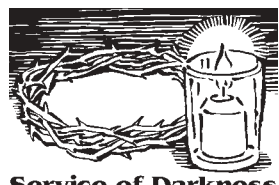




**Senior Adults
Young at Heart
Tuesday
March 16th**
11 am, Fellowship Hall
*Birthday Party
for Everyone*
Join Us!



Service of Darkness

**Tenenbrae Service
March 28th, Palm Sunday**

**Resurrection Celebration
April 4th, Easter Sunday**

**WOMEN'S
MISSION PROJECT
for MARCH**

**Etowah Pregnancy
Testing Center**

Many babies are saved through this ministry.

Needs large size diapers, small 3-6 month clothing. Financial contributions to this ministry are also appreciated.



CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
Sundays at 5:00 PM
for all children
ages 3 - grade 6

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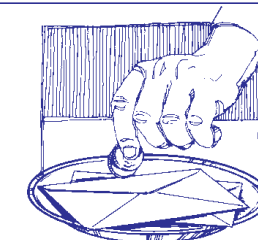
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**A TIME FOR
GIVING**

Capital Funds Commitment Results



\$927,537.45

Pledged to our New Horizons 2010 Campaign

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET TURNED IN YOUR PLEDGE CARD PLEASE
DO SO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. Thank you for your
wonderful response.**



Why Give to Annie Armstrong?
Because three out of four people in North America are lost. One hundred percent of dollars given to the AAEO go to support over 5,000 missionaries and their ministries in the United States and Canada.

**Week of Prayer March 7 - 14
for North American Missions and Annie
Armstrong Easter Offering
Ingathering Day April 4th Goal \$ 9,000.00**

**Our Church
Mission . . .**

Connect to God
.. to Others
.. to Ministry
.. to the Lost

**Our Challenge: Every
member involved in ministry**

(DEADLINE for presenting information for April WITNESS is Monday, March 22nd)

**Men's Prayer Breakfast
March 7th**

Sunday, March 7th,
8 am
in Fellowship Hall
Speaker - John Blackwell

All Men Are Invited to Attend



You and your family are encouraged
to attend our
Groundbreaking Ceremony

Sunday, the seventh of March
at three o'clock in the afternoon
at our new building property
800 West Grand Avenue (Highway 77)
Rainbow City, Alabama

323 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET
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**March
REMINDERS**

Sunday, March 7th - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
8:00 AM, Fellowship Hall, Speaker: John Blackwell
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY, 3 PM, 800 W. Grand Avenue

WEEK OF PRAYER for North American Missions & Annie
Armstrong Easter Offering - March 7 - 14

Monday Morning Prayer Time 6:30 AM, Chapel, each Monday

Young @ Heart Birthday Party, Tuesday, March 16th, 11 am in
Fellowship Hall

Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 17th,
7:00 PM, Conference Room

Deacons Monthly Meeting, Sunday, March 21st, 4:00 pm

Palm Sunday - Tenebrae Service, Sunday, March 28th, 6 pm



TO GOD BE THE GLORY

\$927,537.45

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POSSIBLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
WONDERFUL RESPONSE.*

Bro. Craig

**MINISTER
OF MUSIC**

- Ronnie



March is the month for our **Tenebrae Service (Palm Sunday, March 28th.)** I think some may not understand the significance of this service, so I thought I would explain more about it. This is a special, but very different type service.

For centuries after the crucifixion, believers gathered as the sun set on **Good Friday**. They recalled those hours of darkness that covered the world at the crucifixion of the Son of God. This worship service, called **Tenebrae** from the Latin word for darkness, was a time of quiet reflection. Light came into the world in the person of Jesus Christ, only to be scorned, rejected, scourged and crucified. And so, the service was marked by the use of many candles, which were gradually extinguished as the story of His coming and His cross was retold...through the reading of scripture and singing of hymns.

Those gathering believed in the resurrection, of course. And yet, they found tremendous comfort and deep worship in a simple service of reading Scripture as the room around them slowly grew darker and darker.

Like the ancient **Tenebrae** service, this is not an evening of spectacular effects or exhilarating songs of praise. The music and the readings are simple, as is our annual Candlelight Service. In that simplicity, though, the story we all know so well, of a babe in a manger and a man on a cross, touches something deep inside each of us.

A Senior Adult Council is being formed to help me in our planning for 2010. We encourage ALL Senior Adults, 60 & Over, to be active in these plans. **Watch for all the info!**

Our Young @ Heart Meeting will be **March 16th, 11 AM** in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish. We will be Celebrating All Birthdays with a big cake for 2010!

We had over 300 at our **NEW HORIZONS Banquet** on Valentine's Day. God is performing miracles in our midst. 2010 will be a challenging year as each of us do our part.

Church Anniversary **Present Sanctuary Occupied March 16, 1941**

NEW HORIZONS 2010: CONTINUING THE TRADITION



God blessed us with an incredible **Disciple Now Weekend!** We had 30 students participate this year. A big thank you to **Joe and Cherie Metz** and **Clay and Gena Riley** for serving as our host homes. **Thanks to Mark and Rhonda Arnett** for heading up our food team. **Daniel Roberts and Terra Garmon** did a fantastic job of leading our small group Bible Studies. Thanks to the many that made financial contributions to make this weekend possible. Thanks to the Etowah County Sheriff's Dept. for their role Saturday night. Thank you church for allowing 12th Street to host the worship events. Over 400 students from all over Etowah county assembled here three times for dynamic worship. Many lives were changed. Many decisions were made.

We will have a report time on **DicipleNow's** incredible weekend this **Sunday night, March 8 at 6:00pm.** I encourage all of you to be here.

Also, be sure to **be here Wednesday night** to learn of March and Spring Break activities. **Zac**



March 28th
6:00 p.m.



Tenebrae
SERVICE

**Celebrate the Resurrection
Easter Sunday
April 4th
11 a.m.**

No Evening Service



Hopkins Chapel Mission

a
few
chips
from



Greetings from Hopkins Chapel Mission Church: I want to thank You for what you have already done. I am not going to wait until I see results or receive rewards; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until I feel better or things look better; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until people say they are sorry or until they stop talking about me; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until the pain in my body disappears; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until my financial situation improves; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until the children are asleep and the house is quiet; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until I get promoted at work or until I get the job; I am going to thank you right now. I am not going to wait until I understand every experience in my life that has caused me pain or grief; I am thanking you right now. I am not going to wait until the journey gets easier or the challenges are removed; I am thanking you right now. I am thanking you because I am alive. I am thanking you because I made it through the day's difficulties. I am thanking you because I have walked around, through, and over the obstacles. I am thanking you because I have the ability and the opportunity to do more and do better.

Blessings to all of you.

Bro. Wallace

HELP WANTED: We need to find some people in our congregation who might be willing to learn to operate some of the technical aspects needed in our worship services. Particularly as we prepare to make the move to the new location, we are going to need more people who know how to control the sound system and/or video projection systems. So very soon we are going to be offering some simple classes during Discipleship Training which will help interested people learn what they would need to do in order to help in these areas. There will be two separate classes: one for those willing to help with the sound system, and another for those who would help with running the video projection system. You would not be doing this EVERY Sunday, but sporadically - on a schedule. So be considering whether the Lord may be leading you to this as an area of service for you. If you think you might possibly be interested in either of these, please contact Wayne or Ronnie Cornutt, Zac Clay, or Karen in the church office.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER:



**AND THE LORD ADDED TO
THEIR NUMBER ...
Acts 2:47**

BY LETTER:

Mrs. Judi Campbell Beard

2306 NOCCALULA ROAD, GADSDEN 35904