most importantly, the gospel is clearly presented and kids are challenged to grow in their relationship with the Lord. We will be traveling to Anderson University in Anderson, SC the week of **July 23rd through July 27th**. The cost is \$130.00 and a **\$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due no later than Sunday, April 15th** with the remaining balance of \$80.00 due on or before June 3rd. Mark your calendars now and make sure your child does not miss this exciting opportunity to grow and experience Jesus in a fun-filled way.

To register or if you have questions or need financial assistance please call or e-mail Cheryl Brown today! 336-924-1552 or cbrown@otbclife.org.

Don't wait! the first ten to register with paid deposit receive \$10.00 discount on remaining balance.

Recommended Reading

Our desire is for people to be reading books that will help them grow deeper in their walk with Christ and more obedient to God's Word.

God has truly blessed some leading pastors, teachers and authors with the ability to share Christ-centered and Gospel saturated truth through their writings in order to edify the body of Christ. We have created a "Recommended Reading" area at OTBC where we are providing a great assortment of these books for purchase. Stop by the Welcome area to peruse through the selections available. There are also several different Bibles to choose from, both for adults and for children.

Below are a few of the books & Bibles that are available:

Breaking Free - Beth Moore

Jesus + Nothing = Everything - Tullian Tchividjian

Let The Nations Be Glad - John Piper

Mere Christianity - C.S. Lewis

Gospel-Powered Parenting - William Farley

Shepherding a Child's Heart - Tedd Tripp

Crazy Love - Francis Chan

Radical - David Platt

ESV Study Bible

NASB Thinline Bible

Jesus Storybook Bible - Sally Lloyd-Jones

On the Mark for Missions

“Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible.”

C. T. Studd, 19th/20th century English missionary to China, India and the Congo

Okay, it's time to throw in the towel . . . say "Uncle" . . . wave a white flag . . . surrender. The spiritual lostness is too intense; the darkness too dense. The task of making disciples of all nations is impossible! In America, the Church has lost her influence; we live in a post-Christian nation with more than a quarter of a billion lost people living on our continent. This makes North America the world's 4th largest mission field! How can we even wrap our minds so much less get our hands so around that reality? Impossible! In Southeast Asia the first half of February, I felt overwhelmed by the enormity of the task God is asking us to embrace so to fulfill the Great Commission among the T-People. Now we know that more than half-a-million T-People exist with no church using their language or reflecting their culture. And, we are aware of only a few dozen followers of Jesus most of whom have not reached the spiritual development level of children in our preschool Sunday school classes! How can we even comprehend this situation much less develop a strategy to overcome it? Impossible! Perhaps it's time to write off North America. Maybe we should forget we ever heard of T-People. Why not? The mission of God is messy, inconvenient, expensive, and . . . impossible!

Yet, I keep reading in my Bible about situations where God demonstrated the truth Jesus repeated: *“What is impossible with man is possible with God.”* (Luke 18:27) Moses and the Israelites faced an impossible situation with the Red Sea on one side and the Egyptian army on the other. You might say they were between the devil and the deep blue sea! Yet, in response to their cry, God acted in dramatic fashion to accomplish the impossible. I'm sure you've read the story recently as we read through the Bible together. But, if you missed it, the story is recorded in Exodus 14. There we discover why God led His people into an impossible situation: *“I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord.”* (14:4) As Pastor Rick reminded us recently, God calls us to take on the impossible so that, when the task is accomplished, He receives the glory so everyone knows that He is the one who has made possible the impossible! That's why, as C. T. Studd realized, “Christ wants not nibblers of the possible, but grabbers of the impossible.”

During March, I invite you to call on God to make possible the impossible tasks of reaching North America with the Gospel and of fulfilling the Great Commission among the T-People. Will you please dive wholeheartedly into two significant emphases we'll share this month? Ask God to do a great work among us and through us on behalf of our nation so the people among whom we live so and on behalf of the unreached people group He is directing us to engage?

Pray earnestly during the *Week of Prayer for North American Missions*, March 4 so 11; and, give generously to the *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* for the sake of the Gospel in the United States, Canada and our national Territories. Seek God on behalf of the 5,000 + North American mission personnel and their partners who are planting churches, meeting human needs in Jesus' Name, and expanding Christ's Kingdom across our continent.

Participate enthusiastically in our *T-People Celebration Sunday* on March 25 during which we have opportunity to commit ourselves to fulfilling the Great Commission among this people group previously unengaged with the Gospel. Pour your heart out on behalf of this people group we are learning to love. Ask God, “What part can I play in your plan to make Jesus known among the T-People?” Then, say, “Yes”, to what God says.

The task to which we have been called is an impossible one. But, it's not time to **give up** on what we can do. Rather, it's time to **gear up** for what only God can do. And, God is doing great things. I hear stories of Church Family members investing their lives in “outsiders” like Gospel skeptics, unwed mothers, substance abusers, and homeless people. I know of people praying for unreached people groups like the T-People. I can tell people are giving their resources to meet people's material as well as their greatest need for salvation. I see people responding to God's call by embracing His mission both in their neighborhoods and half a world away. How exciting! These choices show how God's people grabbing the impossible and trusting the God of possibilities to make it happen! That is awesome indeed!

Grabbing the impossible with you!

Pastor Mark

ATTENTION SENIOR ADULTS!

What a great time we enjoyed in February. Coming up on March 1st will be our Senior Adult Triple “L” Luncheon at 12 Noon in the Multi-purpose Room. Please plan to attend and bring a covered dish to share. We also look forward to our Thursday Senior Adult Fellowships in the Recreation Room at 2PM on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th. Invite others to come and fellowship as we enjoy times of prayer, music, games, refreshments and Bible studies led by Senior Adult Pastor Jimmy Hinson.

UPCOMING SENIOR ADULTS EVENTS

Monday - April 2, 2012: Senior Adults will be going on a **MYSTERY TRIP** (destination known only to group leader). We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. for a day of travel and adventure that will include lunch. Last day to sign up and make payment will be March 25, 2012. Give your cash or check in the amount of \$17.00 to Frances York (checks should be made payable to Frances).

Thursday - May 10, 2012: We will going to Wolfhardt Dinner Theatre to see the play **OKLAHOMA**, a musical that has been popular in many areas of the country. Last day to sign up and make non-refundable payment of \$36.00 is April 22, 2012.

September 2012: We have the opportunity to join the Senior Adults of Bethany Baptist Church on a trip to Lancaster PA September 18-24, 2012. If you are interested, additional information is available from Frances York. Total cost of trip is \$449.00 (double) and requires a deposit (check made out to Bethany Baptist Church) of \$50.00 by March 25, 2012 - payment of \$200.00 on June 25 and balance on July 8.

SIGN-UP SHEET FOR ALL TRIPS ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD OUTSIDE THE MEDIA CENTER.



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and Believer's Baptism

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Sara
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SPECIAL MINISTRIES CLASS Luncheon - Easter Egg Hunt

When: Sunday, April 1, 2012
Where: Christian Life Center/Playground
Time: Sunday School Hour---9:45 till 1:00 (lunch at 12:00)
Sponsored by: The Christian Friends Sunday School Class

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have Easter baskets, eggs and grass; but, we need additional items to fill each bag for the SS class members. If you or your Sunday School Class would be willing to furnish any of the following items, please contact: Karen Brown 945-3726

Approximately 50 ~~Special people~~ will be involved. The items listed below will be included in gift bags for these adults to take home with them.

ITEMS NEEDED

***We will gladly accept monetary donations & do the shopping for you.
Dollar Tree and the Dollar Stores are good places to shop for these items:***

Marshmallow Bunnies/Chickens (peeps)	Nabs
Gum (Sugar-free)	Little Soaps
Crayons	ChapStick/Lip Gloss
Bookmarks	Hand Lotions
Stickers	Bubble Blowing Bottle
Coloring Books	Eyeglass Cleaner
Picture Frames (sm. size)	Breath Mints
Wide Tooth Combs	Computer Games
Fingernail Polish (30 bottles)	Small memo pads
Deodorant	Small bottles hand sanitizer
Shampoo	Pencils/Pens
Puzzles	Tissues (small packs)
Bible Study Books	Ball/Paddle sets
Chocolate eggs/candy	

Please place items in plastic container near church office by Wednesday, March 28, 2012.

Thanks so much for your assistance! We greatly appreciate it!



OTBC Medical Mission

Medical Clinic: March 5 and 19

Clinic opens at 6:30 P.M.

Volunteers welcome at 6:00 P.M.

Pray this month: for additional medical providers and interpreters, for more people willing to share the Gospel; and, for our guests to experience Jesusqlove for them while they are with us.



**You are invited to a Baby Shower
in honor of Stephanie Motley**

Saturday, March 17th

10:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M.

in the Multi-purpose Room

It's a GIRL!

**Stephanie is registered
at WalMart,
Babies "R" Us & Target**

Dear Old Town Church Family,

We deeply appreciate the many ways you have supported us during the months of Aldaree's illness. The food, cards, visits, calls, and especially the prayers. Thanks to the Faithful Class for the beautiful Sunshine Basket.

Our love,
Floyd and Aldaree



The Record Speaks for:	1/29	2/5	2/12	2/19	2/26
8:30 A.M. Service	163	142	149	150	157
Sunday School	420	379	410		427
11:00 A.M. Service	313	273	327	292	340
6:30 P.M.	188	143	181	N/A	158
Budget Offering:	\$ 24,072.25	\$ 23,842.00	\$ 24,105.59	\$ 19,426.72	\$ 20,619.16
Received to date:	\$ 88,841.09	\$ 112,683.09	\$ 136,788.68	\$ 156,215.40	\$ 176,834.56

secret church

Good Friday, April 6th
"The Cross and Suffering"

Suffering is a sobering reality in a fallen world. Followers of Christ are not immune to adversity and affliction. On the contrary, there is a real sense in which following Christ means that trials and tribulations are more likely to come our way. As a result, whether walking through sickness, sorrow, pain, or persecution, the questions abound: Why am I suffering? Where is God when I suffer? How can I suffer well? When will my suffering end? How can God be good and allow such evil in the world? How can God be gracious and ordain such suffering in my life? During this Secret Church on Good Friday, we will explore these extremely profound yet deeply personal questions through the lens of Christ's sufferings on the cross. In the process, we will come to a surprising discovery of how the gospel strengthens, sustains, supports, and ultimately satisfies us in the middle of suffering.

Join us on April 6th from 7:00 pm till 1:00 am for an intense time of Bible study and prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Cost is \$5 per person. Study guides and refreshments will be provided. Childcare will not be provided. You can register for Secret Church through the church website under the DISCIPLESHIP tab.

STUDENT MINISTRY

The students at Old Town Baptist Church over the past month and several weeks have become a crew of Traders. Before you begin to question the loyalty of the middle and high schoolers roaming the halls, let me explain to you how awesome of a commitment this is. Over the past several weeks at Converge we went through a series called "Surrender" where we were challenged to Surrender: Stuff, Status, Sin, and Self for the sake of pursuing Christ. At the end of the series, the students were able to make a commitment to become "Traders" in which they traded what society tells them is important in these areas, for the truth of Scripture. The mission we have developed and pray to live out as "Traders" is: *"A movement that requires us to **live out our faith**, not just talk about it. We must choose daily to **sacrifice** and be intentional with our time, money, and skills. We hate injustice – and find specific ways to bring the **hope in Jesus** to desperate situations. We use our God given passions and skills with **excellence**. We act swiftly, because **the time is RIGHT NOW**. The result is a generation of traders making choices that are **Kingdom focused** and not self-focused - so that our short time here has an eternal impact."* It's a bold statement for the society that we are engulfed in, but the Bible tells us that this will be difficult and that we have to deny ourselves and daily pick up our cross to follow Him (Luke 9:23-24). Our students are passionate and courageous in living faithfully and we would all continue to covet your prayers for them as they live this out on their campuses. We are currently in the process of evaluating the gifts and passions that God has given them and how they match up with the burdens that God has placed on their hearts. It is our goal to spread the Gospel by serving the needs of the community that God has entrusted to us and reaching it with the Truth of Christ. Several things that are upcoming for the month of March: First, we will be hosting a simulcast called "Love Costs Everything" which is a student-based film produced by The Voice of the Martyrs that details the realities of the persecuted church around the world. This will be showing on Wednesday, March 7th from 6:30-9pm. My hope is that parents will come with their students so that we can all learn together what our Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world endure daily for the faith. I believe that this will be an eye opening and faith-strengthening experience that I hope everyone can be a part of. Second, we are taking a trip to Charlotte on March 23-24th for the "Reach Your World" youth conference. This conference will have awesome worship and biblical teaching that will be a great blessing to those who can attend. The cost of this trip is \$40 plus food, and we will leave Friday afternoon, stay the night, and return Saturday evening. Finally, a reminder about this summer's Camp Caswell for rising 7th-12th graders, our dates are June 18th-23rd. There are sign-up slips outside of the youth room that can be completed and returned to me with the \$50 deposit to secure a spot to join us. This is sure to be an awesome week that I'm already looking forward to, so please go ahead and get those slips turned in as soon as you're able. As always, I look forward to seeing our students at Converge on Wednesday nights and being active in their D-Groups on Sunday evenings. ~I thank God for these students and the opportunity to grow and serve Him alongside them. Please continue to pray for us as we continue to dive into His word and strive to live out a Christ-Centered life. ~

In Him,
Joe Maye

ACTS 1:8 CHALLENGE
Your CHURCH a WORLDWIDE mission center



Gifts Received (12/1/11 – 2/26/12): \$ 25,973.00

Your gifts make it possible for us to show Christ's love and share the Good News all year long through partners like **Open Arms Refugee Ministry**. Open Arms is a local ministry led by Tim and Jody Cross, Mission Service Corps volunteers with the North American Mission Board. Together with local churches, Open Arms is "reaching the world in your own back yard" by meeting physical needs and sharing the Good News with refugees living in our city. You can discover more about Open Arms, including ways to get involved, by visiting www.openarmsrefugee.com.

Making Jesus Known Locally to Globally

Bread of Life Food Pantry

Your food gifts are feeding people in our community both physical and spiritual food! Thank you for showing Jesus' love to people in need! Current food items needed include: breakfast cereals, peanut butter, jelly, pudding, Jello, and canned fruit. Praise the Lord for what He is doing to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people through this ministry. Pray that these food recipients will also receive God's gift of salvation. To learn how you can get more involved, contact Susie Weddle at sweddle@phoa.org or 768-3978.