

A Look at What's Happening at
Mt. Airy
BAPTIST CHURCH

February 2024

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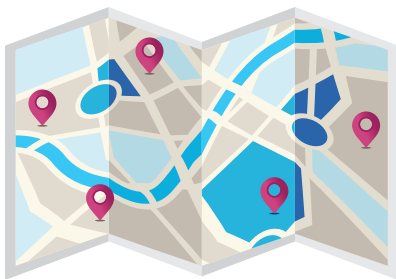


JESUS
LOVES YOU... *and so do we!*

A New Message Series Beginning February 25

OUR MISSION FIELDS

YOU CAN TELL SOMEONE THE GOOD NEWS



If you're like most people, you probably think that the mission field is a particular place on the map. For example, Boston, St. George, Thailand, and Panama are places where we go share the Gospel and support the work of our missionary partners. But perhaps we need to take a fresh look at where we do missions.

In this new series, Pastor Keith will be challenging us to see that the mission of the church is to take the Gospel wherever we are on the map. As someone has said, "your mission field is the land between your two feet."



join us
MISSIONS NIGHT
FEBRUARY 4

There will be a very special AWANA night on February 4 at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary. We will have a guest speaker, AWANA Missionary Bill Fugel, as well as our normal AWANA awards. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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Upcoming Events

TRUSTEES' MEETING -The Trustees will meet on Wednesday, February 7, at 5:30pm in the Life Center.

YOUNG AT HEART CHOIR -The YAH Choir will rehearse on February 7 & February 14, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

YOUNG AT HEART - YAH (ages 55+) will meet on Thursday, February 15, at 11:00am in Building A for a breakfast bar. Please RSVP to Maripat Herring at 864-905-3192.

LADIES' GROUP MEETINGS

- The Dot Tripp WMU will meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30pm in Building A. Our mission project is collecting canned spaghetti sauce (please no glass jars) and any kind of pasta for SHINE Soup Kitchen.
- The Margaret Mitchell Group will meet on Wednesday, February 21, at 2:00pm in Building A. Bring peanut butter, jelly, and egg cartons.

BIBLE DONATIONS - We will collect new or gently used Bibles through the month of February. Please look for collection boxes around the church. If you would prefer to donate a monetary amount toward the purchase of new Bibles, please mark your envelope "Bible Donation."

ANNUAL MEETING -The 2024 church annual meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. More information to come.

WMU FOCUS SUNDAY

WMU Focus Sunday is February 18. WMU, an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, began in 1888 to pray and systematically raise money for missions. Since that time, WMU has helped lead Southern Baptist churches to give over \$6 billion through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Mt. Airy has two different groups of women who meet monthly to pray and serve. See the bulletin or newsletter for information about when the Dot Tripp group or the Margaret Mitchell group meet.

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God's mission.
Our passion.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Operation Christmas Child item of the month is small stuffed animals (Dollar Tree, Dollar General, etc). Think about Valentine's Day clearance at stores also.

Please deposit all items in the OCC bins in the LC and in the mission connector (between Buildings B&C).

Missions Update

Thank you for your faithful commitment to sharing the love of Christ with our community, nation, and world as we work together to follow the command of Jesus in the Great Commission. We pray that you will engage your families in mission in 2024. We have a card at all entrances, the Next Steps table, and on our website with opportunities to serve and go locally, in various parts of the nation, or internationally. God willing, some of the upcoming opportunities include:

February 16 - Fishers of Men Tournament dinner. We need greeters and people willing to serve.

March 15 - Anderson District One Arts Festival. We need many volunteers to help man stations and interact with the kids and their teachers.

March 16 - A focus on our international neighbors. We will serve coffee, hand out Bibles, and hopefully pray and minister to many.

In **April**, we will return to Connie Maxwell to love and minister to the kids and staff with an innovative camp to build deeper connections with Christ. We will also serve alongside our partner church in North Charleston, SC, in April and possibly again in the fall.

Later in the year, there will be opportunities to minister to persecuted Christians in Bangkok, Thailand, pray and possibly help with a new church plant in St. George, Utah, serve alongside our partner church in Boston, MA., and a return trip to Panama where we will be working with IMB missionaries to minister to the homeless, sick, poor, and help local churches connect with their community.

Many served at United Christian Ministries in December. Mt. Airy wants to build on the partnership by having volunteers serve throughout the year as intake personnel and assist in other areas. We are also planning to work with SHINE to serve food to the homeless.

We also need more volunteers to serve as greeters, on the safety team, and at the Next Steps table. These positions rotate so that it would be approximately once every six weeks.

It is a blessing to serve alongside you as your missions and connections pastor. Please call or speak with me at the Next Steps table with any questions. Where is God calling you to Serve or Go! in 2024? Take the next step in your discipleship process, and sign up today.

In Christ, Rob

UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES CELEBRATES 35 YEARS!

United Christian Ministries is celebrating 35 years of ministering to the community in 2024! UCM's mission is to show the love of Christ to those experiencing financial crises through basic needs assistance.

Here are a few statistics from 2023:

\$43,197.62 was spent on rent assistance for 116 clients

\$49,259.14 was spent on utility assistance for 274 clients

Even with the 1,052 food donations received last year, \$18,482.68 was spent on pantry items

In honor of their anniversary, UCM is asking at least 100 people to become a Ministry Partner by committing to a monthly donation of \$35 or more. You can set up auto pay on their website (www.ucmpc.org) or mail a check. One time donations are also gladly accepted. If you can't donate, please take a moment to pray for this ministry and that those they assist will know the love of Christ.

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CHILDREN & STUDENTS

FEBRUARY

Children's Ministry Events

Feb. 3rd @ 10am - 1pm in Bldg A: Grand Prix Pit Day

Feb. 4th @ 5:30pm in Sanctuary: AWANA Missions Service with AWANA Awards (see cover)

Feb. 10th @ 5pm - 8pm in the LC: PNO Parents Night Out, please sign up at church website by Wednesday, Feb. 7th (cost \$10 per child)

Feb. 18th @ 5pm in Bldg C foyer: AWANA Grand Prix Pre-Race Inspection

Feb. 24th @ 10am in the LC: AWANA GRAND PRIX!!

WNL Kids Choir continues each Wednesday night, 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the KidMin Room, Building C. Anyone can join at any time! Register at: www.mtairybaptist.com/kids.

AWANA continues each Sunday night, 5:30pm - 7:00pm (doors open at 5:15 pm) Anyone can join at any time at: www.mtairybaptist.com/kids.

VBS 2024 volunteer campaign has begun! Scan the QR code if you'd like to volunteer your time and talents in this important missions opportunity!



Student Ministry Events

Feb 11th: Super Bowl Party (location: TBD)

Feb 28th @ 6:30pm in the LC: Flannels & Flapjacks

DNOW 2024 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The date for DNOW is March 15-17th. Host homes are needed for this important student weekend! If you are willing to host, please contact Austin Welborn at awelborn@mtairybaptist.com.

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