



# *The Living Stone Link*

*March 2018 News Letter*

## Friend Day is Coming

Friend Day is coming in a few weeks and I hope you have been inviting your friends to come and worship with us. One of the key aspects of our Mission Statement is to ENGAGE with our community in sharing the Gospel. One of the easiest ways to Engage is to invite. As members of Living Stone Community Church we have pledged to share in the responsibility of our church by inviting the un-churched to attend.

We have invited many people to attend including the people from the Kiwanis Club next door. You may remember that the land we have built on was previously owned by the Kiwanis Club. Friend Day provides us with an opportunity to love on our friends and family with a meal provided by our church family. But more importantly our guests will hear a message of HOPE and LOVE.

We can see in the World around us the dire need for such a message. The Love of Jesus will be shared and lives will be changed.

Please invite your friends to come and pray, pray, pray that God will move in the hearts of the people.

Yours in Christ

Elder Jeff

## Mission Moment

History of NAMB - North American Mission Board (Part 2 of 5)

1895 - The first home mission offering is taken by WMU during a "Week of Self-denial for Home Missions," raising more than \$5,000.

1900 - HMB approves first loan of \$300 from a newly established church loan fund of \$4,000.

1907 - The Laymen's Missionary Movement begins, which becomes the catalyst for the creation of the Brotherhood Commission.

1924 - The Laymen's Missionary Movement calls for a "Brotherhood" to be founded in each Southern Baptist church.

1925 - HMB benefits from the Cooperative Program, established as the primary channel for supporting missions and ministries of the SBC.

1926  
Southern Baptists involved in the Layman's Missionary Movement create the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

For prayer needs or questions, feel free to contact Pastor Jim Hess @ 207-642-2309 or visit our website [www.livingstonemaine.org](http://www.livingstonemaine.org)

## Rev. Billy Graham

The Rev. Billy Graham, 99, of Montreat, N.C., returned to his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, Feb. 21, 2018.

The Rev. Graham was born on Nov. 7, 1918, in Charlotte, N.C., to the late William Sr. and Morrow Coffey Graham.

A world-renowned Christian Evangelist, Billy Graham shepherded millions of people to their Lord and personal Savior Jesus Christ as he preached in hundreds of crusades in over 185 countries. Among the hundreds of crusades conducted, two were held in Louisville. During Rev. Graham's ministry, he became the founder of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, the author of 33 books, the recipient of innumerable prestigious awards and a respected mentor to world leaders.

(Exert from Rev. Billy Graham's Obituary)

## Calendar Notes for February

Mar. 10; 8:30 AM. Men's Breakfast  
Mar. 12; 6:30 PM. Life Group Workers Meeting  
Mar. 17; 9:00 AM. Deacon's Meeting  
Mar. 24; 8:00 AM Church Spring Cleaning  
Mar. 25; 9:30 AM. Friend Day  
Mar. 26; 6:30 PM. Ministry Leaders Council  
Mar. 30; 7:00 PM. Good Friday Service  
Apr. 1; 9:30 AM. Easter Sunday

## Regular Weekly Services

Sunday Worship at 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Life Groups at 11:15  
Sunday Evening Discipleship-U at 6:30  
Wednesday Youth Groups at 6:00  
Thursday Children Study and Prayer Meeting at 6:15.

## Birthdays

March 4th - Kristen Toussaint  
March 13th - Dottie Allison  
March 18th - Craig Foster

## Wedding Anniversaries

(If you would like family birthdays and anniversaries listed in the news letter, please submit to Elder Jeff.)



## 2018 Operation Christmas Child

Collection Week is November 12th – 19th

In 2018 we are going to expand out Shoebox contributions by having monthly collections items. In March we will be collecting.



For April we will be collecting Stuffed Animals.

Quality Crafts

See some of the testimonies in the Special Report Magazine on the table in the hall.

Need some ideas for shoe boxes, visit [www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/)