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You may have seen on the news about the hundreds of whales that had beached themselves in New Zealand last month. The area of New Zealand called Golden Bay is no stranger to whale beachings, but February 2017 saw one of the largest in history with about 650 pilot whales swimming up onto the shore.

Volunteers quickly responded and worked to rescue as many as they could, eventually returning about 200 to the ocean. Many whales were helped back out to sea but for reasons experts do not understand, they returned to the beach once again.

Experts also don't understand why the beaching happens at all; the largest of which was recorded in 1918 when about 1,000 pilot whales came ashore on the Chatham Islands, an archipelago in the Pacific Ocean a little more than 400 miles east of New Zealand.

What really inspired me was the number of people who came to help. Hundreds of volunteers from farmers to tourists spent days at the beach dousing the whales with buckets of water to keep them cool and trying to refloat them.

It is admirable to seek to help the helpless. The whales needed others to come and rescue them because they could not rescue themselves.

The world needs people willing to help others who need rescuing. Jesus has provided a great salvation, yet billions of people are floundering on the shores of sin unable to save themselves. They need others to come and help them find the path to salvation and forgiveness.

The Bible says:

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw

the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV).

The Lord needs an army of volunteers to work together to rescue the perishing. We might not be able to save everyone, but we can at least lead some to faith and repentance. Would you pray with me that God would fill each of us with a heart of compassion for lost people?

May we see lost people with the same eyes of compassion as those volunteers who rushed to try to save those stranded whales. An eternal soul hangs in the balance.

Blessings,
 Pastor Brian

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nona McGowan	2nd
Josiah Snyder	3rd
John Simonelli	7th
Hailey Rice	8th
Diana Waters	8th
Tina Spearman	9th
Elaine Bumgardner	10th
Nathan Fox	10th
Dean Branch	12th
Weston Merriott	14th
David Lemoine	25th
Kevin Rice	25th
Chris Lott	29th
Marcus Fondren	30th
Ryleigh Jo Spearman	31st
Lou Jones	31st



CHARLIE'S CHATS

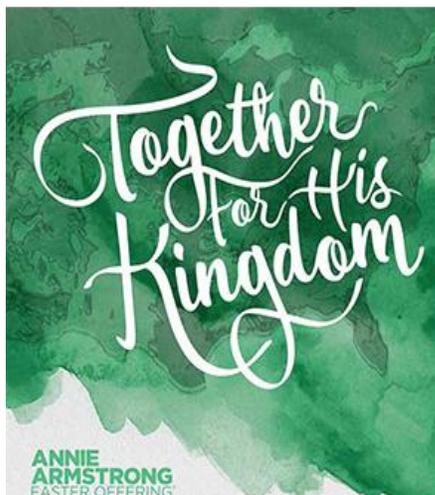
We still have a few chairs left.
Come and join us for choir practice Wednesday at 6:30.
You will truly find it a blessing!



**Saturday, April 15
at 11 a.m.
OVER 3,000 EGGS**



**See Kay Sutton or
Bro. Charles
if interested**



Our Church Goal
\$1,500



SUNDAY
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY
Adult Prayer 6:30 p.m.
Youth/Children Bible Studies 6:30 p.m.
Praise Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.



**Fellowship
Saturday,
March 11th
From 12 - 2 p.m.
In the Fellowship Hall**



EGBC MISSION STATEMENT
*We exist to help people
encounter the grace of God*