

## Pastor's Notes

I know that for many people, March is synonymous with “*March Madness*” that crazy time of year for college basketball fans. Here at FBCGJ it will be “*Mission Madness*” as we have some mission opportunities lined up in the month of March.

**March 4th** - Planning from 9-11am. This is a wonderful ministry that reaches out to impact the homeless population in the Mid-South area. We have a great time of fellowship while we work plus, we feed you doughnuts - who doesn't love a good doughnut?

**March 5th** - will kick off the week of Prayer for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. We have set our church's goal this year at \$6,500.00. I hope you will take time to pray through our week of prayer booklet and pray about what God might want you to give to this worthy mission endeavor.

**March 25th** - We have scheduled a “*Love My Church Workday*” as we try to spruce up the church grounds as Easter is just right around the corner. The workday starts at 8 am and we could use all the help we can get. We hope to see you there!

I will also mention a couple of events that happen the first of April since sometimes the newsletter takes a little longer to reach your mailbox.

**April 1st** - We will be having a children's Easter event at the church at 10 am. We would encourage everyone to bring their children and grandchildren to this event. It will be a great time.

**April 2nd** - We will have a “*Praying on the Porch*” event in lieu of our Sunday Night Service. We will meet at 5 pm and go door to door offering to pray for families and giving them a new Bible and an invite card to our Easter Service. We need a lot of people to be involved in this effort.

February was a good month in the life of our church. We saw an increase in Sunday School attendance and we praise the Lord for that. We are so blessed to have a great group of teachers - if you are not involved in a class, we certainly invite you to join us! I want to give some well-earned thank-yous to some of our members. Some of our men were able to go and help remove limbs and fix fences on some of our church members' yards due to the ice storm we had. Also once

again, Bobby Hanna and Mark Downen did a wonderful job preparing the sausage and biscuits for the Field Trial Championships out at Ames. They were up early every morning (except Sunday) preparing and delivering hot delicious biscuits to the field trial participants and visitors. I know this left a positive impression of our church on those people's minds.

I thought I would end with a joke to add a little humor to your day: During a Sunday school lesson, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's ribs. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: “*Mom, I have a pain in my side—I think I'm getting a wife.*” (churchtechtoday.com)

Laugh a little,

Bro. Troy

### February 2023 Report

Average Attendance in Sunday School:	40
Average Offering:	\$ 8,430.50

