



Mission Impact '21 Norfolk Area Offering Update

Goal: \$10,000

The Prayer Guides and Flyer for the offering may be found on our website. If you need them printed for you, please call the office, 757-938-9793.

Time Change

March 14

Remember to set
your clock one
hour forward!!



A View From The Bridge

March 2021

**The
mission
moves
forward**

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

Lives are changing as a direct result of your support of North American missionaries through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Every dollar given goes to train and resource thousands of missionaries involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

Many North American cities could reasonably be called pre-Christian. Even in the traditional "Bible Belt" Christianity is being pushed to the margins. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel.

At the North American Mission Board, a mission field is an area or region that needs the hope of the gospel.

With your partnership, they are committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses.



ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Due to COVID, there will be no Annual Spring meeting this year. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Annual Fall meeting on Thursday, October 28.

BLOCK PARTY TRAILER AND CONTENTS UPDATE



Although Covid restrictions prevent the Block Party Trailers from going out, the Popcorn Poppers, Cotton Candy Machines and Snow Cone Machines are available for churches to use in social distancing activities. Call 757-938-9793 or email admin@thebridgenet.org to reserve one or more machines for your community outreach event.



March Birthdays

STAFF AND SPOUSE

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| 1 Karen Soblotne | Whitehead's Grove |
| 1 Stacey Carpenter | Exmore |
| 5 Russell Goodrich | Cape Charles |
| 6 Doyle Wells | Rivercrest |
| 9 Donna Brooks | Coastal |
| 9 Anitress Chambers | One Generation |
| 9 Luann Kirk | Indian River |
| 11 Eulogio Vazquez | Mappsville |
| 11 Lisa Woolston | Real Life |
| 13 Charles Peterson | Cheriton |
| 14 Kim Jessie | BNoC |
| 15 Maggie Harrington | Temple |
| 16 Gina Foote | Family Bible |
| 19 Bubba Pugh | Calvary |
| 19 Perry Crouch | Thalia Lynn |
| 20 Tommy Speight | Green Lakes |
| 21 David Denny | Drummondtown |
| 24 Chuck Moseley | Oak Grove |



COMMUNITY OUTREACH IDEAS/EVENTS



Cheriton: the women's Bible study group baked cookies and other goodies for shut-ins and others in their community and then delivered baked goods for Valentine's Day.

Lower Northampton, Cape Charles, and other churches and individuals partner together with the **Adopt-a-Block** food distribution that provides food to under-resourced individuals living in apartment communities. Seniors receive a 35-pound FDA box of food and some families receive a TANF box of food. Volunteers go door-to-door asking residents if they could use the food and offering to pray for them and their family members. For those who do not qualify for the boxed food programs, they provide bags of food.



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Thalia Lynn in partnership with the PIN (People in Need) ministry collected over 100 bags of food. The items were easy-to-prepare food items and snacks for homeless individuals and families who are in temporary housing due to the winter weather. In addition to this special collection, they distribute food each week through their food pantry to individuals and families in need of food items.



Calvary Heart to Table Ministry provides frozen meals to those in need based on Matt. 25:35-40. They prepare meals in advance, freeze them, and distribute as needs arise. Perhaps there is someone who lost a loved one, had surgery, dealing with mental health issue, or

is just spread too thin due to the burdens of life. The list goes on and on to the reasons why someone is struggling, it is not our place to judge but to help.

Lower Northampton hosts **Community Meals** that have served 150-200 people each time. They have served soup, BBQ sandwiches, etc. People have come to the church to pick up meals, and they have taken meals to the Food Lion employees.



Kings Grant is providing a 12-day family devotion using Easter Eggs. These can be picked up at church in person or through a no contact process for families that are still virtual. If a small church

likes this idea, and needs resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to Amy at the church.

Coastal is providing **Family Easter Boxes**. The boxes include Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math activities, crafts, snacks, coloring sheets, a family devotion, resurrection eggs and an Easter Escape room. These boxes are designed for families to have time to connect and grow closer to each other as well as growing closer to Jesus!



WHAT TOILET PAPER TELL US ABOUT THE FUTURE (PART 2)

Scattered; that's how I would describe the focus of most churches in this COVID environment. People are thinking about their families, their jobs, being safe, wearing masks, social distancing, getting the vaccine (or not); these concerns have pulled their attention away from their church, for the most part. How (and when) do we begin reengaging their focus on the church, the church's mission, and the energy it is going to take to regather/rebuild their local church?

Pastor, Dr. Kim Jessie and I will be leading a conversation on this topic in a Zoom Conference, Thursday, March 11, at 10 a.m. We have been 'thinking ahead' on the subject of **Leading Forward** and have some great information to share with you. This will be a 'roundtable' discussion, so bring with you what you are learning about how to navigate this uncharted territory ahead of us!

Watch your inbox for the invitation and link.

Regathering

THINK!

BABY BOUTIQUE

The Baby Boutique is up and running! We've received some nice donations recently and we'd love to share.



If you know of anyone in your church or neighborhood who could use our help, please have them go to www.thebridgenet.org and fill out a Baby Boutique application. We are available the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 10am-2pm by appointment only. We have

items for newborns up to age 2. We have new or gently used clothing, diapers, bouncing seats, tubs and various other baby essentials. We build our inventory thru donations, so what we have varies from month to month. We have clothes from preemie-2T.

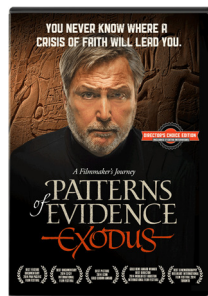


Speaking about donations, we appreciate any donations and support! We continue to be in need of disposable diapers (we currently need sizes 2, 3 and 4), wipes, new and unopened toiletries, and boys' new or gently used clothing 6mo-2T.

Thank you! *Bonnie Cuthriell, Director*

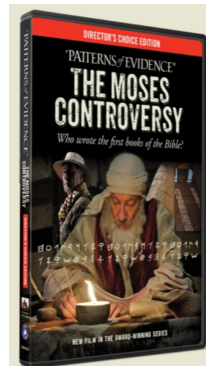
NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

We have five films from Patterns of Evidence.



Exodus: This film unlocks the mystery of this ancient saga, combining a scientific investigation with a retelling of the Exodus story to reveal an amazing pattern of evidence matching the biblical account that may challenge our understanding of history.

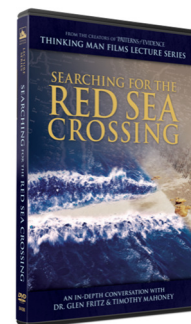
The Red Sea Miracle, Part 1 & 2: One of the greatest accounts in the Bible tells of Moses and the Israelites leaving Egypt, crossing a desert, and then being trapped at the sea by Pharaoh. God miraculously saves the Israelites and destroys the Egyptian army. Did this event take place as recorded in the Bible, and if so, where did it happen?



The Moses Controversy: Did Moses write the first books of the Bible? The Bible states, Yes! This film's investigation leads to the groundbreaking discovery that the world's first alphabet actually originated in Egypt. This thought-provoking film asks hard questions of some of the world's leading experts in Egyptology, ancient Hebrew and early languages.

Searching for the Red Sea Crossing:

This is a six session, in depth conversation with Dr. Glen Fritz and Tim Mahoney. For centuries there has been mystery and debate surrounding the sea miraculously crossed by the Israelites on their Exodus. Glen Fritz believes this issue will not be solved primarily with linguistics or archaeology, but rather it requires a geographic approach. He gives an in-depth biblical and geographic case for the Gulf of Aqaba being the YamSuph of the Exodus, and how its position provides vital clues to the location of Mt. Sinai.



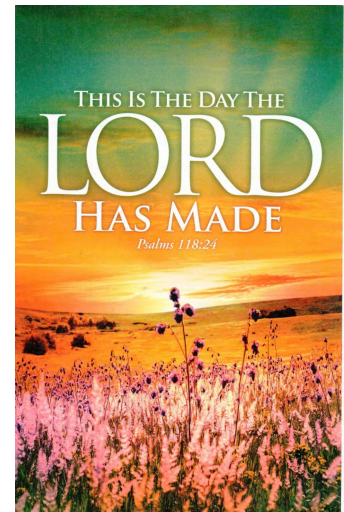


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CHURCH NEWS

Exmore: Shore Christian Academy is growing and have the following openings: Administrator, Elementary/Secondary Teacher, Substitute Teachers, Before/After School Fill-In, and Volunteers. For more information or to apply contact Shore Christian Academy, 11624 Occohannock Road, Exmore, 757-442-9791, email shorechristianacademy@verizon.net. Their website is www.shorechristianacademy.org.

Greenbrier: has opened a food pantry, for more information call the church, 757-547-3898.



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