

By the Numbers		Deacons on Call/Seating Hosts	
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>3/16/25</b>	<b>Mar 20 - Mar 26</b>	
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<b>Giving for the Week of</b>	<b>3/16/25</b>	<b>Mar 27 - Apr 2</b>	
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Budget Requirements	\$38,576.00		
YTD Received	\$392,809.00	Bubba Culbertson 864-554-0662	gfculbertson@gmail.com
YTD Budget Req.	\$424,331.00		
World Missions	\$800.00		
Designated	\$2,124.00	Brett Abernathy 864-980-4195	Baa_29649@yahoo.com

Family Group Night  
"The Valley of Decision"  
Genesis 14:17-20

**READ IT**

After Abram returned from defeating Kedor-Laomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. (Genesis 14:17-20)

**DISCOVER IT**

Life is full of decisions—some small, some life-changing. In Genesis 14:17-20, Abram finds himself in a valley after a great victory. Two kings approach him: The king of Sodom, representing the ways of the world, and Melchizedek, the priest-king of Salem, representing God's ways. In this moment, Abram faces a critical decision: whom will he honor? This passage reminds us that our choices reveal where our hearts truly belong.

**ASK IT**

1. Who were the two kings who approached Abram, and what did they represent? (Hint: Read about Sodom in Genesis 19 and Read about Melchizedek in Hebrews 7)
2. How did Melchizedek bless Abram? What did he say to Abram, and what does this tell us about God's provision? Why do you think Abram gave a tenth of everything to Melchizedek?
3. Have you ever faced a decision where you had to choose between honoring God or following the world's way? What happened?

**LIVE IT**

1. Realize that if you have invited God to be your Shepherd, He is always with you, even in our darkest times. You will never be alone again.
2. Realize that we do not have to fear because God protects, guides, and comforts us.
3. Realize that even in the valleys, the Lord uses these hard times to draw us closer to Him.
4. Realize that the valley experiences in life give you the ability to comfort others more effectively, as you empathize with them, and remind them of God's presence and love.

**PRAY IT**

Heavenly Father, thank You for being our Good Shepherd, walking with us through every valley. When we face fear, sorrow, or uncertainty, help us to trust in Your presence and guidance. Strengthen our faith so that we may find comfort in You and share that comfort with others. Remind us that no valley lasts forever, and that You are leading us to green pastures. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**THE VALLEY OF DECISION**  
(Genesis 14:17-20)

At the Valley of Shaveh, Abram met \_\_\_\_\_.

Abram was known as "The \_\_\_\_\_ of God."

Abram meets the first king. The king of Sodom reigned over an \_\_\_\_\_.

Abram meets a second king. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ king.

He seems to appear out of \_\_\_\_\_.

He has no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

He is a king - The King of \_\_\_\_\_.

He brought bread and wine but never \_\_\_\_\_ it.

He is described as, " \_\_\_\_\_ of God Most High."

He is a \_\_\_\_\_ - An appearance of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament.

He \_\_\_\_\_ Abram.

Abram \_\_\_\_\_ the king of Salem.

The King of Sodom tries to \_\_\_\_\_ Abram, but Abram \_\_\_\_\_.

The things of this world will never make you \_\_\_\_\_.

Today, which - \_\_\_\_\_ will you choose?

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# THE MESSENGER

To experience and express the love of Christ



**THE VALLEY OF DECISION** GENESIS 14 17-20

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

Week of Prayer  
**March 23-30** Give anytime in March at [southmain.church/give](http://southmain.church/give)



*Toby F.*  
**Dr. Toby Frost,**

Welcome to South Main! I hope ALL of you can join us for our Community Lenten Lunch and Service on THIS WEDNESDAY, March 26! This will be a special time of reflection and fellowship as we journey toward Easter. Come and enjoy the best two-dollar lunch ever and then engage in life-changing worship. The first lunch serving begins at 12:00 noon, followed by our short but powerful worship service at 12:30 pm, with a second lunch serving at 1:00 pm. I'm really excited about the music and message. This is a wonderful opportunity to pause in the middle of the day, to nourish both your body and soul, and to draw closer to Christ through worship and fellowship with others. All in preparation for the joy of Resurrection Sunday on Easter, April 20. We look forward to sharing this sacred season with you! Come and prepare to be transformed!

# This Week at South Main

23 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal	24 <b>MONDAY</b>	25 <b>TUESDAY</b> 9:30AM- Ladies Bible Study- Lynn Mathis- CP 6:00PM- Men's Recovery Bible Study & Meal	26 <b>WEDNESDAY</b> 6:00PM -Preschool: Wee Trackers -Elementary: Truth Trackers -Students: Midweek -Prayer Meeting D-GROUPS: The Gospel of John: E201A Divorce Care: A302 Caregiver Support Group CP E201C 7:15PM Praise Band Rehearsal
27 <b>THURSDAY</b>	28 <b>FRIDAY</b>	29 <b>SATURDAY</b>	30 <b>SUNDAY</b> 8:30AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare -Children's Church 1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Grades 9:45AM- Sunday School Small Groups 11:00AM- Worship -Preschool Childcare 5:00PM- Choir Rehearsal

**EASTER**  
at south main.

APRIL 20 | 8:30AM + 11:00AM  
southmain.church/easter

**2025**  
**LENTEN LUNCHEON**  
LUNCH & WORSHIP FOR THE COMMUNITY

**MARCH 26 12PM**  
SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

### 8:30 Worship

*We Praise You* Praise Band  
Welcome & GO Commissioning Andy Roberson and Bradford Russ  
*Bless God* Praise Band  
*Here I Am To Worship* Praise Band  
Message: "The Valley of Decision"  
Genesis 14:17-20 Dr. Toby Frost  
*My Father's World* Praise Band  
Wrap Up Ben Hjalmer

### 11:00 Worship

*Prelude* Cynthia Adams, Piano  
*Nothing But the Blood* #135 - verses 1 & 4 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
*Amazing Grace* #330 - verses 1, 2 & 4 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
Welcome & GO Commissioning Andy Roberson & Bradford Russ  
*Satisfied with Jesus* #450 - verses 1, 2 & 4 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
*Just As I Am* #307 - verses 1 & 6 Chancel Choir, Orchestra and Congregation  
Offertory Prayer Kevin Garrison  
*Calvary's Love* Chancel Choir and Orchestra  
Message: "The Valley of Decision"  
Genesis 14:17-20 Dr. Toby Frost  
*The Savior Is Waiting* #321 Congregation  
Benediction Ben Hjalmer  
*Postlude* Keith Polatty

**GO** South Main  
Students & Leaders  
CLARKSTON, GA  
March 28-30

Online giving is available for your convenience.  
Visit our website at [www.southmain.church](http://www.southmain.church)

# ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

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Spring is the season of new starts and new life...it is also the season when we celebrate and give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This season of prayer and offering strengthens the efforts of almost 3,500 missionaries who serve in North America.

Starting Sunday, March 23 you will have the opportunity to participate in our "Week of Prayer for North American Missions". You may pick up a tri-fold prayer guide (missions center) which contains the short stories of some of our missionaries who are direct recipients of the 2025 upcoming missions offering. You can also view the daily prayer social media posts.

Along with the week of prayer, we encourage you to give financially toward the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering during the remaining month of March and early April. Many of you have been giving monthly or weekly to the South Main World Missions Offering. You will remember that 15% of these gifts go to support our missionaries in North America. You may also give to the Annie Armstrong Easter missions offering by using the Annie Armstrong envelope located at the Mission Center or you may give your gift online.

Missions...Making Jesus Known!  
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text us your name and "guest"  
scan or text (864) 392-9815

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text us your name and how we can pray for you!  
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text the word "baptism" to sign-up!  
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**MEET MY FRIEND**  
Experiencing and Sharing Friendship with God

**Meet My Friend Moment:**  
Invite a neighbor or coworker to Sunday School small group and bring them with you next Sunday.