



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

November 16, 2023



Dear HBC Family,

October was a great month for our family of faith here at Heflin Baptist. We continue to see the hand of God moving among our church family as lives are changed and the opportunities for kingdom impact increase. It was also a great month for my family as we welcomed our first grandchild, Robert Blake Pruitt on October 19 at 5:28 a.m. He weighed in at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. He, Kaitlyn, and Dustin are doing well and settling into life as a family of three. Angie and I appreciate your prayers for our family during the time of her pregnancy and delivery. Please continue to pray for them as Dustin and Kaitlyn learn how to function while experiencing extreme sleep deprivation.

Angie and I would also like to extend to our church family our most sincere thanks for the way you all honored us on October 29. It was a wonderful day that we won't be able to forget. Your testimonies, gifts, and love have spoke deeply into our souls and reminded us of the importance of the mission we are on together. As I contemplated the blessings of that wonderful day, my heart was drawn to a passage of Scripture in the book of Hebrews.

Hebrews 13:15-17

Therefore, by Him lest us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. (16) But do not forget to do good and to share for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. (17) Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable to you.

The writer of Hebrews admonished the people of God for His goodness and to share in our sacrifices for one another. He further admonished God's people to submit to God and to share the burdens of their shepherd. The shepherd does not lord over the sheep, but he leads them as He follows the Great Shepherd. He also does so with the best interest of the sheep at heart knowing he will give an account to God for his shepherding. When sheep follow the shepherd, he can fulfill his calling with true joy. I am so grateful that God has placed me among a body of believers (sheep) who bring a lot of joy to my heart by sharing the dream of becoming a Great Commission Church. It truly is a joy to serve the people of the Heflin Baptist Church.

I Love You ALL and there ain't nothing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5

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

We will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving November 22-24.



Please join us for Sunday School at 9:00 AM and for Sunday Morning Worship beginning at 10:00. The Morning Worship Service is streamed live online each week. 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.



Give a Sign

\$25
To Anyone
From Anyone

(Does Not Have to Be a HBC Member)

The Youth Will Place in The Yard

Contact Chris Miller or See Any Youth for More Info

256-591-5891



LADIES' CHRISTMAS BRUNCH—DECEMBER 2

The ladies of HBC will be hosting a Ladies Christmas Brunch on Saturday, December 2, at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. As part of the event, we are looking for ladies to decorate a table as part of a "Best Tablescape" contest. Tickets are \$20. Additional information, as well as signup sheets and tickets, are available at the Welcome Desk.



DEVOTIONALS ON SALE NOW!

You may pick up a copy of the new devotional today! The cost is just \$15 and all proceeds go to HEARTS Cancer Relief Services.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The National Week of Prayer for the LMCO will be December 3-10. Contributions will be collected during the Walk to the Manger during the Morning Service on Sunday, December 10. Gifts help fund ministries like medical outreach, evangelism and discipleship training.



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.
- * 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.
- * Larry Riddle's group meets in the fellowship hall Wednesday mornings at 9:00.
- * Bobby Bailey's group meets in the Pairs & Spares S.S. classroom Wednesday evenings at 4:30.
- * Brent Thompson's group meets at Jack's Thursday mornings at 7:00.

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