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

*April 2026*

## Christ Is Risen!

CHRIST  
IS RISEN  
INDEED

*Alleluia*

JOIN US THIS

# EASTER

SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

**Bible Study Fellowship - 8:30am, 9:45am & 11:00am**

**Traditional Worship - 9:45am (Sanctuary)**

**Blended Worship - 11:00am (Sanctuary)**

Please note there will be no evening services on April 5.

*The church office and Life Center is closed on Friday, April 3.*

YOUR GENEROSITY IS

*more than a gift*

### **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

Collection Date: **April 12** Church Goal: \$30,000

We will collect the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering through the end of the month.

Giving envelopes are available in the pews. You may also contribute online at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/giving](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/giving).

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## Upcoming Events

**YOUNG AT HEART CHOIR** - The YAH Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, April 8, and at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

### **DISCOVER MT. AIRY**

We will be offering a class for anyone interested in learning more about Mt. Airy on Sunday, April 12, from 4:00pm until 7:00pm in Building A. A light meal and childcare will be provided. Register at: [www.mtairybaptist.com](http://www.mtairybaptist.com).

### **LADIES' GROUP MEETINGS**

- The Dot Tripp WMU Group will meet Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm in Bldg. A. Our mission project is bringing jars of jelly for Appalachian Ministries to take to needy families in Kentucky the next week.
- The Margaret Mitchell WMU Group will meet on Wednesday, April 15, at 2:00pm at the home of Peggy Bagwell.

### **YOUNG AT HEART**

The YAH Group will meet on Thursday, April 16, at 11:00am in Building A. Please bring a covered dish or dessert. The meat will be provided. Please contact Maripat Herring at 864-905-3192 by noon on April 13 if you plan to attend.

### **LADIES' FLAMINGLE**

Ladies, let's flock together and flamage! Come join us on Saturday, April 25, at 5:00pm in the Life Center for an evening of fun and games. Come enjoy a delicious meal with dessert, and play games like Bunco as we connect with other women. All ladies and teen girls are invited to this FREE event. Register online at [mtairybaptist.com](http://mtairybaptist.com) or RSVP Pam McDaniel at 864-918-7694 if you plan to attend.

## Week of Prayer for *Expand Powdersville* | April 6 - 12

One of our core values as a church is that prayer is an essential part of what God is calling us to do. As pastor Steve Gaines once said, "We leave a lot on the table when we fail to pray." One of the keys to "*Expanding the Kingdom of God to Powdersville and beyond*" is to engage in fervent prayer as a church family.

We are asking you to spend seven days focused on prayer for our church and community. You determine when, where, and how you will pray. Here are a few suggestions:

- Prayer walk our church campus – pray that we will become burdened about the lost in our community, and for God's protection against the enemy.
- Prayer walk some of the new neighborhoods in the Powdersville area – pray that the Holy Spirit will convict people who live there of their need for Christ.
- Pray over your own neighborhood – pray that God will show you someone to invite to church, or someone that you can share Christ with.
- Fast for part of a day or an entire day – ask God to give you the boldness to be a missionary in your community.

## Missions Moment

Our three-year vision for ***Expand Powdersville*** was shared at a high level on Sunday, March 22nd. If you missed it, we encourage you to watch both the morning and evening services. To learn about the vision and ask questions, we invite everyone to attend a session called **Foundations**. Each session is limited to 50 people. After completing the first session, you'll be eligible to sign up for the second and final session.

As noted in the March 22nd service, the trustees will be the first to attend Foundations on Wednesday, April 8th. This will serve as the quarterly trustee meeting. The deacons will attend on April 15, and BSF teachers on April 22nd. The first full-length Foundation class open to everyone is on Wednesday, April 29. You do not need to be a member of Mt. Airy to attend. Sign up today to discover how you and your family can get involved. You can register at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/foundations](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/foundations) or stop by the Next Steps Table to sign up your family.

We have already started implementing several parts of the vision. One of our main priorities is ensuring a safe and secure environment, especially for our children and students. Over the next few weeks, you'll notice small changes, like doors automatically locking after scheduled entry and exit times. If you're running late, the sanctuary doors will be open, or someone will be available to help. God willing, we will have this system in place by the first Sunday in May. I will contact those who have previously been part of the safety team or who have signed up to help. We are nearly ready to train and launch a new plan for Sundays and Wednesdays. We pray this will cause minimal disruption and be seen as a positive step as we welcome our neighbors to join us in sharing the Gospel through ***Expand Powdersville***.

The David Phelps concert will be on Thursday, April 9th. We have released 25 additional tickets at \$25 on the Mt. Airy website. In addition, we need several volunteers to assist with ticket collection, parking, ushering, etc. If you volunteer, you will receive a dinner and a free ticket to the concert. Please let me know if you can volunteer, or sign up at the Next Steps Table.

Finally, we have an opportunity to go to Panama to work with IMB missionaries in this area from May 16-23. There are five open positions. Please see me if you can help us serve others and share the Gospel in Panama.

Thank you for being such a loving church!

-Pastor Rob



## Operation Christmas Child

**DID YOU KNOW?** 12,205,900 shoeboxes were sent globally in 2025 and that 1,179,095 of those were from the Carolinas? These are children hearing about the love of Jesus!

The Operation Christmas Child items of the month are small stuffed animals and jump ropes. Please deposit all items in the bins in the LC and the connector between Bldgs. B & C. Please see Kathy Elrod for more information about this ministry or how you can get involved.

## MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

### APRIL 24 & 25

The Men's Ministry will host a retreat April 24 & April 25 at Camp Chatuga in Mountain Rest, SC.

The theme this year is GRATITUDE. We will enjoy times of worship, study, and recreation. Be sure to bring a sleeping bag or bed sheets. Cost is \$70 which includes lodging, four meals & snacks. We will spend most of our time in the book of Philippians, so please spend some time reading before the retreat. Registration will be available soon. Please contact Gary Lyons at 919-323-0118 for more information.

# April

## Children's Ministry Events

**Apr. 5th** EASTER EXPEDITION during 11:00am service in KidMin Rm. (1st - 5th grade); In this interactive Easter experience, kids will set out on an adventure to discover *The Greatest Story Ever Told* by collecting artifacts that represent 3 key points from the Easter story!

**Apr. 5th** NO AWANA (EASTER)

**Apr. 12th** AWANA-RAMA

**Camp Three18 - "Game On"** is a kids summer day camp that will take place June 3 - 5 from 9:00am until noon at Mt. Airy (K5 - 5th grade).

To register for this camp, please visit the children's ministry webpage at: [www.mtairybaptist.com/kids](http://www.mtairybaptist.com/kids).

**VBS 2026** registration is now open! Scan the QR code if you'd like to register your child for this year's VBS!



## Looking ahead...

**Jun. 10th** Preschool Playdate at Kids Play & Cafe

**Jul. 16th** Preschool Playdate at the Children's Museum of the Upstate in Greenville

All families with children age birth - kindergarten are welcome... siblings, too! More details to come!

## Student Ministry Events

**April 26th:** Wren Student Takeover

**SUMMER CAMP @ RIDGECREST | JUNE 13 - 17**

Total cost is \$325. Early bird price is \$295 through April 15th. Sign up at [www.mtairystudents.com](http://www.mtairystudents.com) by the May 24th deadline.

## 2026 GRADUATES

If you are graduating high school or college this year, we want to honor you on Sunday, May 3, with a special service and luncheon. Please visit [www.mtairystudents.com](http://www.mtairystudents.com) by April 26th to register.

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