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# VIEW

## Associational Mission Strategist

Greetings! With March comes the Annie Armstrong Easter Love Offering emphasis. I hope you and your church will promote and give to the offering. Some may not realize how important this offering is, so I am giving you a Q/A of everything you need to know about this missions emphasis. Here we go!!

Q: What is this year's theme, Scripture, national goal? The 2023 theme is "**United: Called to be One.**" The scripture verse is **Phillippians 2:1-2**, "*If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, make my joy complete by thinking the same way, having the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.*"

The national goal is \$70 million.

Q: What is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering? In 1895, the first missions offering to benefit the work of home missions (now known as North American missions) was promoted and taken up by Woman's Missionary Union (WMU). The Home Mission Board (now known as North American Mission Board) asked for \$5,000 toward its work. WMU efforts exceeded that goal. Since then, more than \$1 billion has been raised for North American mission efforts. Every dollar of the offering (named after missions advocate/WMU leader, Annie Armstrong, in 1936) goes to missionaries and their work of sharing the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the United States, Canada, and their territories.

Q: How many missionaries does the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering support? A: The North American Mission Board annual report provides missionary count information as well as a summary of missions efforts. Visit [namb.net/annual-report](http://namb.net/annual-report).

Q: How are the gifts used? Every dollar given goes to train and resource more than 2,400 missionaries and their families involved in church planting and compassion ministries who share the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ across the United States, Canada and their territories.

Q: Where can I find promotional resources? Free offering envelopes, posters and prayer guides are mailed annually to churches from the WMU/convention offices in January. Offering envelopes are also available for purchase through Lifeway at [Lifeway.com/envelopes](http://Lifeway.com/envelopes). A promotion guide is mailed annually by the North American Mission Board to each church. If you would like a copy and have not received it by January 30, please contact NAMB to order or call 800-634-2462, convention/WMU office or from NAMB. DVDs are available as a separate order from your state. Videos, digital

and printable resources are available online at [AnnieArmstrong.com/Resources](http://AnnieArmstrong.com/Resources).

Q: Where should I send my offering? You can give through your local SBC church or online by credit card or check.

You can text ANNIE to 888123. (Reply STOP to cancel, HELP for help. Msg & data rates may apply. Terms & privacy.)

Checks can also be mailed to North American Mission Board, P.O. Box 116543, Atlanta, GA 30368 (note in the memo line: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering). Gifts are accepted all year.

Q: How do I obtain a copy of the North American Mission Study?

A: Annually, in January, the North American Mission Board provides one-hour study outlines for adult, youth, and children's leaders to assist them in helping small groups learn about missionaries who are recipients of Annie Armstrong Easter Offering funds. Study plans are available in the Resources section of the website.

Q: Why is the "Easter" offering not on Easter? The Southern Baptist Convention calendar sets the Week of Prayer (WOP) for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® as running from the first Sunday of March to the second Sunday of March. Thus, the dates for 2023 are scheduled for March 5-12. Many churches may use this week to kick off a one- or two-month long focus on North American missions.

Q: The annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® is officially the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. Your church may choose to observe the Week of Prayer during that time or at a date that is best for your congregation.

Future Dates:

March 5-12, 2023

March 3-10, 2024

March 2-9, 2025

Q: Where can I request a speaker? We recommend making your request as early as possible, even up to a year in advance to secure a speaker. Complete and submit the online form at [speaker-request](http://speaker-request). A member of the NAMB team will review your information and contact you to provide a list of potential speakers in your geographic area. I encourage you to pray and give toward this emphasis. Our Motto is still: "Serving Jesus serving His Churches."

**Bro. Chip**



Church	12/23/22 1/15/23	2023 Total	Church	12/23/22 1/15/23	2023 Total	Church	12/23/22 1/15/23	2023 Total
Antioch Fellowship	50.00	50.00	Hic. Hammock	0.00	0.00	New Life	149.87	149.87
Avalon	0.00	0.00	Immanuel	4,500.00	4,500.00	Olivet	355.11	355.11
Bagdad First	338.70	338.70	James Street	43.91	43.91	Pine Level	224.10	224.10
Berrydale	362.22	362.22	Jay First	416.67	416.67	Pine Terrace	3,057.63	3,057.63
Billory	259.00	259.00	Journey	0.00	0.00	Pleasant Home	522.97	522.97
Blackwater	190.29	190.29	Korean Hope	0.00	0.00	Providence	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	0.00	Live Oak	25.00	25.00	S. R. Shores	114.94	114.94
Cora	797.04	797.04	Living Truth	1,323.00	1,323.00	Springhill	225.00	225.00
East Side	0.00	0.00	LT East Milton	70.00	70.00	Stump Springs	800.00	800.00
Ferris Hill	200.00	200.00	Midway	0.00	0.00	The Point, SBC	154.66	154.66
Floridatown	225.00	225.00	Milton First	1,529.88	1,529.88	Wallace	1,026.44	1,026.44
Friendship	771.35	771.35	Mission Casa	0.00	0.00	Woodbine	1,66.81	1,66.81
GB First	0.00	0.00	Navarre First	1087.46	1087.46			
Harold First	43.75	43.75	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	<b>Total GIFTS</b>	<b>17,640.66</b>	<b>17,640.66</b>

We appreciate all of you and your giving; as you give to your church, the church gives to the association. In this way, we all work together for the Kingdom of God, seeing people saved and lives changed!! Thank you so much!

### Upcoming Events

#### Ministers' Peer Learning Groups, 10:30am

- ♦ **Milton Peer Learning Group** - Feb. 13, 2023
- ♦ **Navarre Peer Learning Group** - Feb. 16, 2023

#### SRBA Event Calendar 2022:

- February 6:** Assn. Council & Executive Comm. Mtgs.
- February 16:** One-Day Senior Adult Revival @ Milton FBC
- February 17-18:** DNOW @ Milton First
- February 17-18:** Statewide Collegiate Weekend, St. Augustine.
- April 15:** 2023 VBS Regional Training, Pine Terrace



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