

Week of Prayer for North American Missions

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the North American Mission Board and the people they serve.

We invite you to join us this season of prayer, March 1-8, 2026.

In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the [Annie Armstrong Easter Offering](#) makes an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100 percent of your gifts support missionaries in North America.

The 2026 goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is \$71.1 million.

3 John 1:7-8, "For they have gone out for the sake of the name... Therefore, we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth."

**Annie Armstrong
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Clear Creek Baptist Association

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Ripples in Clear Creek



*The mission of Clear Creek Baptist Association is encouraging churches
Toward fulfilling the Great Commission, equipping Christian leaders, and inspiring
cooperation among God's people.*

February 2026

Attempting to Create a Ripple

Sometimes the Lord blesses us with unexpected blessings. Those moments bring us joy as we are receiving something that was not even on our radar for that day. Those unexpected blessings also cause us to be more mindful of all our blessings from the Lord. Not just the ones we were not looking for but also the ones we were overlooking.

On Wednesday February 11, I received one of those unexpected blessings. One of my supervisors called me the night before and let me know that they had too many drivers scheduled and not enough work to go around and that I could take a day off if I wanted to. Always having work in the ministry to do and not enough time to do it, I quickly accepted the offer and began planning the schedule of ministry work for this unexpected day off from my "regular" job.

Wow! What a blessing to receive a day off from your work that you were not expecting. However, that is not the unexpected blessing that I am referring to. As I was working through the morning I realized that Bob Caraker, CCBA Prayer Ministry Coordinator, had scheduled the first CCBA "Brown Bag Prayer Meeting" for that day at the associational office at noon. I was glad to be able to fit that into my new schedule of events for the day.

As I arrived, I confess just a few minutes late, I was happy to see six others sitting around a table listening as Bob was giving the instructions for how this lunch/prayer meeting was going to go. He said that we would visit while we ate and then turn our attention to prayer. The initial conversation was encouraging as we gave updates on what was going on in our personal lives as well as sharing some of our prayer concerns.

We then entered a time of prayer. My eyes were filled with tears as I heard the prayers of conviction from those around the table. Prayers for those who were hurting or facing difficult situations as well as prayers for the churches that make up the CCBA. There were prayers for revival and a stirring of the Spirit of God within our hearts.

I am so thankful for those who serve in the ministry of the Clear Creek Baptist Association. And I am so thankful for Bob initiating this monthly prayer gathering. May the Lord bless this effort to seek him and his direction for the association.

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Clear Creek Baptist Association
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

April 11, 2026
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Clear Creek Baptist Association Building



Invite Illumination Station VBS for the brightest week of the year! Kids will be challenged to answer Jesus' important question to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" As they explore all the ways light brightens, illuminates, reflects, and reveals, kids will discover that Jesus is the light who brings hope to a dark world.

Plan to attend and bring your workers! There will be training from your own Associational VBS Director. Trainings include Pastors/Directors, Youth, Children, Preschool, Music, Missions, Crafts, and Snacks.

Associational VBS Director – Kim Conway

Contact the Association at 618-833-4481 with any questions.

What's Happening in the Churches of
Clear Creek Baptist Association?

- **United Missionary Baptist Church** is sponsoring a spring brunch tea to raise funds for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The event will be held Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 at the church. The ladies of your church are invited to choose to decorate a table in spring décor including table settings for the brunch. Each round table seats 8, long tables seat 10. We request donation of \$5 per person. All donations go to the AAEO. Come enjoy a morning of fellowship and worship. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 1 to Mickey 618-924-6522 or Paula 618-697-9405.
- Remember in prayer **Beech Grove, Big Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Sandy Creek** and their pastor search committee.

Clear Creek Baptist Association
Associational Leadership Council &
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2026

Clear Creek Baptist Association Building

6:00 p.m. Associational Leadership Council
 7:00 p.m. Executive Board

God's Provision for
Clear Creek
 January 1-31, 2026

Anna, FBC	348.64
Anna Heights	2188.00
Bethany	267.00
Bethel	969.40
Big Creek	444.80
Cobden, FBC	333.00
Dongola, FBC	251.41
East Cape Harbor	-2- 326.22
Immanuel P&W	50.00
Jonesboro, FBC	1118.61
Limestone	100.00
Lockard Chapel	50.00
Makanda	150.00
McClure	585.00
Mound City, FBC	20.00
Mounds, FBC	129.55
Mt. Olive	144.25
Mt. Pleasant	450.00
New Hope	559.20
Pleasant Ridge	405.96
Sandy Creek	468.00
Shiloh	125.00
Tamms, FBC	430.00
Thebes, FBC	48.00
Ullin, FBC	500.00
United Missionary	-2- 839.04

TOTAL 11,866.92

-2- indicates 2 deposits this month

January General Fund Report

Total Income	11,869.67
Total Expenses	7,476.63
General Fund Balance	35,493.67

Copies of financial reports are always available by contacting the association office.

CCBA BROWN BAG PRAYER MEETING

March 11, 2026
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Clear Creek Baptist Association
 Building
 2825 E. Vienna St.
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We begin a new year with our Brown Bag Prayer Meetings. We will meet each month on the 2nd Wednesday at noon.

Bring a sack lunch and prayer requests. We will spend this hour in prayer and conversation.

All are welcome.

The prayer session will end promptly at 1:00 pm

Our God is very clear in his word that we are to pray without ceasing.

We look forward to seeing you.

Bob Caraker, CCBA Prayer Coordinator

VBS CLINIC WILLIAMSON

MARCH 28 9 AM - NOON

This VBS Clinic will equip you with the tools and resources needed to successfully lead VBS this year. You will gain valuable insights for teaching children, organizing volunteers, and creating a memorable VBS experience. You will also be able to connect with other VBS leaders from across the association to share ideas.

REGISTER TODAY
[IBSA.ORG/CALENDAR](https://www.ibsa.org/calendar)

FBC, Carterville | 406 S Division Street | Carterville, IL 62918
 Questions? Contact Ryan Tackett rtackett@firstbaptistcarterville.org

priority

Save the Date: April 24-25, 2026
 Three Locations this year:
 Markham, Decatur, Troy

Priority is a gathering of like-minded women intentional about being a disciple who makes disciples. At Priority, women celebrate God's faithfulness through worship and studying God's word; equip themselves to live as a follower of Jesus through educational breakout sessions and leave ready to return to their area of ministry reminded that they are not alone on their journey. Priority is planned with you in mind. You are our community.

[Priority - IBSA](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

12-18 Focus on WMU

MARCH

1-8 Week of Prayer – AAEO
 7 BCHFS Women of Compassion
 7 IBSA VBS Training – South
 10 ALC/EXECUTIVE BOARD
 24 CCBA GOLF TEAM MEETING

(CAPITALIZED events are sponsored by CCBA)

