



Springvale First Baptist Church

A place to grow in your relationship
with Jesus Christ.

Come and see what the Lord has in
store for us.

Let us worship the Lord together!

The Messenger April 2026



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2026



The Wisdom and
Power of
storytelling

"I WILL OPEN MY MOUTH TO SPEAK IN PARABLES;
I WILL PROCLAIM WHAT HAS BEEN HIDDEN SINCE THE FOUNDATION." MATTHEW 13:34-35 NRSVUE



The Board of Mission and Outreach invites you to participate in the America for Christ 2026 Offering. They will be collecting from March 29th to April 26th. Give as you are led after prayerfully considering your offering.



The Board of Fellowship invites you to a Lasagna Dinner on Friday, April 17th, at 6 pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the piano in the sanctuary. Please state your preferences: either meat lasagna with red sauce, vegetable lasagna, or gluten-free.

Kathy's Corner
In Memory of Kathy Fink
Forever in our hearts



Can you discern when He is calling you?

⁸ A third time the Lord called, “Samuel!” And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am; you called me.”

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, “Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”

Then Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

Heather Draper sent us this song. We thought it was right on point.

We're including the link for you!

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Holy Week Schedule



March 29--Palm Sunday Worship, 10 am

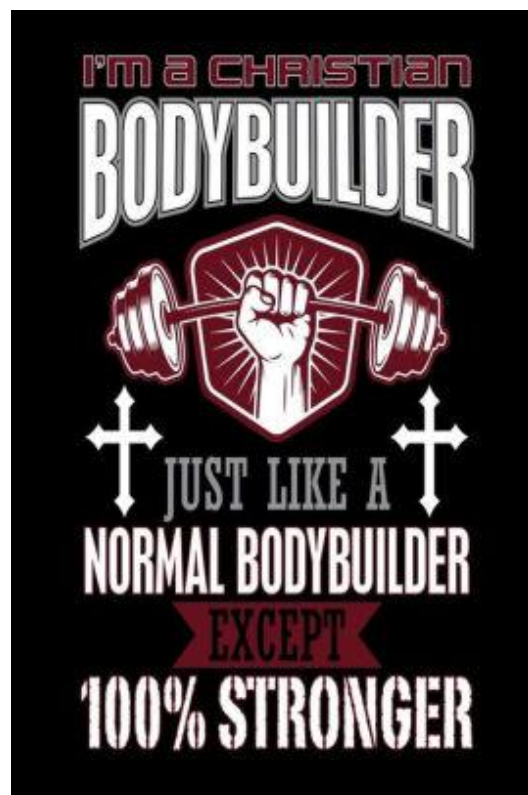
April 2--Maundy Thursday, 6 pm

April 3--Good Friday, 6 pm at Pleasant Street Free Baptist

April 5--Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service, 6 am at Pleasant Street Gazebo (breakfast to follow at Pleasant Street Free Baptist)

April 5--Resurrection Sunday Worship, 10 am

Body Builders at Sanford First Baptist is for all men. Come join them for breakfast, fellowship, praising God, and a Christian message. April 4th at 8 am.





Kids are so cute!

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?" A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy. "Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked. "You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven..."

One Sunday after church Mom asked very young daughter what the lesson was about. Daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts." Needless to say, Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, their Pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, Thy comforter is coming."

Submitted by Heather Draper





Prayer requests:

For our new leaders in training, and that we would continue to find more leaders! Leaders work directly with our students, and our ministry is not possible without a team of leaders in each town reaching out to kids and walking alongside them.

For our kids in Campaigners, that they would begin to read their Bibles throughout the week and practice the skills we are teaching them.

For our kids already signed up for camp, and for kids who have yet to sign up, whom we are praying for! It costs \$850 per student to attend camp. We have a lot of fundraising to do, but we trust in the Lord's provision and are teaching kids what it looks like to walk in faith!



A huge thank you from the Board of Missions and Outreach for all the sneakers donated during the Sneaker Drive for Sanford schools.


We received 26 pairs in total! What a blessing!

2026 DISCOVERY TRIP TO MOLDOVA

Immerse yourself in the daily life and faith of the Moldovan people as you live alongside them and witness God at work in their community. You'll partner with members of the Moldova Baptist Union, building meaningful relationships while serving in ministries that range from children's programs to supporting elderly residents.

TRIP DATES	ESTIMATED COST	REGISTER BEFORE
July 3-13	\$1,700 + Airfare	March 27

Join us on an unforgettable journey. Secure your spot today and be part of this exciting adventure! For questions or to register, contact bmyers@internationalministries.org



There are several short-term mission trips offered by International Ministries for the Summer of 2026. The one on the left illustrates a trip to Moldova, but there are opportunities in Belarus and Serbia, as well. Please contact bmyers@internationalministries.org if you are interested.



Sustained by Grace: The Women of HEAL Africa Rise Again
Testimonies provided by Ann and Bill Clemmer

Thanks to the generous support of our friends in the United States, this year's celebration was filled with joy. Each woman received cloth for a new dress, and together we lifted our voices in prayer, song, and testimonies, ending the day with a meal of fellowship.

Amina: “I was married as a young girl to an older man—a lawyer—and I never had the chance to learn to read. I always longed for that opportunity. Now, as a widow, I have begun taking literacy classes at HEAL Africa at 65 years of age. I can now read my Bible, and I am so proud and so thankful!”

Colette: “HEAL Africa has made such a difference in my life. God is good, and we are beautiful in His eyes. I carried many inner wounds—sickness and discouragement —over this past year. I had lost all hope until I came to HEAL Africa’s Women’s Program. The church became my place of healing. Please send my greetings to the women and the churches in the United States. Tell them thank you for standing with us.”

Thérèse: “The pool of Bethesda... that is what HEAL Africa has been for me and many others. I have learned that prayer is the beginning of everything. I was a seamstress without a machine, sewing dresses by hand to sell. Through the rotating credit program (Savings and Loan) I was finally able to buy a sewing machine. Now I sew, I sell my clothes, and I can feed my children.”

These stories bear witness to the truth that “the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” Through your prayers and generosity, the women of our church have experienced that light in tangible ways. Thank you for standing with them and for sharing in the work of His Kingdom here in Goma.



**We are in need of juice boxes for Play and Learn.
If you can donate some, please put them in the
Fellowship Hall,
under the Mission Bulletin Board.**

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