

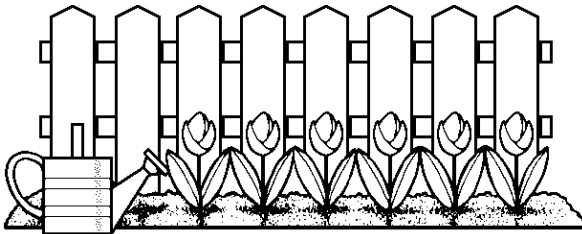
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# THE MISSION



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## APRIL



**2016 Easter Missions Offering**  
**Church Goal is \$18,000**

Our collection began on Easter Sunday, and will be distributed as follows:

- ♦ 50% Alma Hunt Offering for VA Baptist Missions
- ♦ 25% Annie Armstrong Offering for N. America
- ♦ 25% Associational Offering for Camp Alkulana

Let's give sacrificially to support many important ministries in Virginia and around the nation.

### Broadus 101

Sunday, April 10th at 10:00 AM  
(during Sunday School)

Are you interested in learning more about Broadus Church and what it means to be a member here? Join in on this informative question and answer session with Pastor Phil. It's a great way to meet others new to the church, and to top it off, snacks are provided! We will meet in the music suite, room 240. Email [phil@broadusmbc.org](mailto:phil@broadusmbc.org) or call 779-2700 if you would like to attend.

### CARITAS!

Our guests will be arriving on Saturday evening, April 2nd and will be with us at night for one week. A big "Thank You" to everyone who has volunteered for set-up, clean-up, food preparation, laundry, overnight hosting, relationship building and more. This is an important ministry!



April 16 **FREE!** 11am - 2pm

### SPRING FLING 2016

Stop by the information table in the Commons to pick up some invitations for your friends & neighbors **AND** to sign up to volunteer! There are lots of places to plug in & join the fun! Baked Goodies for the Cupcake Walk may be delivered to the kitchen in the Community Building beginning Sunday, April 10th.

FREE FOOD GAMES & PRIZES!

WOW! GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON!

# April 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>SUNDAY MORNING</b>            8:45 - Traditional Service            10:00 - Sunday School            11:00 - Contemporary Service         </div>					1	2
					For more information about Broadus Church and a PDF of this Mission newsletter, visit <a href="http://www.broaduschurch.org">www.broaduschurch.org</a> .	
<b>C A R I T A S Ministry— April 2-9</b>						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
4:30-Youth Band 6:30-The Gathering		9:45-Broadus Bells	5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:15 Choir Practice	6:30-Praise Team		
10 10:00-Broadus 101 1:00-Prayer Shawl  4:30-Youth Band 6:30-Connect Grps	11	12 9:45-Broadus Bells	13  5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:15 Choir Practice	14  6:30-Praise Team	15	16  11:00 am—2:00 pm <b>Spring Fling!</b>
17  4:30-Personnel 4:30-Youth Band 6:30-Connect Grps	18	19 9:45-Broadus Bells	20  5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:15 Choir Practice	21  6:30-Praise Team	22	23  Disciples Class Cookout
24  4:00-Hebron Mtg. 4:30-Youth Band 6:30-Connect Grps	25	26 9:45-Broadus Bells	27  5:15 Dinner 6-7:15 Programs 7:15 Choir Practice	28  6:30-Praise Team	29	30
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           Women's Retreat         </div>	
					<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           Youth Spring Retreat 4/29-5/1         </div>	



Jesus grew up a carpenter by trade, but I think deep in his chest beat the heart of a farmer. Jesus loved to tell stories about soil & weeds, vineyards & fruit trees, planting & harvesting.

He would often begin by saying, *“The kingdom of heaven is like this...”* Of course, all of his listeners could identify with his illustrations because they lived in an agricultural society. Almost everyone in that day, farmer or not, tended some form of garden to provide for their family.

I learn a lot of important lessons from gardening. The first thing is this: *If you never sow, you never reap.* Last year I dug up my old asparagus bed because the roots got old and stopped being productive. I know I should put some new roots in the ground right now, but it’s hard to get motivated because I know they will take several years to mature and bear a good crop. Still, if I don’t do the planting, I will never enjoy the rewards. In the same way, we all need to stop procrastinating about sharing the good news of Christ. How can we expect our children, friends or neighbors to come to faith if we never tell them what God has done in our lives, or never invite them to hear the gospel? We need to do some planting for the kingdom!

The second lesson is this: *Once you sow, have patience.* We all like to see instant results, but neither vegetable nor kingdom growth are generally like that. Don’t despair. God will bring about a harvest in His own time. We need to keep on planting and watering for Him (1 Cor. 3:6).

And finally, in the words of the Apostle Paul, *“A man reaps what he sows”* (Gal. 6:7). This “Law of the Harvest” is true of both quantity and quality. You can’t sow sparingly and expect to reap abundantly. Neither do bad seeds produce good results. The first time I planted asparagus I planted expensive and cheap roots side by side. And surprise! There was always a marked difference in the size and vitality of the shoots. Let’s remember to give God our best. He will honor the excellence and diligence we offer Him.

Galatians 6:9 says, *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”* This is the lesson of the asparagus. There are plenty of opportunities ahead of us. Happy gardening for God!

*Pastor Phil*

## Hebron Happenings Meeting Sunday April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00

I am trusting God that by the time you read this several things will have happened: we will have closed on the Hebron property in King William County, we will have worshipped the Lord at an incredible Easter Sunrise Service there, and there will be an air of excitement about what God has planned. We can now start our visioning and our labor toward bringing new life to the Hebron Campus!



The Hebron Campus is a ministry of Broadus, so we are all called to play a part whether we are worshipping there or at the main campus on Pole Green. Maybe you would like to help with renovations to the building, handing out fliers to neighbors, helping with big outreach events, or some other task. We do not want the whole church to go to King William (let’s face it, we would not fit), but we do need a few— maybe a “tithe” of our people to be missionaries in King William.

Some people may know they are called to help in King William. You need to know how you are called to serve. Hopefully the spiritual gifts study has let you learn about yourself. Almost everything we do at the main campus will need to be replicated at Hebron. We need people to care for the property, greet guests at the doors, lead music, teach Sunday School, do outreach, care for the children, plus a whole lot more. How are YOU willing to serve? Please let me know!!

At the meeting you will hear the latest plans for the Hebron Campus. We will break into teams to discuss the different areas of work. If you feel called to serve in multiple areas, that’s fine. We will have lots to do. I think the Holy Spirit will be busy, as well.

—Jeff Poythress, Min. of Missions

## Spring Bible Studies for Adults

6:00-7:15 Wednesday Evenings beginning April 6

- ◆ The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. This is a great book study for anyone who has not yet done it. Janet Wright will lead a group in Room 251, but other groups may be formed as needed. Cost is \$10.
- ◆ A Study of the Book of Hebrews. Pastor Phil will lead this Bible study about the supremacy of Christ in Room 105/107.
- ◆ Gospel Revolution by J.D. Greear. This men’s study involves reading through and discussing all four New Testament gospels. Jeff Poythress will lead this in Room 101.

6:45-7:45 Sunday Evenings beginning April 10

- ◆ Made to Crave by Lysa TerKeurst. This women’s study will be led by Temple Foster in Room 254. The cost is \$5.

## Broadus Youth! Belong. Believe. Become.

Praising God for what He is doing in our Youth Ministry!

### Upcoming Events—

- ◆ **Sunday, April 3 at 6:30—“The Gathering”** - a youth worship experience....
- ◆ **Apr. 29-May 1— Spring Retreat @ Watermarks Camp.** Sign up at youth table. Cost is \$100 Deposit due Mar 6 & balance due April 3. Theme is “Act-Love-Walk” from Micah 6:8.
- ◆ **June 12— Youth Sunday & SR Recognition Day.**
- ◆ **July 11-16— FUGÉ Camp @ North Greenville Univ. in Greenville, SC**

Don’t miss our weekly Sunday School at 10:00, and Wednesday night “Elevate” at 6:00-7:15 pm in the Community Building.

# Broadus Bulletin Board

## Welcome New Members

**Andrea Holt**  
8147 Atlee Road  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

**Hebron Campus  
Ministry Interest Meeting**  
Sunday, April 24 at 4:00  
(Read Jeff's article on page 3.)

## Newsletter by Email

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email instead of paper, please contact [office@broadusmbc.org](mailto:office@broadusmbc.org) to request the change. List all family email addresses that wish to be included. It's also available at [www.BroadusChurch.org](http://www.BroadusChurch.org).

Don't forget that on 3rd Monday nights (April 16), *Stevi B* donates a portion of the profits to MCEF. Mention MCEF at the register.

## Mobile Classroom Update

Our new classrooms have passed the county inspections and are now in use! There are still cosmetic improvements to be made, but many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen.

Food Collection for MCEF:  
April = Pasta Sauce

## Music & Worship Arts Camp July 18-22 at Eagle Eyrie

This is a great opportunity for 4th-8th graders to participate in music and other creative styles of worship. Sign up now! The cost is \$175. Sign up in the Commons or talk to Carol Golden for more information.

Dover Baptist Association  
Spring Meeting  
Sunday, May 1st, 2016  
3:00-5:00 PM  
Gwathmey Baptist, Ashland

The featured speaker will be Dover Music Committee chairperson Pam Cross. She will share a testimony regarding the tragic death of her daughter, Meg Menzies. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are a church member and would like to be a voting messenger, please contact Ted Chewning or Pastor Phil.

## FUN! Friday

May 6th  
5:30 - 8:30

## Women's Book Club

Our next meeting of the Ladies Book Club will be Monday, May 16, at 6:30 pm in the Community Building. We will be discussing the book "Mister Owita's Guide to Gardening" by Carol Wall.



## The April Mission

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