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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
8:30 am Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
Children's Church 8:30 am & 11:00 am
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

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Greetings!

Ah, April. Yes, April. Spring is here and so is Major League Baseball. (Just trying to keep the priorities straight.) All joking aside, I do love this time of year with everything it brings. Warm weather, spring break for students, and the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. www.anniearmstrong.com

Each year Southern Baptists give an offering to equip missionaries serving with the North American Mission Board. www.namb.net These funds go directly toward the work on the field – church planting, church revitalizations, disaster relief teams, college ministries, chaplaincies and much more.

Did you know that churches are being planted in 32 strategic SEND cities in North America? Yes, cities like Boston, Montreal, New Orleans, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Seattle, just to name a few. Cities like these have just one gospel preaching, disciple making church for every 40, 60, 80 or 100 thousand people! Think about those numbers. You can literally drive for miles without seeing a single healthy church.

What is more, the nations are coming to us. In those cities, you'll find the people groups Jesus referenced in Matt. 28:19-20. God has provided churches in North America with an opportunity to reach the nations in their own backyards. These are exciting times, both for us who go, and the people we meet. So do you see the need? – More churches! And with more churches, comes the need for more planters, and more support from the spiritual to the financial.

On Sunday night, April 8 we'll hold a special Night of Prayer at 6:00 pm. We'll center our prayers on church planters by name, the churches they plant and the task of planting itself. We'll provide brochures from NAMB to help us stay in an attitude of prayer for the week to come.

After a week of prayer we'll sacrificially give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering on Sunday morning, April 15. You'll have an opportunity to publically present your offering in either morning worship service. We've set a sizeable goal this year of \$18,000. We remember that an offering is a gift to the Lord that is above and beyond our regularly tithes. A gift He loves, and one He will use. So, think, pray, and then cheerfully give. (2 Cor. 9:6-7) Leverage this occasion to be a part of what God is doing in cities across North America. God bless you Coats Baptist.

It's All About Him,
Pastor Neal

PS: Pay attention to details in this newsletter regarding a special Together Sunday on April 29. You don't want to miss that day!

APRIL

- 8th Deacons Meeting (4:00)
- 11th Grocery Assist (5:30)
- 15th Annie Armstrong Giving Sunday
VBS Planning/Curriculum Meeting (4:30)
Quarterly Business Meeting (7:00)
- 19th Men's Ministry Meeting (8:00)
- 20th Secret Church (7:00—1:00 am)
- 22nd Handbell Concert (6:00)
Breakfast for Dinner Youth Fundraiser
- 28th Church Workday (7:00 am)
- 29th Together Sunday (11:00 am Worship)
Baby Dedication
Mission's Luncheon (noon)
From This Day Forward (6:00)
(Marriage & Family Conference)
- 30th From This Day Forward (7:00)
- May 1 From This Day Forward (7:00)

Parent & Child Dedication

Members of Coats Baptist will be able to participate in Parent/Child Dedication during our Together service on April 29. If you would like to participate, please call the church office by Friday, April 20th.

TOGETHER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 29

9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship Service



There will not be an 8:30 worship service.

A missions fundraiser luncheon will follow the service to support our Guatemala and Honduras mission teams.

MUSIC • NOTES

I don't frequently use my newsletter article to promote a song... well, maybe I do. A week or so ago, Christian singer-songwriter Natalie Grant partnered with her church (The Belonging Co in Nashville, TN) to release a new song called "*Isn't He (This Jesus)*". It's a simple song that describes some of Jesus' attributes and characteristics. Here are the lyrics to the chorus:

*So wonderful, so beautiful, so kind and lovely. Isn't He? Isn't He?
Beyond compare, treasure rich and rare, marvelous and holy. Isn't He? Isn't He?*

When the song was released, Natalie Grant shared the story behind the song. At the beginning of a writer's retreat with her church, their pastor reminded and encouraged the team that it always has been and always will be ALL ABOUT JESUS. Nothing else. No one else. This song was written from a place of humility and awe of who Jesus is. My times of personal worship for the last week has often included this song so that the posture of my heart is humility and awe.

I'm not telling you that you have to listen to and love this song. What I am encouraging you to do is take your daily personal worship times seriously. Hopefully this time centers around the Word and prayer to commune with God. In addition, listen and sing along to theologically sound and encouraging music. In case you need some new song suggestions, I've already asked the question for you and here's what I heard: "Who You Say I Am" (Hillsong Worship), "We Turn Our Eyes" (Travis Cottrell), "You Alone" (Lauren Daigle), "Hallelujah for the Cross" (Chris McClarney)

In Christ,
Pastor Jonathan

LIFE • ON • MISSION: DISCIPLESHIP!

Thank you for the privilege of being called to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ, and you, His people, gathered at Coats Baptist Church. Laura, Breanna, and I are incredibly blessed to be able to serve among those we already know and love. It is my hope and prayer that we may be able to serve you and your family as you seek to become more Christ-like each day.

Know that you will always be in my prayers, but please let me know specifically how I may best pray for and serve you. You may call me on my cell at (910) 797-7533 anytime. I also ask that you pray for us as we take this next step in ministry. As you pray, consider my life-verse from Phil 3:10, "*My goal is to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.*"

May God bless you!
Pastor Jimmy

SENIOR • ADULTS

Join us on Tuesday, April 10th to visit the Pearl Fryar Topiary Gardens in Bishopville, SC. We will leave CBC at 7am. The cost is \$6 which will include our donations and lunch. Mr. Fryar has meticulously sculpted plants into graceful arches, spirals, and abstract shapes since 1982. His two acre garden has been featured on many TV shows and in 2006 an award winning documentary *A Man Named Pearl* was released. We are promised to leave the gardens with thoughts of "love, peace, and good will". Please sign up immediately with Gail (910-591-9847), Bonnie (919-820-2332), Kathy (910-891-8326), or Sherry if you wish to attend.

STUDENT • HAPPENINGS

"*But I protested, 'Oh no, Lord, God! Look, I don't know how to speak since I am only a youth.'*" This is Jeremiah 1:6. It is Jeremiah's response to God calling him to be a prophet. The word translated as "youth" is נָאֲרָ. It is the same word used in God's reply in Jeremiah 1:7. This word is used 240 times in the Old Testament. In 175 of these occurrences, the word is used to mean young child, boy, adolescent, young person, or young adolescent man. In the remaining 64 occurrences the word is used to refer to a male household servant.

So what is so great about the fact that Jeremiah was, very possibly, a teenager? Let's look at Jeremiah 1:9-10, "*Then the Lord reached out His hand, touched my mouth, and told me: I have now filled your mouth with My words. See, I have appointed you today over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant*". Don't miss that; God set Jeremiah over nations and kingdoms.

I know that many of my articles have to do with holding youth to a high standard. I do this because I believe the low expectations of adults do great harm to our youth. God saw fit to give the prophetic mantle to a young man who was unsure he could bear it. God's response to his uncertainty was to promise to be with him (Jeremiah 1:8). If God is willing to use a young man for this type of purpose, I challenge us all as adults to encourage our youth to live up to their own God-given purposes.

KIDS • BEACH • REACH • CAMP

All current 3rd-5th graders are invited to attend Camp Caswell for the weekend of June 8-10. The cost is \$130/child. We need male and female chaperones. If you'd like to attend and/or have your child attend, please contact Laura Newkirk at newkirk@gmail.com. The deadline for total funds is April 15.

PICTORIAL • DIRECTORY

You can still sign up for the directory: email turnkeyrcd@gmail.com or call 1 (866) 557-2253. Coats Baptist Church can no longer schedule times due to the possibility of double booking.

ANNIE • ARMSTRONG

Please prayerfully consider what you will give towards our \$18,000 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal to support the North American Mission Board. Come prepared to give on Sunday morning, April 15.

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A MARRIAGE & FAMILY CONFERENCE

Coats Baptist Church will be hosting a marriage and family conference on Sunday, April 29 through Tuesday, May 1. This conference is designed for people in all walks and stages of life; whether you are single, newlyweds, empty nesters, widowed, or anywhere in-between.

Dr. Hollie Miller, Senior Pastor at Sevier Heights in Knoxville, TN will be leading this conference. Pastor Neal served under his ministry as Connections Pastor from 2010-2013. To learn more about Dr. Miller, visit www.sevierheights.org. Guest worship leaders will also help lead the way. Childcare will be provided during each session.

Sunday, April 29 at 11 am & 6 pm
Monday, April 30 at 7 pm
Tuesday, May 1 at 7 pm