



What is the worst possible news you might ever receive? I've been asked before to go with officials who had to inform someone that a member of their family had died, or been killed. News doesn't get any worse than that. There are local officials who are responsible for sharing that when it's necessary, and members of the armed forces who have to make the trip and tell a family that their loved one will not be coming home. For families connected to the military, that is the one visit they never want to receive. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell was President of New Orleans Seminary from 1946 to 1958; prior to that he pastored several churches. During World War II he was contacted by the War Department and asked to go see a local mother and give her a message. His heart began to sink, but then they told him, "This is the message: she has been informed of the death of her son. We want you to go see her and tell her that her son has now been found, alive and well." Imagine the opportunity to deliver that message! The worst possible news had given way, had been transformed, into the best possible news she could ever receive. That's what happened on the first Easter Sunday morning – the worst possible news from the previous Friday, was transformed into the best possible news any of us could ever hope to receive. This Easter, consider why that's such good news for you or, if you don't know, by all means find out!

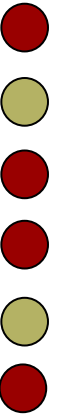
On Sunday morning in the Sunrise service, we'll look at the Easter story in Mark 6: 1 – 8 and think about one strange detail that Seems to stand out. In morning worship we'll read Acts 13: 16, 28 – 39, which answers one important question about the Easter story: so what? Then on Sunday evening, in James 4: 1 – 10 we'll learn how to avoid "I" disease. learn about two kinds of wisdom, and which one you should be living by. Now where else could be more important than the Lord's house, with His people, on His day? There's nowhere else to be on Easter Sunday. Or any other Sunday.

Bro Dean



REMINDERS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 5

- Deacon of the Week — J. McGee
- Offering: Deacons Ushers: L. Womack, J. Higgins
- 3T Nursery — C. Odom, K. McGee, A. McCrary, C. Schwartz
- Children's Message — L. Davis
- Security — E. Bostedt, J. Woodin, B. Davenport
- Scripture Readers — J. and L. Sledge



CHURCH SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

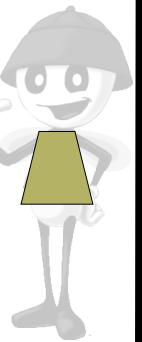
9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:30 Awana
5:30 Adult Discipleship
6:30 Worship

WEDNESDAY

6:00 Children's Missions
6:00 Youth Group
6:00 Prayer Meeting
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

AWANA

**No Club
Sunday Tonight**



THE POWER OF PRAYING, MEDITATING, AND CLAIMING GOD'S WORD

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, let us "meditate" deeply and shout with "joy" in these Verses. Without the death and resurrection we would have no hope. But praise God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, we have hope in Him!

Matthew 28:6 KJV "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay."

John 11:25-26 KJV "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life. He that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet he shall live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

Annie Armstrong

**Week of Prayer for American
Missions & Easter Offering**

FBC Goal — \$17,000



FBC Giving — \$9,369

Final Sunday to Give

W ATTENTION GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS

We are looking for someone to take over caring for the flowerbed out in front of the church. Please contact Jeff Todd (Beth) or the office if you are willing.

**Thank you to Glenda and Richie
for beautifying our landscape
over the years. We so appreciate
your love and attention to detail!**



EASTER SCHEDULE

— Thursday, April 2 —

Holy Thursday Service 7:00 pm
with observance of the Lord's Supper

— Sunday, April 5 —

Sunrise Service 6:30 am
with breakfast following

Regular Schedule for Sunday School,
Morning Worship and Evening Worship

MISSIONLAB 2026
New Orleans, July 5-10
Is God Calling You?
\$266.00

*To join the group, give your name and a \$50 deposit
to the church office or Brother Dean.*

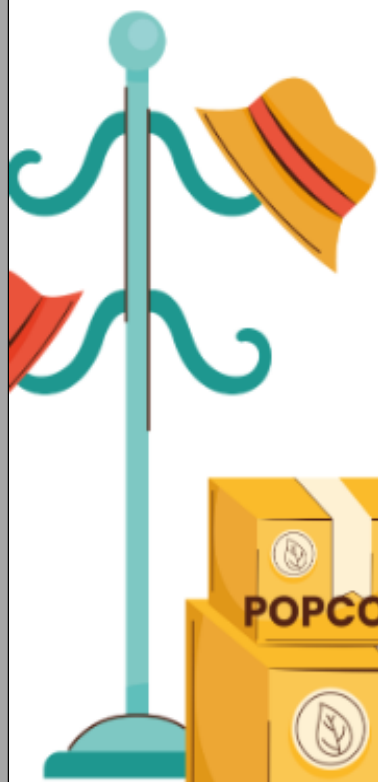
3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF WOODBURY

MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY
APRIL 11th
7:00 AM**

INDOOR
RAIN OR SHINE



- Electronics
- Baby & kids items
- Clothing & Shoes (all sizes)

**Cash & Venmo
payments accepted**



- Tools
- Furniture
- Home goods

**413 W. MAIN ST
WOODBURY, TN**



MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER

FBC WOODBURY WILL BE
ATTENDING ON:

APRIL 17 ONLY!

@ FIRST BAPTIST DICKSON
DICKSON, TN

FOR MORE INFO OR TO RESERVE A SPOT CONTACT MORGAN BOSTEDT

SAVE THE DATE

APRIL 18, 2026

9 AM | FIRST BAPTIST WOODBURY

INVITE A FRIEND AND BRING A DISH

Time In His Presence:
Where ordinary meets the extraordinary
Experience God's extraordinary love!

FBC
Women's Breakfast



Tuesday, April 21st

Miss Mary Bobo's

. . .Leaving Church at 11:30 am. . .

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board across from the choir room. Don't miss the fun!

The April 21 senior adult trip to Miss Mary Bobo's will be a unique dining experience. We are going to have to pay the restaurant up front. **Once you sign up to go, please make a check to the church for \$35.31 and give it to Tammy in the office. This will include your meal and gratuity.** If you find you are unable to go, the amount will be refundable up to 5 days before the trip. This is more expensive than what we have done before, but remember, there was no cost for the lunch and session on wills and estates. Lunch was provided by the church (and Lela Woodin), and the Cowan Law Firm didn't charge for their services. When you factor that in, it makes the amount more palatable. We certainly hope we have a good number to go on April 21. We will also need to adjust the time we leave the church to 11:30, rather than 10:30. It is important that we get everyone signed up early, so we will be able to tell the restaurant how many to expect.

EASTER
blessings



WELCOME HAYS ROBERT HIGGINS



Congratulations
to Andy and Kate
Higgins

Born March 27, 2026 @ 11:35 am
8lb 7 oz, 20 1/2" long

FBC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Meat / Cereal

Your gifts help many.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40

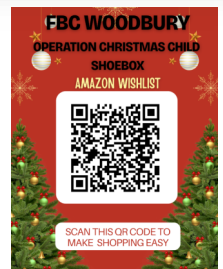
If you have an American Flag that needs a respectful disposal, please place it in the box in the back lobby by the rear door & it will be taken care of for you by the Warrior 180 Foundation.

<https://warrior180.org/>



OCC NEEDS FOR APRIL

Boys and Girls Small Socks, Pencils, Erasers
Boys Underwear Needed (All Sizes)
Bibles (See Phil Purvis to order)



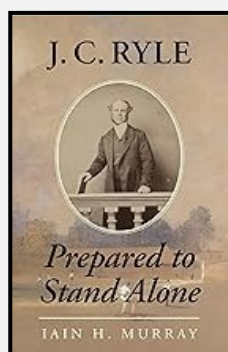
**THE
BUSINESS
MEETING**

**HAS BEEN
MOVED TO
WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 15TH**

WE ARE ALL
CALLED
TO SERVE

Mark 10:45

Where are you plugged in



Church Library Resource of the Week

Prepared to Stand Alone by Iain H. Murray

Iain H. Murray has put together a compelling biography of J. C. Ryle's life and ministry. Ryle believed in definite doctrine, in a message which does not adjust to the times, in revival, and in the living Christ. He knew that all the great turning points of church history have been attended with controversy and that there are times when controversy is not only a duty but a benefit. J. C. Ryle's life is convincing evidence that Christianity stands or falls depending on its relation to the word of God and to the Holy Spirit.

Reading Through The Bible

April 2026

3. OT - Judg. 19, 20, 21; NT - Luke 7:31-50
4. OT - Ruth 1, 2, 3, 4; NT - Luke 8:1-25
5. OT - I Sam. 1, 2, 3; NT - Luke 8:26-56
6. OT - I Sam. 4, 5, 6; NT - Luke 9:1-17
7. OT - I Sam. 7, 8, 9; NT - Luke 9:18-36
8. OT - I Sam. 10, 11, 12; NT - Luke 9:37-62
9. OT - I Sam. 13, 14; NT - Luke 10:1-24

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

SUNDAY EVENINGS

at 5:30 pm

**“Easter is meant to be a symbol
of hope, renewal and new life.”**



NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving,
Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).



Cross Community Church
New Orleans, Louisiana

TROY AND CHANEL GAUSE

DAY 5: God's Not Done Here (Part 1)

They didn't know how much longer they had left. But they knew it wasn't long. "It was bad," Linda Morrow said. "We had no money, no people. We were just barely getting by with a handful of senior citizens."

Linda still struggles to talk about when she was one of the last surviving members of Ames Boulevard Baptist Church in Marrero, Louisiana. "I'd been here since 1971. My whole life was wrapped up in this place, and I never imagined it might close. But that's exactly where we were headed. It was heartbreaking."

When she and the rest of Ames Boulevard Baptist Church's remnant reached out to Troy Gause at GT&C Lawncare, they had no idea they'd finally found their way forward. They were, after all, just looking for somebody to mow the church's grass.

"They called asking if I could come take care of their property," Troy shared. "That's how I ended up learning about them—how they used to be a church that was growing and reaching their community, how the neighborhood changed but they didn't, and how everything all seemed to go downhill from there."

Hiring Troy to take care of the lawn at Ames Boulevard Baptist Church turned out to be the happiest of accidents, because back then "Troy Gause, landscaper" was also "Troy Gause, church-planting missionary." He and his wife, Chanel, had just launched a new work and, coincidentally or not, were looking for a meeting space.

"We started off in a house, but we outgrew that pretty fast," Troy explained, "so we'd been praying about finding somewhere else we could go. I asked the people at Ames about renting their fellowship hall, and they said, 'Sure, but first, let's have a joint worship service so we can get to know each other.'"

Troy still remembers the date: September 11, 2022. "Something happened in that service. We all just fell in love with each other and sensed God calling us to do something together."

After months of meetings—"Oh, we prayed and prayed and prayed," Linda said—Ames Boulevard Baptist Church and Troy's church plant team decided to join forces and replant an entirely new church.

"I'll be honest, at first it was really hard," Linda recalled. "I'm old and kind of set in my ways, and doing something new meant feeling like we had to change almost everything around here. But we all wanted the same thing—we wanted to reach our community—and in the end, that's really all that mattered."

Now the sign outside the building says Cross Community Church. And inside the building, "the excitement is back," Troy added. "We had 22 baptisms our first two years, we're growing like crazy, and old folks, new folks, and even people out in the community are seeing how God is powerful enough to raise a church from the dead. Yeah, now everybody knows God's definitely not done here."



DAY 6: What God Has Joined Together (Part 2)

In almost every way possible, Leon and Javon Every looked like the traditional heads of a traditional household. Childhood sweethearts who were still very much in love, they had successfully raised four children, were growing old together, and proudly showed photos of their 14 beautiful grandchildren.

The Everys were remarkably traditional in every way—but one.

"When we first met Leon and Javon," said Troy Gause, "they'd been together 35 years, but they'd never been married."

Troy Gause is a North American Mission Board church-planting missionary in New Orleans who, several years ago, joined forces with the then-struggling Ames Boulevard Baptist Church to replant a new work, Cross Community Church, just down the road from the Everys' home. "Ames Boulevard Baptist was just a couple of months from closing, but they didn't want to leave this neighborhood without a gospel witness. That's why we replanted something together—because there were so many unchurched families here like the Everys."

The church's parking lot first got Leon and Javon's attention. "We'd been driving by that church for years, and nothing much ever seemed to be happening there," Javon recalled. "But then one day we passed by and noticed that the parking lot was full. There were cars everywhere. And out of the blue, Leon said, 'We should go to that church.' So the next Sunday, we went. And the rest is history."

The Everys hadn't been to a church of any kind for years. Still, when they visited Cross Community, they liked what they found. "They treated us just like we were family," Leon shared. They kept going back—even when, after getting to know them better, Troy and his wife, Chanel, asked about their nontraditional living arrangements. When they asked "Why aren't you married?", Leon remembers responding, "I don't know, I guess we just never got around to it."

For Leon and Javon, first came love, then came gospel conversations, then—finally—came marriage. "Troy talked to us about marriage and what it symbolized, and then the church gave us a beautiful wedding," Javon said. "That meant so much. We started bringing our family to church, and what happened then was just crazy. 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."

Now, in a place where one church almost died, the Everys are an important part of a new church that is very much alive. "I love the story of Mr. Leon and Mrs. Javon," Troy shared. "Seeing their family come to the Lord, and then seeing all the other people we've been able to baptize since we replanted here—it brings tears to my eyes and joy to my heart, and it lets us know that God put us here for a purpose."

Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Melissa Burnett	Ashlyn Hare	David, Charlene Odom
Patrick, Karie Cecil	Drunell Higgins	Benton Parker
Bobby Davenport	Randall Holt	Brandon Schwartz
Darrell & Lou Goins	Richie Hunter	MaryWells Smith
Cecil Gregory	Andy McCrary	

Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed

Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)	Mary Headley (Mike Parks)
Cara Anderson (Dean Anderson)	Ryan, Jessica Hellman (Morgan Bostedt)
Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)	Brenda Hinderliter (Penny DiGiacomo)
Tony Brown (Jimmy Nichols)	Joe Mike Hodge (Kaylee Rogers)
Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)	Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)
Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)	Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Roy Brigman (Marily Ault)	Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
AnnaHaillie Brown (MaryWells Smith)	Betty King (Cindy Anderson)
Randy Burnett (Tony Burnett)	Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)
Marcella Byers (Randall Byers)	Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
Buck Campbell (Tony Burnett)	Ross Nichols (Jimmy Nichols)
Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)	Andy, Judy Norman (Amy Matthews)
Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)	Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)
Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)	Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)	Family of Bob Purvis (Phil Purvis)
Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)	Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)	Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)	Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)	David, Pat Tomlinson (Carlene Thomlinson)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)	Gary Waddel (Jimmy Nichols)
Emily Basinger Foster (Judy Campbell)	Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)
Linda Freeman (Hannah Herron)	Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)	Bill Wilson (Tony Burnett)
Chris Gerbman (Tammy Wies)	

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson

Homebound:

Martha Burke, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

Missionaries:

Phil/Laura Metcalf, Angela Dawson, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

Church Staff:

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

Military:

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Kevin Walkup, Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

College Students:

Cathan Cecil, Jacob Sledge, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

Active Deacons:

Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies, Douglas Jennings, Jason McGee

Church Matters:

Mission trip and Nunez Church in Buenos Aires, MissionLab group; WMU; Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; nation & leaders; Gideons; the lost

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**