

ECHOES *from the Valley*

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A MESSAGE FOR YOU

from Franklin Graham
on Facebook
(shared by Peggy Jackson)

If you are fearful and anxious during these uncertain times with the coronavirus dominating every headline, I urge you to turn to the Word of God and search for His promises. Here are some Scriptures that I hope will strengthen and encourage you today...

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."

- Psalm 56:3

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." - 1 Peter 5:7

"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

- 2 Timothy 1:7



Holy Week Scriptures

April 5 - Palm Sunday

Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
Matthew 21:1-11

April 6 -

Mary Pours Out Her Costly Perfume
John 12:1-11

April 7 -

The Son of Man Must Be Lifted Up
John 12:20-36

April 8 - Holy Wednesday

One of You Will Betray Me
John 13: 21-32

April 9 - Maundy Thursday

Jesus Washes the Feet of His Friends
John 13:1-17

April 10 - Good Friday

Jesus is Arrested, Convicted, & Crucified
John 18:1 through 19:42

April 11 - Holy Saturday

The Women Go To See the Tomb
Matthew 28:1-10

April 12 - Easter Sunday

The Stone is Rolled Away
John 20:1-18

Valley Brook is a place of grace, where everybody is somebody and Jesus is Lord.

Annie Armstrong (1850-1938)

Annie was born in Baltimore at a time when there was little opportunity for women. Yet, her devotion to Christ led her to a life of service and leadership. She organized women to pray, to give and to meet the needs around them. She challenged pastors and churches to action and rallied vital support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer for her visionary leadership that still inspires millions today.

Annie's Contributions

- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union, the largest protestant women's organization in the world
- Led the formation of missions' organizations for children
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Refused a salary because she would never give to the Lord "that which costs me nothing." (2 Samuel 24:24)
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Mission Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

Today, over \$1 billion has been given through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®. All gifts—100%—support thousands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries across the U.S. and Canada.

What will you give to the ANNIE ARMSTRONG Offering?

LET'S CLARIFY THE MEANING OF EASTER

In a recent survey, of the non-Christians who were asked why Christians celebrate Easter, 46% could not give a correct answer. Many people think Easter is about bunnies, baskets, egg hunts, and time off from work or school.

But Christians know Easter is the pivotal point of our faith. It is the turning point of all history, when God who became man in Jesus died on the Cross to save us from our sins and rose from the grave three days later. It is the commemoration of Resurrection Sunday.

Because of this fact, history was split in two; the Christian church was started, and the disciples who ran away in fear after the Cross became the fearless messengers of this message.

Even more than at Christmas time, we need to remind people that *Jesus is the reason for the season*. Since there are few messages more important than forgiveness and personal salvation, we need to be intentional in explaining the true meaning of Easter to our community. If we don't clearly get our message out there, how will they be able to respond to it?

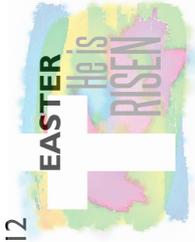
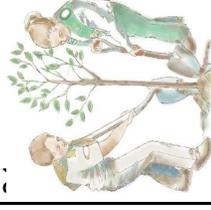
Be bold. Tell them that we celebrate a risen Savior, not a bunny dispensing chocolates!





VALLEY BROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
** ALL EVENTS AT VBBC ARE SUSPENDED **						
5 PALM SUNDAY 	6	7	8 PASSOVER BEGINS	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11 LENT ENDS
12 EASTER He IS RISEN 	13	14	15	16 PASSOVER ENDS	17	18
19	20	21	22 EARTH DAY 	23		
26	27	28	29	30		

Birthdays: Sonnia Aleman 4/6 Nancy Wvarnock 4/16 Paulette Howard 4/10 Susan Wooten 4/21 Sandy Mize 4/16 Thom Martin 4/25 Cathy Jenkins 4/26

Do not let your hearts be troubled - read [John 14](#)

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There has been so much going on this year already and it would seem that the world is in a degree of upheaval somewhat. With so much on the news from natural disasters, wars, forest fires, famine and the recent Coronavirus outbreak which has spread to every continent across the world except Antarctica it can be a unsettling for some.

The great news is that God still sits on the throne. Regardless of what we see and hear on the news and social media - God is very much in control of it all! Nothing takes God by surprise. Not ever. He's on the throne and Sovereign over all. He has a plan and is at work on behalf of His people. One thing is for sure when trials and tribulations come - God is right there an ever present help in times of trouble.

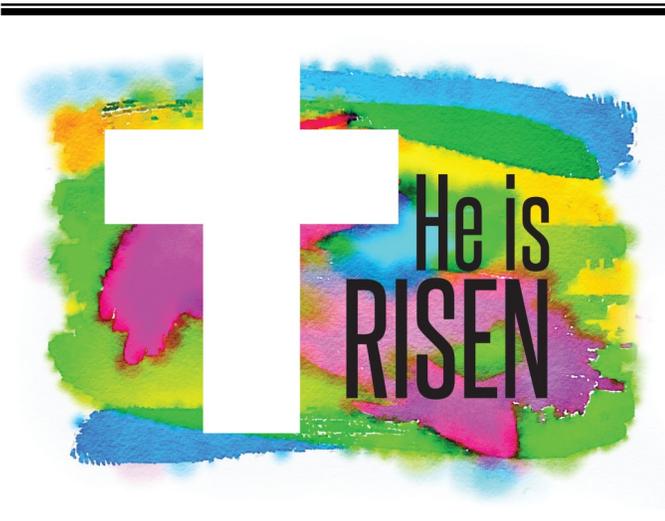
In God's word in Isaiah 41:10 God says to Israel, '*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*'

Without question, it takes courage to face the times in which we live. But know this, God ordained that we would live in such days and God will empower us to stand firm. With His help, we can do more than survive. We can actually thrive!

Today's thought:

God does not say that we will never pass through difficulties or trying times. We will pass through the waters, through the rivers, even through the fire. But God promises us His presence in every circumstance we face, He also promises that nothing will harm us or frustrate His purposes of good for us. Amen

Keep Making A Difference! God Bless your day!



Financial Report

(as of February 2020)

Feb. Receipts - \$14,086

Feb. Expenses - \$12,574

Required to meet budget by the month:

\$15,347.08

Attendance in February and March

Date	Sunday School	Sunday A.M.	Sunday P.M.	Wed. P.M.
Feb. 23	18	50	24	18
Mar. 1	20	47	52*	19
Mar. 8	20	42	22	28**
Mar. 15	12	34	15	-
Mar. 22	-	-	-	-

*Family Night Supper

**Conference

- = VBBC did not meet

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