## Thoughts from Pastor Rodney April 14, 2020

## Giving - Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

I watch the news. I see the staggering numbers of unemployed in our state. I hear from our own congregation the numbers who are not working or who are working less because hours have been cut. I know that times are difficult for many. I am so thankful that we are a congregation that looks out for each other and is attentive to the needs of each other.

While I see the needs of our community and state, I also realize that this pandemic has touched the workers of our country and world. It is also affecting missionaries who seek to minister to an already hurting people.

This is the time of year that we, as Southern Baptist, seek to help those who have committed their lives to helping others in the name of Jesus Christ. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering assists North American missionaries who faithfully go to places where people need to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. They become part of a community and build relationships and friendships in an effort to proclaim the gospel. And people are responding. Lives are being changed by the power of Jesus. Lives are being changed because people, like them, are giving of themselves. Lives are being changed because people, like us, are supporting them.

Blackman's Grove Women on Missions has set an Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal of \$1000.00 for this year. The national goal is 70 million dollars. Please pray for our missionaries that God will bless their ministries and keep them safe. Also pray that God will make funds available for us to give so we may partner with them in the presentation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Then give as God has led you to give. God accepts and blesses every gift. 2 Corinthians 8:12 - For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

Please make all checks out to Blackman's Grove Baptist Church and memo them for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Mail them to:

Mr. Eddie Wood 5187 Strickland's Crossroads Rd. Four Oaks, NC 27524

Thank You & God Bless, Pastor Rodney