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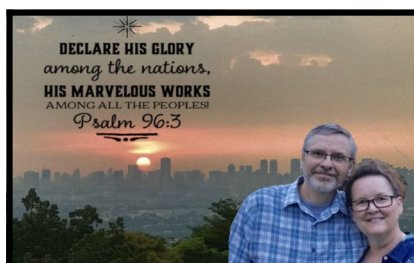
## MISSIONARIES PAUL AND SHERRY SUDOLCAN

In some ways, mission work today is very different from the pioneering work that was done by people like Lottie Moon, Adoniram Judson, David Livingston, Hudson Taylor, or Amy Carmichael. Those pioneers made treacherous journeys to remote areas, to bring the good news of Jesus to all nations. What a great legacy they left us.

Much of modern mission work occurs in large urban areas, like Manila, with over 15 million people. The strategy to reach these large urban areas is wise, since that is where people are congregating, but are there still remote places missionaries need to reach?

The answer of course is

yes, and one of those areas is along the Sarstun River in southwestern Belize, where Mayan Indians need to hear the good news of the gospel. Our ministry we are serving with in Belize does more than just the Bible college!



Although our ministry in Belize will be primarily focused on serving at Belize Bible College, as God allows we will be involved in other aspects of the mission. Yemeri Grove Christian Church has been planted on the

campus of the college and we will be serving there. They are currently meeting in a tent due to COVID restrictions. In addition, we plan on participating as God allows in some of the numerous outreach trips that this ministry does to minister to people living in remote villages along the Sarstun River. The trips include gospel presentations, medical ministry, providing clean water filters, and even drilling water wells.

Sunday, April 11, we will speak during morning services. You can see a message and subscribe to our newsletter by clicking the link [HERE](#). Please consider supporting our ministry through the Belize Fund which is available through FBC.

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## ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The offering was started in 1895 by Woman's Missionary Union® (WMU) to benefit the work of the Home Mission Board (now North American Mission Board). In 1934, it was named in honor of Annie Armstrong, a bold missions advocate and WMU's first national executive leader. Today, more than \$1 billion has been donated by Southern Baptist churches and individuals to support thou-

sands of missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Because of this sacrificial giving, millions of lives have been and continue to be transformed by the power of the gospel. 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, we see a mission field that needs the hope of the gospel. With your partnership, we're committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses.

# COVID-19 VACCINE ASSISTANCE

Connally Memorial Medical Center and the Ministerial Alliance have formed a group of volunteers to assist those who qualify with registering for the COVID vaccine. If you meet the screening guidelines, you will be set up with someone to assist you with registering to get the vaccine. This program does not guarantee a vaccine appointment, but will try the best they can to help you.

Linda Downs has volunteered to help in this program and will assist those at First Baptist of Florenceville who do not have a computer, internet, smartphone, email or a family member or friend that can assist them. There are also volunteers who can provide transportation, if necessary.

If you have a computer, smartphone, email, and transportation but do not understand the iNFO system, information for registering and training about the system is available.

There are forms that need to be filled out in order to assist you. All information is confidential and purely demographic.

Linda will set up in the fellowship hall to assist anyone who would like more information or to sign up for the program on Wednesday, March 31 and April 7 at 5:00 pm. She will also be available Sunday, April 11 after the late service. More dates will be available if needed. Linda can be reached at 210.632.6018 or teacher125@yahoo.com.



Mark 4:3-9

"Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times." Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Hello Everyone! Don't look now, but here comes April!!

I would like to thank everyone who lifted up prayers, sent beautiful cards, and to those fabulous cooks who sent tasty meals during my recent surgery. I know nothing is a coincidence to the Lord --but two years ago almost to the day, I had my cancer surgery. It all seemed like a distant memory and here I was again. I've been thinking, here I am again, maybe the Lord is using me in a different way or maybe I missed something that He was telling me!





Well, I began thinking since it is Spring, I need to cast out more seeds. Since here I was in a new environment and new people around me, I would get my "thank you Lord", "Praise God" and "God Bless you" seeds ready to share with others! We made sure that we shared a prayer with the doctor before surgery. As nurses, lab techs, doctors and housekeepers entered my room and completed their task, I would send them on their way with "God Bless You". Some responded back with "God bless you too!" As my vitals were monitored every four hours, I would Thank the Lord for a good B/P reading. I could see some were surprised by my comments while others just smiled. There were definitely opportunities to be angry or mad about my pain or discomfort and I prayed and prayed, but I felt a stronger call for planting seeds for those who do not know Jesus.

If I could not be in my garden weeding, planting or feeding, I would be casting seeds for the Lord. Then I saw the similarity with the Parable of the Sower— some seeds fall into weeds, while others fall on rocks and never sprout. Some of the seeds we share with others take root and grow! We don't know which will produce fruit. That's not our job. Our job is to cast out seeds to everyone. While some need more time for their heart to become ready, others are waiting! We are nearing Resurrection Sunday. I pray we will be able to gather with our family and/or church family! God Bless You!

Donna Arispe

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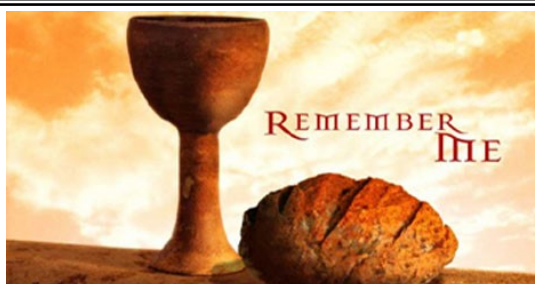
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1	2  Office Closed	3 <sup>8am</sup> 
4  EASTER <small>*Shaun Murray</small>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11  Lord's Supper <small>*Greg Parker</small>	12	13	14	15	16	17
18  <small>*Carter Thomas</small>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25  <small>*Ron P. Tipton</small>	26	27	28	29	30	



1 Julia Trabucco	13 Ryan Street	20 Michael Collins
1 Jan Thomas	13 Penny Smith	21 Mailee Bowers
3 William Lanier	15 Luke Pierce	21 Hurvey Elliott
4 George Hill	15 Asher Welfel	21 Jaclyn Flores
5 Jill Coleman	16 Karen Coston	21 Garner Remling
6 Ashley Coffey	17 Rayne Guajardo	22 Leonard Lee
7 Christian Huber	17 Lyndra Harris	22 Donna Etheridge
8 Lillie Ray	17 Steven Kramm	22 Gary Seidel
8 Britley Loeffler	17 Rosie Lozano	24 Barbara Estes
8 Austin Welfel	17 Kori Smith	24 Travis Pehl
9 Linda Coston	19 Shae Harris	26 JoJo Gleeson
10 Connor Collins	19 Patti Kuykendall	27 Roland Ledoux
10 Levi Collins	19 Braden Loeffler	27 Landon Coston
11 Darrell Bombei	19 Eric Nickles	28 Lonnie Bodiford
11 Kayla Kunath	19 Seth Taggs	28 Boone Collins
11 Ronald T. Tipton	19 Karen Wallace	29 Danny Fenner

Join us on Sunday, April 11, 2021, during the morning worship services and celebrate the Lord's Supper. Elements are available at the outside entrances to the sanctuary as you enter for worship.



## Schedule of Events

### Sunday

- 8:00—In-person Worship
- 9:15—Bible Study for all
- 10:30—In-person Worship and online worship through Facebook LIVE

### Wednesday

- 6:30—Life Groups / Prayer Meeting / Youth Bible Study / Children's Worship

- 7:45—Choir Rehearsal

### Weekly Activities

Creative Hands—Quilting Mondays at 10:00 am  
Bible Study Fellowship Tues. evenings 6:30 pm  
Line Exercise Classes Mon, Tues. & Thurs. from 9:30-10:30 am

**Worship at Veterans' Home—Wed at 2:00 pm**  
(except for 2nd Wed of each month)

**Sr. Adult Game Day**  
Thursdays 1-4 pm

\* Deacon of the Week



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*I wish to express my gratitude to all my family and friends from my wonderful church. Thank you for all the kindnesses and love you gave me during the recent loss of my sister. All of you helped ease the pain in my heart.*

*In His Name,*

*Sophie Rodriguez*

*A Special*  
**THANK YOU**



Line Exercise classes will meet every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday morning at 9:30 am in the Family Life Center. Come enjoy an hour of exercise and fun!



## BUILDING

### HIStory

Original Loan Amount:  
\$ 525,000.00

February Loan Payment:  
\$ 5,000.00

Current Loan Balance:  
\$ 102,145.58

**"Take from among you an offering to the Lord. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it as an offering to the Lord."**

## Floresville Food Pantry's Suggested Donation for APRIL Peanut Butter and Jelly



The Floresville Food Pantry is partnering with *Daily Bread* ministry of San Antonio to provide food to the needy of Floresville. The Pantry is now open on Thursdays only. Clients need to arrive at 8am to sign in and wait for food distribution. A devotional time will be at 9am. Clients are asked to bring their own bags. The Pantry is located on the corner of 4th and A Street and the phone number is 830-321-1151. Volunteers and donations are always appreciated.

*Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of R. G. Holley, husband to Dorothy Holley, who passed away March 4, 2021.*

*with deepest*  
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BUDGET-AT-A-GLANCE	Actual Giving Receipts	Required to Meet Budget
February 2021	\$ 47,860.50	\$ 59,329.67
YTD thru February	\$ 98,219.70	\$ 118,659.34