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# THE OUTREACH

North Conway Baptist Church Newsletter

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- April 1 Office Closed
- April 3 No Wednesday In The Word or Evening Activities
- April 3 - 10 Guatemala Mission Trip
- April 7 Student Foundation Night @ 5:00 pm
- April 9 Luna Belle Mtg. @ 6:00 pm
- April 10 Wednesday In The Word @ 12:00 pm  
Stewardship Mtg. @ 7:15
- April 14 Acts 1:8 Mtg. @ 3:00 pm Baptist Men @ 5:00 pm
- April 17 Wednesday In The Word @ 12:00 pm, Olive Bessent Mtg. @ 1:15 pm
- April 20 Senior Adults Concert @ 4:30 pm
- April 21 Deacons Mtg. @ 2:30 pm, Concert of Prayer and Family Conference @ 5:00 pm
- April 23 Senior Adults Trip @ 8:30 am
- April 24 Wednesday In The Word @ 12:00 pm
- April 26-27 Student Big Spring Thing
- April 28 Missions Service @ 10:30 am  
& Compassion Experience @ 2:00 pm
- April 29 Salt and Light Mtg. @ 5:30

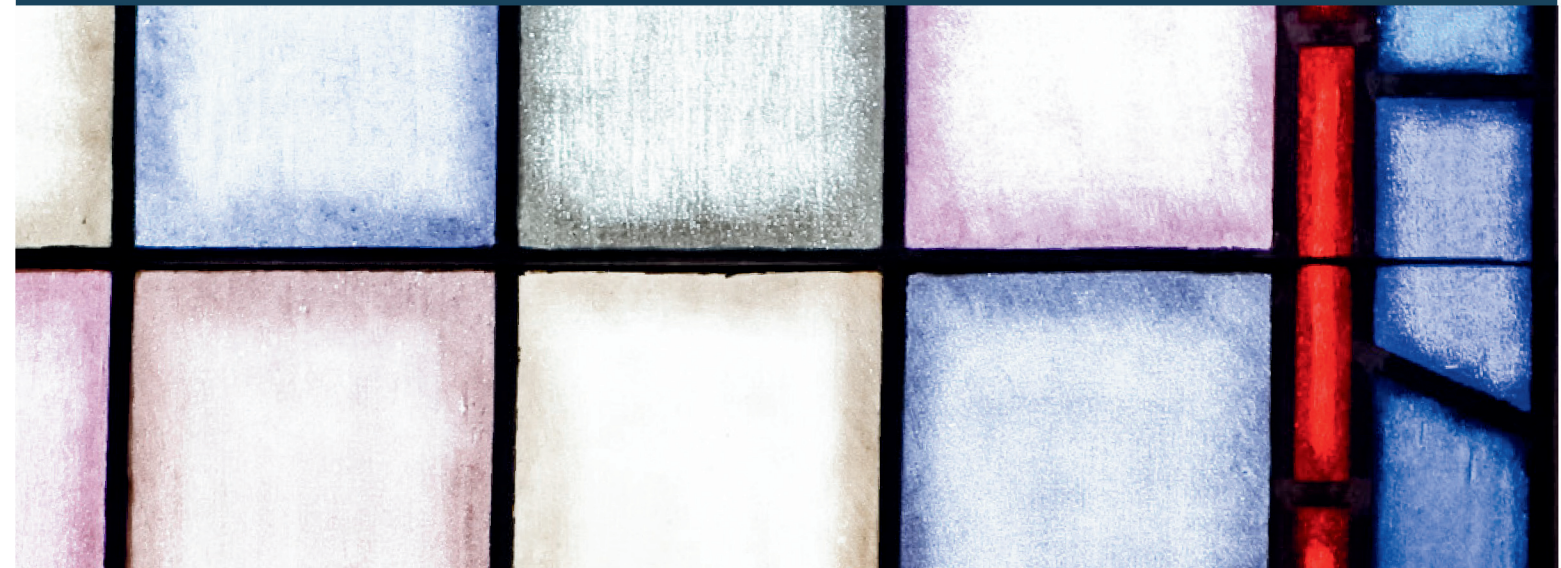
## NCBC WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Sundays

- 8:30 a.m. - Prayer Warriors
- 8:45 a.m. - CommonGrounds (coffee & a treat)
- 9:15 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages.
- 10:30 a.m. - Morning Worship.

### Wednesdays

- 12:00 Noon - Wednesday in the Word.
- 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - Student Discipleship.
- 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Celebration Choir
- 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. - Mission Journey Kids.



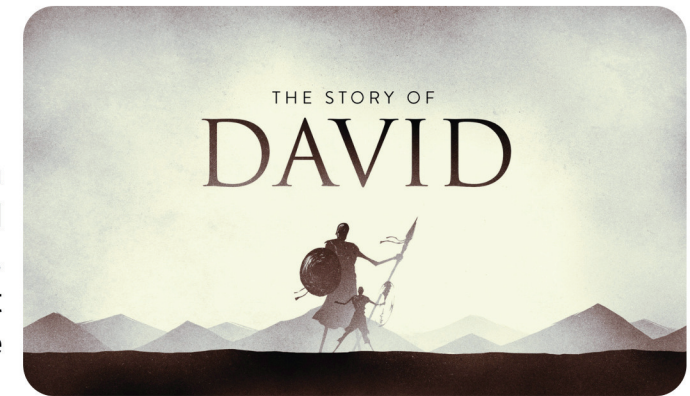
## Current Sermon Series

**Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.**

### The Story Of David

King David is one of the most prominent figures in the Bible. He is known for his bravery, piety, and leadership and is considered Israel's greatest king. David's story begins as a humble shepherd boy, but he quickly rose to prominence when he defeated the giant Goliath with just a sling and a stone.

David is known for his military conquests, including the capture of Jerusalem, which he made the capital of Israel. He also established strong central government and made many reforms to help establish the people of Israel as a nation. However, David was not without his flaws. He committed adultery with Bathsheba and then arranged for her husband to be killed in battle. Despite this, David is still revered for his devotion to God and his commitment to the people of Israel. Overall, King David's legacy is one of leadership, bravery, and devotion to God.



## Concert Of Prayer

Please join us on Sunday night, April 21st, at 5:00 pm for a Concert of Prayer for the Nations. As part of our 2024 focus on prayer, we will spend the majority of our Family Conference this month praying for missions and missionaries all around the world. We will pray for our ministry partners as well as the lost in unreached and unengaged locations. Don't miss the powerful prayer event.

# Pastor's Note



## A Church in Full Bloom

There is a great word in Ephesians chapter 3. "20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all. This past month, Frances and I were able to get away together for a little while. We were able to see something that has been on Frances' bucket list for many, many years: seeing the cherry blossoms trees in full bloom in Washington, DC.

Let me share a little history if you are unfamiliar with the cherry trees. In 1912, the people of Japan gave a gift to the people of the United States, which was some flowering cherry trees. These "Sakura" are important flowering plants and symbols with rich meanings in Japanese culture. The trees were planted around the Tidal Basin in front of the Jefferson Memorial. In 1935, the first annual "Cherry Blossom Festival" was held to celebrate and enjoy the explosion of beautiful white and pink spring flowers on the trees.

I will tell you that it is a wonderful sight to behold. The large pond is completely encircled by trees, completely covered in small white blossoms. I was, however, unprepared for just the amount of planning and flexibility that goes into seeing these flowers. The bloom is considered to be in "peak" when 70% of the buds are in full open flowers. The problem is that no one knows exactly when this will happen each year except the trees themselves. Then, once the flowers unfold, there is only a three to seven-day window to see them before they wilt and fall off. If the weather is too hot, cold, or windy, or if it rains, the trees can be stripped of their beauty in a matter of days.

So if you want to see them, you have to be "sitting on go" and ready to leave at a moment's notice. Luckily, there are websites, weathermen, and national park rangers, all watching, predicting, and advising. This year, all indicators seemed to be pointing to a later peak, and then all of a sudden, the weather got warm. Boom, we were at peak almost two full weeks ahead of the initial predictions. But we made it. Fortunately, we were able to change our plans and reservations and arrived at the perfect time.

This entire experience reminded me of just how hard it is to plan something amazing. To bring all the right elements together at just the right time for the maximum impact. Honestly, it really makes me appreciate just how amazing our God is with what He is doing in and through our church. North Conway is seeing some remarkable things happening right now. Families are joining, people are getting baptized, the community is being loved on, and lives are being changed. And it is all happening because God is bringing together all the right elements at just the right time: the right people, the right vision, the right prayer. An act of exacting planning is only possible through the sovereign, almighty hand of God.

I hope you will join me in stepping back and seeing the beauty. Not the temporary beauty of a flowering cherry tree, but the eternal beauty of a God working in mighty ways through His body, the church at North Conway. I pray that you appreciate that you are a part of His plan to accomplish great things for the Kingdom through our church. A church that is certainly in full bloom!

-Pastor Jay

If My people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

## WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD MENU

APRIL 10 Lasagna

APRIL 17 BBQ Pork

APRIL 24 Cheesy Chicken

All meals come with sides and dessert

## NEWS & UPDATES

### February 2024 Year to Date Giving Snapshot

Budgeted - \$156,700

Spent - \$140,449

Budget Receipts - \$123,949

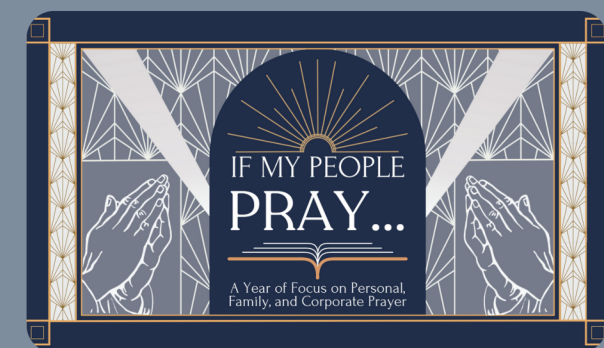
Additional Missions Gifts - \$743

### Annie Armstrong Special Offering Update

NCBC Goal: \$7,000 Received to date: \$7,017



- 1 Jase McCormick
- 2 Heather Lewis
- 3 Barrett Grooms
- 4 Susan Skipper, Dylan Lewis
- 5 Cynthia Singleton, Mary Smith
- 11 Randy Skipper, Lux Skipper, Madelyn Peavy
- 14 Margaret Chandler
- 16 Wade Reavis
- 18 Wendy McKee
- 21 John Kinman
- 22 Naomi Cummings
- 23 Robby Davis, Sydney Rose Skipper
- 24 Billy Rogers
- 25 David Clardy, Jennifer Grooms
- 26 Billy Hughes, Rebecca Frenti
- 28 Nora Martin
- 29 Brandi McCormick
- 30 Jackson Causey, Destiny King



Our church vision for 2024 is "If my people pray..." Our focus will be on personal, family, and corporate prayer. Throughout the year, we will spend time in sermons learning about prayer, and then we will spend time praying in our homes, on prayer walks in the community, praying during our services, and in special solemn assembly services. It will be a great opportunity for us all to go deeper in our relationship with God by empowering our prayer life.



### Roll Call Sunday

March 17

Goal: 300

Attendance: 311



### Our Deepest sympathies are extended to...

... Richard and Sandy Lindke upon the death of Sandy's father, Charles Daigler.

... Sherwood and Linda Hayes upon the death of Sherwood's sister, Pamela Sarvis

... Jim and Nancy Morgan upon the death of Jim's brother David Morgan

# MISSION SUNDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH



## FURTHER MISSION SUNDAY

Our mission Sunday this year will be Sunday, April 28th. This year, we will focus on a new mission partner, Compassion International. Compassion is a Christian charity dedicated to releasing children from poverty in Jesus' name. Through sponsorships and donations, they empower local churches to provide individualized and holistic care to children in poverty so they are free to learn, grow, play, and dream. Throughout the day, we will have many special activities.

## SPECIAL MESSAGE – Pastor Jay

During the sermon time on Sunday morning, Pastor Jay will share the biblical foundation for caring for the hurting and hungry around us in a sermon titled “The Fields of the Fatherless.” We will look at the ancient Levitical tradition of leaving a portion of your field for the poor to glean from and see how that principle still applies to us today.



## GUEST SPEAKER - Adam Lebron

Adam Lebron's passion for music was borne out of hardship. Raised in an impoverished community in the Dominican Republic, he started working at a young age to help support his family. Even still, it was tough to make ends meet. Life was challenging and hard, but through it all, Adam found peace and motivation in music. With handcrafted instruments made of buckets and bags, he and his friends formed a band, and the creative outlet brought life to his soul.

One day, while walking past a local church, Adam saw children singing with real instruments and even a microphone. Drawn into the church by the music, he learned about Compassion's child development program, and his mother signed him up.

From there, everything changed. He no longer needed to worry about where his next meal would come from or whether he would have the uniform and supplies required to attend school. Adam was also provided opportunities to fuel his passion for singing; the seed of hope that music had sprouted within him grew tall and strong in his heart.

Adam now lives in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, with his wife Ana and travels to share his experience as a Compassion Alumni. Don't miss his powerful testimony in the Sunday morning service.

## Special Virtual Experience

All afternoon on April 28th, we will have a special experience set up in our Fellowship Hall. You will have the opportunity to put on a set of VR (virtual reality) goggles and find yourself completely immersed in a 5-minute virtual reality video.

You will get up close and personal with the realities of global poverty and hear the true story of a family living in Brazil. You'll walk with Antonia, a mother of two daughters who prays for relief from her family's poverty. You'll see how the Compassion program blesses the life of Antonia's 7-year-old while witnessing the challenges experienced by her 4-year-old, who has not yet been sponsored.

We pray your eyes and hearts will be opened as you see the world through God's eyes. Plus, kids will have the opportunity to learn what life is like for millions of children worldwide.

## SPECIAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITY – Compassion Sponsorship

After the morning service and throughout the afternoon VR experience, families will have the opportunity to directly impact global hunger and lostness by personally sponsoring a child through Compassion International.

Child sponsorship is the act of donating to a child in need monthly. Your donation provides your child with the essentials they need to thrive, including nutritious food, medical care, education, an introduction to Jesus, and so much more. Your sponsorship of \$43 per month will cover these essentials.





## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Women's Missionary Union (WMU) Monthly Meetings

Olive Bessent WOM will meet in the Conference Room on Wednesday, April 17, at 1:15 pm in the Conference Room.

Luna Belle Strickland Mission Action Group will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00 pm in the West Wing. All ladies are reminded to bring items for the health kits.

Salt and Light will meet on Monday, April 29, at 5:30 pm.



### Senior Adults Event

*The senior adults are traveling to the beautiful Magnolia Plantation and Gardens on April 23rd. This is one of the oldest plantations in the south. We will leave the Church at 8:30 am and should be home by 5:00 pm. The cost is \$25.00 for admission to the gardens, and if you want to tour the house (two-story and no elevator), it is an additional \$12.00. Everything else is free. We will also have a picnic on the grounds. Please sign up and make your checks payable to the Church by April 14th since we have to pay for the tickets in advance. This will be a fun day, and I hope you will go with us.*



### April Family Conference

April Family Conference is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st, at 5:00 pm. After the conference, we will serve salad and baked potatoes in the Fellowship Hall. The church will supply the salad and potatoes. We request volunteers bring toppings such as cheese, cubed ham, salad dressings, tomatoes, etc. To avoid duplicating items, please get in touch with Tammy Hughes at (843) 283-4779 if you wish to contribute.

# Prayer Requests



- Pray for our new First Impression ministry.

This new ministry will replace and upgrade our existing Greeter Ministry and will be implemented to maximize our impact on guests each Sunday morning.

- Pray that God will raise up the lay leaders needed to run this ministry.
- Pray that our church members will sacrifice one Sunday a month to volunteer to participate in this ministry.
- Pray that the ministry will be effective in helping first-time guests feel at home and ease when they visit our church.

- Pray for our new Associate Pastor Will O'Brien, his wife Tori, and children Liam, Lily, and Lyla.

- Pray for Will as he closes out his time as Senior Pastor of his current church in California.
- Pray for Will and his family as they make plans to move their lives all the way across the country. Pray for physical, spiritual, emotional, and relational protection as they make this transition.

- Pray for wisdom for our Long Range Planning Team as they begin to meet to determine the best plan for the continued growth of our church. Our sanctuary is quickly running out of space, and this team will look at how we can continue to grow in size and ministry impact as we push back lostness in our community.



- Pray for our Children's Ministry
  - Please pray for Sunday School teachers as they share the story and love of Jesus each week.
  - Please pray for children within the children's ministry to grow into a relationship with Jesus.
  - Please pray for guests to feel welcomed and a sense of belonging.
  - Please pray for parents as they disciple their children each day in regular daily routines.
  - Please pray for VBS as the planning team makes plans, that volunteers will rise up to serve, and that the gospel will reach our community.
- Pray for our Music Ministry
  - Pray that God will raise up worshippers to join the music ministry.
  - Pray that the music ministry team will worship, serve, and lead out of the overflow of our personal walk with Jesus.
  - Pray for Godly wisdom and discernment as we plan and prepare for upcoming services.
  - Pray that we will be on guard against the attacks of the enemy and stay strong in our faith.
  - Pray that God will move in our services, the lost would be drawn to Him and that we will honor and glorify the Lord in all that we do.
- Pray for our Student Ministry
  - Pray for a safe and rejuvenating spring break for the students.
  - Pray that the Big Spring Thing would be used as a positive introduction to church for some and great fun, fellowship and worship for all.



**PINEWOOD DERBY**



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**EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY**



**JOYFUL ENDEAVORS LUNCH AT JUDY BOONE'S**



**HOMEBOUND VISITATION**



**VBS VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION**

VBS is going to be fin-tastic!

**NOW OPEN!**

VBS 2024 JUNE 16-20

Scan the QR code or visit the current events tab of our church website to sign up to serve at this year's Vacation Bible School.

**STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP**

**Reminder**



There will be **NO** Student Discipleship, Wednesday, April 3rd.

**FOUNDATION NIGHT BONFIRE**

APRIL 7, 2024  
5:00-8:00 PM  
PIZZA WILL BE SERVED  
BRING YOUR TAILGATE CHAIR

**You've Got Mail!**

Parents, check your email for important info about The Big Spring Thing.

**Note From Bryce**

Hello Friends. Easter has come and gone, the haze of yellow pixie dust has settled on our vehicles and we are all sneezing uncontrollably...Spring has finally sprung! Spring is my favorite time of year. Better than the pool days of summer, pumpkin lattes of fall and cozy winter nights are the beautiful pastels and the arrival of the greatest sporting event ever to be held...The Masters. It is truly a tradition unlike any other. The vibrant colors of the Azaleas as the backdrop to perfectly manicured green grass set the stage not only for a golf tournament but for all the warmer seasons ahead. The Masters, aside from being the greatest sporting event ever is a shining symbol of hope springing eternal. I have been lucky enough to attend the event several times and it never ceases to leave me in awe of God's creation. What was brown and dormant just weeks before is suddenly the most beautiful piece of real estate on the planet. This past fall and winter were particularly cumbersome for me. The holidays wore me down and one thing after another this new year have just not given me the opportunity to catch my breath. Life happens fast and we all get to the bottom of our tanks at times...but hope springs eternal. As sure as Christ walked right out of that tomb, the spring flowers serve as a reminder that God is in control and our hope should always be placed in His promises. As the days get warmer and sun hangs longer, I have found a renewed spirit and energy. My prayer is that you too are finding a renewed vigor for Christ. It's time to wake up from our winter slumbers and get to work.

-Want to Change the World? There's Nothing to It! -W.W.