

**Annie Armstong 2026 Prayer Guide Follows Today's Bulletin**



**And he himself gave some to be apostles,  
some prophets, some evangelists,  
some pastors and teachers.**

EPHESIANS 4:11 (CSB)



# BLUE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Rev. John Carney  
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Thank you to Linda Graydon and Bro. John for leading us in Worship today.

**Welcome and Family News**

**Rev. John Carney**

**Call to Worship 149**

**"Blessed Redeemer"**

**Hymn 146**

**"O How He Loves You and Me"**

**Fellowship Hymn 161**

**"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**

*Worship Through Our Tithes and Offerings*

**Offertory Hymn 273**

**"Freely, Freely"**

**Special Music**

**Linda Graydon**

**Morning Message**

**Rev. John Carney**

**Hymn of Invitation 321**

**"The Savior Is Waiting"**

*Come to pray sitting on the two front pews, pray with Bro. John at the altar, or pray at the altar. Come and declare your faith in Christ as your Savior. Join this great church family by transferring your letter, by statement that you are a baptized believer, to share your desire to be baptized, or to share your decision for a recommitment to Christ as your Lord and Savior.*

**Closing Hymn 493**

**"Onward, Christian Soldiers"**



## **How to Share Your Tithes and Offerings Today**

*You may place your tithes and offerings in the plates at the two doors of the Sanctuary. Please place your visitor's information and prayer requests there. You may give online, [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net](http://www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net) through the Baptist Foundation where all giving is private and secure.*



## **Welcome to Our Visitors**

*Come and worship in God's peace and beauty of Blue Ridge. We welcome our visitors today. Thank you for joining us. Please fill out the attached visitor's form and place it in the offering plate. You may include any prayer requests or hand them to Bro. John as you are leaving.*

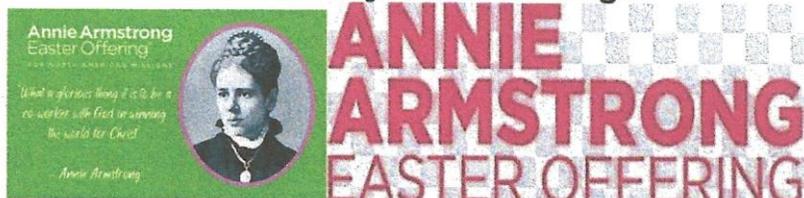
## Our March Fellowship Lunch is Today



Everyone, please join us as we enjoy your favorite Sunday lunch dishes and desserts together today. We have plenty to share. Meet in Fellowship Hall right after Morning Worship.

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## Today begins our Annie Armstrong Home Missions Week of Prayer and Offerings



Your Prayer Calendar and Offering Envelopes are included.  
Pray for Our North American Missionaries!

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## Everyone is Welcome to Join Us Today



Our Sunday Afternoon Bible Study at 5:00 pm  
"Live Free" A study on the Book of Galatians  
Come listen and learn or contribute as you will.

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Please join us for a

## Bridal Tea

honoring

## Emily Riddle

Next Sunday, March 15, 2026 at 2 o'clock pm

Blue Ridge Baptist Church

Registered at Amazon and Target



## **Blue Ridge This Week**



### **Sunday, March 8, 2026**

- 9:45 am** *Coed II Sunday School*
- 10:00 am** *Coed I Sunday School, Preschool and Children's Classes*
- 11:00 am** *Morning Praise and Worship*
- 12:00 noon** *Our March Fellowship Lunch*
- 5:00 pm** *Bible Study with Bro. John*

### **Monday, March 9**

- 7:00 pm** *Visit with Bro. John and Jim Beck*

### **Tuesday, March 10**

- 6:30 pm** *Ladies Crafts Night Out*

### **Wednesday, March 11**

- 5:00 pm** *Bible Study with Bro. John*

### **Our Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study**

Everyone join us for a new study, "Characters-The Prophets" as we continue our study of people in the Bible. Meet us around the tables in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm. Studying is interesting and the fellowship is great! The coffee pot is always on, and we love to see you!



### **Ladies Crafts Night Out is This Tuesday at 6:30 pm**

Bring a friend and join us for great fellowship as we do a great painting for Easter. Dee Blake will lead us in painting on canvas this month. She has some nice ideas and supplies.

Visit us at [www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net](http://www.blueridgebaptistchurch.net) to see events, pictures, sermons, and a private, secure giving site, all done by our Webmaster, Jim Harris. There are so many pictures to see and information to gather. Bro. John's sermons are there to be seen and/or heard every week. Thank you, Jim, for an excellent website. It is always up to date!



### **Palm Sunday is March 29, 2026**

**Our Palm Sunday Processional in Morning Worship**

**Our BRBC Players Present Our Easter Play in Morning Worship**

**Then....**

**Our Annual Easter Egg Hop out in front of the church 3:00-5:00 pm**

***The kids will hop from car trunk to car trunk for Easter treats***

***and will play games with our church family.***

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Photo by iStock **A Chicken nugget and hotdog supper will be prepared for you.**

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# Annie Armstrong Easter Offering<sup>®</sup>

FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

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“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us—to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

*EPHESIANS 3:20-21, CSB*

A *tiny* gift. *Just* a prayer. In God's economy, there is no such thing.

Because He “is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think,” your North American missionaries can use loftier adjectives—*miraculous*, *supernatural*, *unexplainable*—to describe what happens when you pray and give.

Your missionaries are sharing the gospel in places and ways they never imagined, and they're seeing that powerful message transform lives, families, and communities both for the here and now and for eternity. This week, as you read each missionary's story and prayer requests, you can do so with great expectations. From West LaFayette, Indiana, to Río Grande, Puerto Rico, to Montreal, Quebec, God is writing kingdom-sized stories far beyond what anyone can imagine through your prayers and gifts.

*Visit the link for each featured missionary to see more of how your generosity fuels the gospel work of North American missions.*

## **NORTH AMERICA**

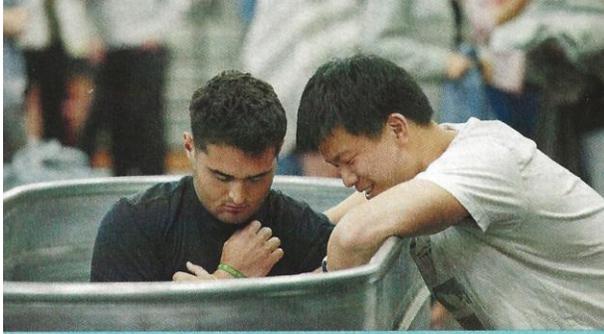
**Population: 386 million**

**Languages: 378**

**Estimated Lost: 291 million**

**Unreached People Groups: 161**

Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau and The Joshua Project



DAY 1

## HIGHER EDUCATION WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

"I'm seeing things I've never seen before."

That's what **Jordan Adams** said the morning after a three-hour, standing-room-only worship service where his church plant baptized 38 college students.

"When we came in 2023, I knew God was going to work," he says. "But I never imagined auditoriums overflowing, all these people getting baptized—this is more than anything we ever could've dreamed up."

Jordan and his wife, **Jessamy**, are church planting missionaries in West Lafayette, Indiana, the home of Purdue University. "There are 41,000 students here," Jessamy says, "and most of them are at that stage of life where they're looking for something to live for. That makes this a perfect place to plant a church."

Now, students can leave Purdue with something more valuable than a college degree. "We have students meeting Christ, getting disciplined, then graduating saying, 'Where's the next church plant? I want to move there,'" Jordan says. "We're sending them out as ambassadors for Christ. Now, I'm certain God's going to change our world, and He's going to do it through college students."

### PRAY FOR

- Thousands of students to meet Jesus at Purdue.
- God to send mature adults to the Adams' church plant who can disciple new believers.
- God to equip and send graduating students to other communities where they can help plant more new churches.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Adams](https://AnnieArmstrong.com/Adams)



DAY 2

## THE FIX TAPPAHANNOCK, VIRGINIA

It's such a small, simple word.

And yet, for church planting missionaries **Fred and Casey Weymouth**, "fix" is a multipurpose word with a variety of meanings—some sad, some sacred.

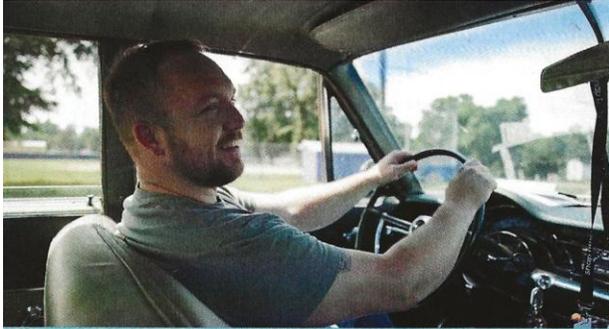
In a previous life, Fred and Casey were homeless heroin addicts, and a "fix" was a shameful thing. "We spent many nights sleeping in the backseat of our car," Fred says. "Every waking moment was chasing the next fix." But when Fred and Casey met Christ, "something," Casey says, "got rearranged inside us. We'd been through every program and nothing worked until we came to the Lord. Turns out, Jesus was our fix. He transformed us and called us to ministry."

Fred and Casey started a residential recovery and discipleship program for those trapped in addiction and living on the streets of Richmond. It was appropriately enough called "The Fix." Out of that grew a church plant that now ministers to those in recovery, their families, and the local community. "We're seeing things we never thought possible," Fred says. "We have junkies receiving Christ, then never picking up a needle again. Only Jesus can make that happen. He is the ultimate Fix."

### PRAY FOR

- Students in The Fix's recovery and discipleship program to grow in their walk with Christ.
- More encounters on the streets of Richmond that lead to gospel conversations.
- Opportunities for Fred and Casey to start similar ministries and church plants in other cities.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Weymouth1](https://AnnieArmstrong.com/Weymouth1)



DAY 3

## WHERE THERE'S A WILL TAPPAHANNOCK, VIRGINIA

Will Buchanan cleans up well.

Every Sunday morning, Will, the pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Hanover, Virginia, shows up wearing his best gray suit. He's definitely not what he once was.

"I used to be lost in addiction," he says. "First it was pills, then heroin. And if I could've found anything worse, I would've done that too. But then God radically changed me, and now I don't even look like the person I used to be."

Will is one of **Fred Weymouth's** favorite success stories. They met when Will was at his drug-addicted worst, not long after Fred, along with his wife, **Casey**, started The Fix, a church plant and residential recovery program aimed at reaching people who are struggling with homelessness, drug addiction, and alcoholism.

"We spend a year with people," Fred says. "We walk them through recovery, we teach them about Jesus, and now we also make sure we introduce them to Will. When he came here, God made him a new person. Our students see him pastoring and can know God has a plan for their lives, too."

### PRAY FOR

- God to thoroughly equip Will so he can lead his new church well.
- The men and women at The Fix to discover the gospel purpose God has for their lives.
- Fred and others at The Fix to build witnessing relationships with people who need healing and hope.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Weymouth2](http://AnnieArmstrong.com/Weymouth2)



DAY 4

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS MONTREAL, QUEBEC

"At first, people look at you like you're a unicorn."

That's the initial reaction **Andrew Mark and Petra Adil** get when they strike up gospel conversations with people in downtown Montreal.

"Quebec is less than 1% evangelical and very ethnically diverse," Andrew Mark says. "So when people here meet a Christian, they're actually very curious. They ask all kinds of questions like, 'How can we know the Bible is true?' or 'What's the difference between your God and my god?'"

Every Friday night, Andrew Mark and his evangelism team—"And when we say, 'team'" he says, "we mean our whole church"—go out to the busy sidewalks lined with restaurants and shops to talk with people. "Answering questions, sharing the gospel," he says, "it's our favorite thing to do."

It's not surprising, then, that their church plant is growing faster than anyone ever imagined. "For us to baptize ten people in our first year and then to double in size in less than two years—that's unheard of in Montreal," Andrew Mark says. "Only a big God can take a small church plant like ours and do such amazing things."

### PRAY FOR

- More fruit to come from Friday night on-the-street gospel conversations.
- God to call and equip church planting interns out of Andrew Mark's church who will help plant more new works.
- More Christians to come and share Christ with the 99% of people in Quebec who are lost.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Adil](http://AnnieArmstrong.com/Adil)



DAY 5

## RAISED FROM THE DEAD MARRERO, LOUISIANA

Church business meetings are not normally fertile ground for happy accidents.

But Ames Boulevard Baptist Church's tiny remnant of elderly members unintentionally set a miracle in motion when they voted to hire **Troy Gause** to mow their grass.

"That's how I got to know the church," Troy says. "I started taking care of their property and learned how they'd dwindled down to just a few faithful members. They were probably just a couple months away from closing their doors."

When longtime Ames members like Linda Morrow realized "Troy Gause, Landscaper" was also "Troy Gause, Church Planting Missionary," they began to pray.

"He'd just started a church but needed a place to meet," she says. "When we met, it was so clear God was putting us together to replant something new."

Now, the sign out front says Cross Community Church, and the name is not the only thing that's changed. "There's life back in this building," Troy says, "Baptisms are happening, salvations are happening, and this church has been raised from the dead."

### PRAY FOR

- Humility and understanding as members of Cross Community Church face change.
- The new believers Troy has baptized to grow in their faith.
- Growth and a gospel witness that the surrounding community will see and be drawn to.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Gause1](http://AnnieArmstrong.com/Gause1)



DAY 6

## A GOD-SIZED STORY MARRERO, LOUISIANA

It was the parking lot that got their attention.

Leon and Javon Every had been driving by the Baptist church on Ames Boulevard for years, but they'd never seen anything momentous happening there. It wasn't until one morning when they noticed a suddenly packed parking lot that their curiosity got the better of them.

"Out of the blue," Javon says, "we said, 'We should go to that church.' So the next Sunday, we went. And the rest is history."

That new life at an old church was the result of God calling church planting missionaries **Troy and Chanel Gause**. They joined with the struggling congregation of what had been Ames Boulevard Baptist Church and, together, they birthed Cross Community Church to reach people like the Everys.

"The Everys were unchurched," Troy says. "We got to know them and learned that even though they'd been together for 35 years, they weren't married."

"They gave us a beautiful wedding, and we kept going back every Sunday," Javon says. "We brought our family, and seven of our kids and grandkids got saved. It's amazing. I always wanted us all to follow Jesus, and this new church—this is how it happened."

### PRAY FOR

- More of Leon and Javon's family to hear the gospel and give their lives to Christ.
- God to draw more unchurched families from the surrounding community to the new church.
- Troy and Chanel to continue to faithfully represent Christ and His kingdom.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Gause2](http://AnnieArmstrong.com/Gause2)



DAY 7

## DREAM BIG RÍO GRANDE, PUERTO RICO

Their church plant is small. But their vision is big.

When **Oscar Ortiz** started Iglesia Bautista Esperanza Eterna in Río Grande, Puerto Rico, he knew one new church would not be enough.

“Here, there are 46,000 people and almost no gospel witness,” Oscar says. “We can’t wait until we have lots of people and resources. We need to plant more churches now.”

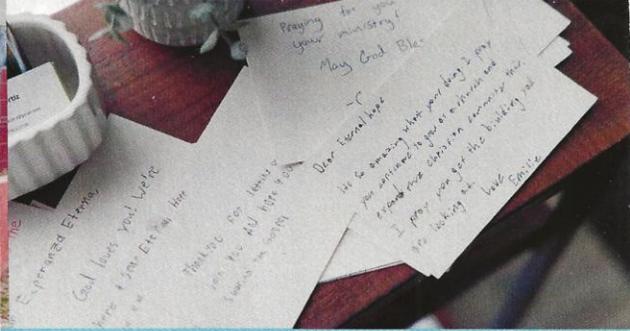
Fortunately, Oscar and his wife, **Wendy**, have help. Send Relief, Southern Baptists’ compassion ministry arm, is sending volunteer mission teams to Loíza, a needy community where Oscar and Wendy hope to plant another new work. “Loíza is a spiritually dark place,” Wendy says, “but by serving the community, Send Relief is helping open doors for us there. They’re repairing homes and enabling us to build witnessing relationships.”

Now, a foundation is being laid for what will one day be a new church in Loíza. “We want to be a church plant that plants churches,” Oscar says. “And even though we’re small, now we’re seeing how God is able to do so much more with us than we can imagine.”

### PRAY FOR

- Send Relief teams to connect Oscar and Wendy to more people in Loíza who are open to hearing the gospel.
- God to raise up leaders in the church plant who can help start and grow a new work in Loíza.
- Doors to open in other nearby communities that need a gospel presence.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Ortiz](https://AnnieArmstrong.com/Ortiz)



DAY 8

## MORE THAN A GIFT

There’s a group of people with a unique view of how God abundantly uses the Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Those are the featured missionaries.

**Jefferson and Carol Hernandez** were profiled in 2024. Afterward, their church plant in Sterling, Virginia, more than doubled in size. “We heard from thousands of churches that were praying for us,” Jefferson says. “God answered those prayers in a big way.”

Churches all over North America also heard **Josh and Beth Glymph’s** ministry story and sent mission teams to Jacksonville, Florida, to help reach their community. “Now, we have more churches coming and partnering with us,” Josh says. “You can’t put a price tag on that.”

Thousands of encouragement cards and letters from church groups and individuals—“it felt like a tsunami”—landed in **Matt and Ruth Lahey’s** mailbox in St. John’s, Newfoundland. “We’re not alone,” Matt says. “Just knowing that fueled us to keep going in planting our church.”

God is going above and beyond through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. You are a vital part. Your prayer for a missionary is more than a few spoken words. Your gift is much more than a gift.

### PRAY FOR

- North American missionaries to reach more lost people who need the hope and love of Christ.
- North American missionaries to have all the resources and encouragement they need to plant churches and meet needs.
- God to call and equip more missionaries to make Jesus known in North America.

Watch the story at [AnnieArmstrong.com/MoreThanAGift](https://AnnieArmstrong.com/MoreThanAGift)