



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

*Heflin Baptist Church exists to:
Share God's Word, Show God's Love,*

May 2, 2024



Dear HBC Family,

Recently, I was reading Dr. David Jeremiah's Book, Life Wide Open. He tells the story of two friends named Walter and Arthur who considered joining together in a business venture. Walter took Arthur on a tour of a parcel of property southeast of Los Angeles that looked like nothing more than a barren wasteland. Walter offered Arthur the opportunity to become an investor in his dream. Arthur declined the opportunity for fear that the dream would become a nightmare. Walter pursued his dream without the support of his friend and built what is now known as Disneyland. The area around it, which seemed like a bad investment, is now worth billions. Walter is best known as Walt Disney and Arthur is none other than Art Linkletter. I'm sure Art wished he would have taken the opportunity when Walt came knocking at his door.

Jesus told the Church at Philadelphia that He has set before them "an open door". (Rev. 3:8)

I truly believe the Lord has set before us an open door of opportunity to trust Him as we walk into the fullness of His blessing. Too often, we are like Art. We look around in fear without trusting in faith. Dr. Jeremiah makes four observations on the reluctance of God's children to trust Him enough to walk through open doors.

- 1) God's open doors are often disguised as problems.
- 2) God's open doors are time sensitive.
- 3) When we start through the open doors, we are often met by resistance.
- 4) Open doors are often missed because of fear.

Even when God opens a door, we will still experience difficulties. We must seize the opportunity to trust God with a sense of urgency even if we encounter resistance or tempted to retreat in fear. I praise God for the doors He is opening for the HBC Family! My prayer is that we will walk through them together with unified hearts and one voice that is intent on bringing glory to Him with every breath we take.

I Love You ALL and there's nothing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5

The church office is open Monday—Thursday, 8AM—3PM & Friday, 8AM—Noon.

Please join us for Sunday School at 9:00 AM and for Sunday Morning Worship beginning at 10:00. Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM for Worship and Bible Study in the fellowship hall. The Children's Ministry and Frontline Student Ministry also meet every Wednesday.



SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

Sunday, May 5, we will be recognizing the graduating class of 2024 in our worship hour. A reception honoring these graduates will follow in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.

SHOCCO SPRINGS KIDS CAMP

The HBC Children's Ministry will be going to Shocco Springs Kids Camp in Talladega May 31 – June 2! A \$50 deposit is due by May 12. Please see Chris Miller for more info or to register.



FRONTLINE STUDENT MINISTRY SUMMER RETREAT

The Student Ministry will be going to Laguna Beach in Panama City Beach, FL June 7-10. A \$50 deposit is due by May 12. See Chris Miller for details.



DIAMOND SET TRIP

Diamond Set is planning a trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Center August 26-29. The cost of the trip is \$579 due by June 19. Please contact Mary Merrill for more details.

D-Life groups meet throughout the week, and we'd love for you to join us!

Women's D-Life Group Meetings:

- * Robin Morrison's group meets at her home Sunday evenings at 6:00.
- * Angie Thompson's group meets at FES on Tuesday afternoons at 3:15.
- * Madison Owen's group meets at her home Tuesday evenings at 7:00.
- * Sheila Guthrie's group meets in the Ruth S.S. classroom Wednesday evenings at 4:30.
- * Cammie Benefield's group meets in the conference room Thursday mornings at 9:30.

Men's D-Life Group Meetings:

- * Keith Raisanen's group meets at Jack's Tuesday mornings at 7:30.
- * Brent Thompson's group meets at Jack's Wednesday mornings at 7:00.
- * Bobby Bailey's group meets in the Pairs & Spares S.S. classroom Wednesday evenings at 4:30.

To help in your study, D-Life Journals are available at the Welcome Desk for \$15.



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