



February/March 2023

## 2023 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer

**2023 National Goal: \$70 million**

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) exists to help every church take its next step in missions and encourage every believer to live on mission. NAMB's mission field is the United States, Canada and the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. This region contains diverse ethnic groups, languages and religions.

Approximately 269 million people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Through your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® and the Cooperative Program, NAMB supports more than 5,000 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains who serve in difficult places where the gospel is often not welcome.

### **The Week of Prayer for North American**

**Missions: March 5-12, 2023**

The Week of Prayer is annually observed by SBC churches to specifically pray for missionaries on the field, the needs of their ministries and the needs of their families. Prayer is the fuel enabling God to spiritually and emotionally sustain missionaries in places where the gospel is greatly needed, but often opposed.



# DREAM

## Church Conference

DESIGN • REACH • ENGAGE • ACTIVATE • MOBILIZE

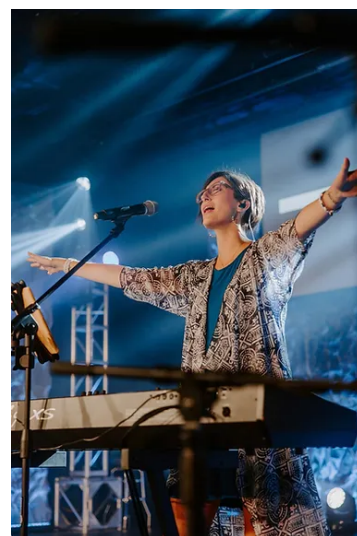
### Oak Ridge Church, in Salisbury MD, will host their 11th annual Dream Church Conference on March 2-3.

In just over a decade, the popular conference has been instrumental in training 1,272 church leaders regionally and 2,886 globally in seven countries, including Kenya, India, China, Macedonia, Japan, Togo, and Benin. It is specifically designed for church leaders and volunteers who dream of a healthy and growing church.

Senior Pastor Brian Moss will share how early in his pastorate, he went to conferences that sparked a dream for his church in his heart. But he didn't know where to begin. "So, over the years, we began to learn the tools and the methods and the systems to help begin to bring a dream to a reality," Moss said, explaining the DREAM Church Conference shares what Oak Ridge has learned. "We believe that everything we've learned, we can teach others. And if we can do it, you can do it."

Conference sessions will teach participants the following D.R.E.A.M.

- **D**esigning weekend services that unchurched people love to attend, building a crowd, and then from there,
- **R**eaching people with the Gospel and recovering the wounded and the hurting in this world;
- **E**ngaging people in authentic community through small groups and then growth opportunities through the church's class system;
- **A**ctivating members into ministry and service, and
- **M**obilizing those folks into fulfilling God's mission, not only in their local city, community, and country but also globally across the world.



The conference will also cover keys to creating a great guest experience; ways to build a service lost people will love; keys to preaching to the unchurched; effectively reaching your community; steps to get people serving, and practices that get them out of the pews and into the streets.

There are also multiple breakout sessions for various areas of ministry.

Rick Hancock, the pastor of Emmanuel Church in Huntingtown, will be a guest speaker along with Moss and other Oak Ridge staff.

For more information and to register, visit the DREAM Church Conference website :

<https://www.thedreamchurchconference.com/>



*\*hosted at Covenant Church\**

# CHURCH PLANTING, COHORT

We are proud to have launched over 200 churches, and the GlocalNet process is intentional and tested. Our training is not model-specific or denominational. Our training is not model-specific or denominational. Whatever the model of church you plan on planting, our training will equip you and prepare you. We don't want you to plant a better church, we want you to plant a different church centered on Jesus and His Kingdom!

Our rich curriculum guides deeper teaching into the GlocalNet approach through in-person training with some of the top church planters in the US.

**WHO WE ARE:** GlocalNet is a family of churches that exists to mobilize church members to engage society and create flourishing communities. We build and execute models with church planting in the public square to engage cities and nations. We start churches for the world!

## Details of this Cohort Training

The cohort is a training that consists of two segments designed to teach you Kingdom DNA and enable you to plant a church that engages the city and the world. Our Kingdom DNA focuses on four principles: Kingdom, Disciple, Society & Church. We engage where God's Kingdom is at work in our cities, making disciples who engage every part of society so that the church of Jesus is built, grows in a healthy way & multiplies. Come learn from some of the best church planting pastors in the World.

## What does GlocalNet Supply?

**Curriculum:** KingdomDNA training curriculum

**Post-Training Coaching:** After one has successfully completed the intensives, coaching will be available for those wanting to move forward (extra fees applied)

**Post-assessment:** If one is ready to plant a church, we help facilitate a detailed 360-degree post-cohort assessment for each participant that is desiring to plant, or use an existing assessment you may have already had (there is a separate cost for assessment)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT THE WEBSITE :**

<https://glocal.net/event/church-planting-cohort-dc/>

# Dave's Corner

aka Free Stuff to help Churches!



I hope you are all doing well! I am Pastor Dave Hays, and I manage equipment and vehicles for BRBA. We have a LOT of items that have been donated to help our churches in storage, and by way of this article every 60 days - we plan on drawing your attention to some of the things that we have that are FREE for your church to use, or in some cases - call your own at NO COST to you!

All that you need to do is **reserve on the BRBA website**. If you are searching for something specific, use the drop down menu to find Equipment Reservations and hit

"other item". Let me know what you are in need of and I will let you know if we have it!

**This month we want to highlight some things that may help your music ministry. We have microphones and stands, music stands, keyboard, speakers, choral music, sheet music, and even a few hymn books (remember those?). Let me know if we can help.**

**Contact me at [Dave@blueridgebaptist.org](mailto:Dave@blueridgebaptist.org) and I'll be happy to make arrangements for you to come to our storage facility in Hagerstown and take a peek at what we have.**



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## *Beautiful Organ in Need of a Home!*



This is an organ that was given to Berean Baptist church many years ago. An organ did not fit the Music Pastor's style of ministry, so it ended up at the home of one of the members of Faith Baptist Church who is planning to move. She wants to give it to a church or an individual who is interested in learning to play it. It works! It is free for the taking. Please contact Faith Baptist Church in Knoxville MD - 301-834-7755



## Your Prayers Are Needed

Pastor Dilantha Arachilage of the SriLanken mission church, who is recovering from heart surgery. He had 3 blocked valves repaired and received 2 stints.

*Please pray for the Pastor of Virginia Avenue Baptist Church, Jerry Cooper and his wife Barb - as their youngest son Michael went home to heaven on January 29th. We have few details at this time, but Jerry has asked for prayer for their family.*

DOM Bruce Conley who is on a waiting list to receive a heart ablation surgery, and also a spinal surgery.

## CHURCHES IN NEED OF PASTORS:

Please be in prayer for these churches who are in need of a Pastor who will shepherd God's flock, well. If you know a faithful Pastor who is qualified, please pass along this information.

- Adamstown Community Church
- Valley Baptist - Jefferson, MD
- Third Day Community Church - Jefferson, MD
- First Baptist Church of Frederick, MD

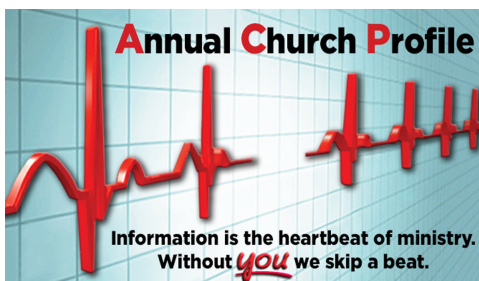


## Congrats Pastor Larry

After 38 years of pastoring, 27 of them at First Baptist of Frederick, Larry Eubanks has officially retired. The church gave him and his wife, Pam, a send-off in January. Larry plans to spend a lot more time with his grandchildren (grandson pictured here).

**\*\*We wish them well and much happiness in retirement.\*\***

## Annual Church Profile Reports are due in February!



Every year the BCM/D collects data on your church, and statistics on the previous year (2022). The ACP is an important tool to measure the health of congregations and the effectiveness of our Association, the State Convention, and often regulates funding from SBC entities such as NAMB.

**If your church has not yet submitted your Annual Church Profile report, please contact the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware by February 10th, 2023 at (800) 466-5290.**

## What's Happening!?!

### 1. **George Liele Missionary Breakfast @ Sharon Bible Fellowship Church**

February 11th 9am - 12pm

6117 Seabrook Road, Lanham MD

\*\*Please visit the BCM/D for Registration

Event is FREE & Donations accepted at event

Guest Speakers:

Zambia Partnership: Ricky Wilson

Essential Piece Ministries International:

Keiffer Bent

Testimony from Jamaica: Albert Anderson



### 2. **Disaster Relief Training @ Faith Baptist Church**

February 25th 9am - 4pm

7378 E. Furnace Branch Road Glen Burnie MD

Please visit the BCMD website for more info on this

as there are things you will need to know to prepare



### 3. **March for LIFE!!!**

February 27th 2023 - 5PM

Event Location: St Mary's Church 109 Duke of Gloucester, Annapolis

This is the first time since Roe v Wade was overturned to March for Life. With a Constitutional Amendment forthcoming from the State of Maryland, it is important for us to come out in full support of life. I pray that the BCM/D would have a noticeable presence for the glory of God!



### 4. **The 2023 Women's Conference "Strengthen & Stir"**

March 10th-11th

Event Location: South Shore Church - 725 Herald Harbor Road

Crownsville MD

Registration is online - \$35 per person

Hotel suggestions and event schedule found on BCMD website



## Clint J. Clifton 1979 - 2023 Memorial



Southern Baptists lost a dynamo on Thursday, January 12th when Pastor Clint Clifton, a church planting specialist with the North American Mission Board, tragically died in a plane crash in Georgia. Clint was 43 and leaves behind his wife of 23 years, Jennifer and five children: Noah, Ruthe, Isaiah, Betchina and Moses.

Clint worked hard in recent years to get his private pilot certification - in part so that he wouldn't have to depend on commercial flights to attend many meetings in Georgia with NAMB. His family supported his pursuits to fly.

NAMB president, Kevin Ezell said: "As we pray for and encourage Clint's family and closest friends, let's all take care of each other as we walk through the grief and shock of this moment. Nothing can prepare you for news like this, but we have a Savior who will carry us and sustain us in the days ahead."

The Clifton family lives in nearby Dumfries, VA where they planted a new church in 2005, "PILLAR CHURCH". Clint remained in service to the church he founded as an elder while helping church planters nationwide.

Teaching pastor at Pillar Church, Colby Garman said of Clifton's death that the news "comes as a tidal wave of sorrow to both the church and his family. There are not adequate words to express the feeling of loss that we have experienced."

BRBA joins with others in praying for the many close friends and family of Clint Clifton. The powerful and practical impact that poured from Clint's life will continue to produce Kingdom results for many years to come.

**The Clint Clifton Global Church Planting Fund has been established to continue the legacy of Clint Clifton in training, sending, and supporting church planting in the United States and around the world. Donations can be made by visiting [www.pillardumfries.com](http://www.pillardumfries.com)**





# Reflecting on Mountains



I have been pondering lately how God speaks to His children on mountains...

- Noah's Ark settled on the mountaintop while the floodwaters receded.
- Abraham prepared to offer God his ultimate sacrifice on Mt. Moriah.
- Moses was on Mt. Horeb when he heard God speak to him from the burning bush. It was there that God gave the 10 Commandments to mankind.
- Centuries later God spoke to Elijah on that same mountain.
- When the Israelites finally crossed into the Promised Land, they entered in between 2 mountains.
- Jesus taught the beatitudes - now known as the "Sermon on the Mount".
- Jesus' glory was revealed to Peter, James, and John "on a high mountain", while Moses and Elijah have a conversation with Christ.
- Mt. Zion is mentioned in the scriptures more than any other mountain, but the Mount of Olives is most associated with Jesus in the gospels because he often took refuge there.
- Most importantly - Jesus died on the cross for our sins on a hill called Mt. Calvary, or Golgotha.

When I was 15, I was blessed to attend a Baptist Church in Beltsville, MD where our youth group would take retreats at Camp Summit Lake in Emmitsburg, MD, and at Skycroft on South Mountain in Middletown, MD. On those retreats we were often encouraged to get off by ourselves in those mountain settings and pray to God (*although we were warned against climbing over the mountain to the north side at Camp Summit Lake, otherwise we could be met with some Secret Service men with guns assigned to protect Camp David*). It was on those trips that I often heard from God in ways that would never have transpired at home.

This week I was honored to pray for the many youth that are at the ReBoot winter camps at Skycroft. They seem to be having so much fun together. If God's work in my heart (and thousands of others over the years) is any indication, I am pretty sure that many will have a soul tugging from the Holy Spirit and will once again be able to hear from God on that mountain!

Now, in my aging years, God has seen fit to bless me with a cozy home on top of North Mountain in WV. Every morning I get to meet God on this perch and admire the beauty of His creation. Here I have the incredible blessing of being able to commune with my Lord, while I do my best to listen to His "still small voice" as I seek to follow and serve Him.

In 1 Kings 19:12, it tells us that God spoke to Elijah with "a light and silent sound". My challenge to you is that you find a perch in one of our many beautiful mountain areas in Blue Ridge, be still, and see if God isn't whispering his truth to you.

Blessings,  
Pastor Bruce Conley  
BRBA Director of Missions