

Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

March 21, 2024



Dear HBC Family,

Over the years, a lot of life-changing events have taken place for me in the month of March. These events include my salvation, my call to ministry, the Blizzard of '93, the Covid-19 Pandemic and just last year I learned on my birthday that I would soon be a grandpa. Each of these events have shaped and molded my life in many ways. Some of these experiences were blessings while others were lessons. However, we are taught in Scripture to receive all things with joy while trusting God to carry us through the hard times with a peace that passes all understanding.

Each week, I deal with individuals in families who are going through a variety of trials. Many of those trials are beyond my ability to explain the purpose behind them. Even though I search for answers, they are not always easy to find. We are hard wired to find the reason behind our trials and try to eliminate the pressure as soon as possible. Even though we do not like the pressure and strain of trials, it is necessary for our spiritual development as we learn to trust completely in the Lord to be our source and supply.

For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with the birth pangs together until now. (23) Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. (24) For we were saved in this hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? (25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. (26) Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us.

- Romans 8:22-26

The good news that Paul shares with us in Romans 8, is followed by the bad news of the presence of pain in our lives. It is very encouraging to know that in the midst of pain and difficulty, when I have no words to call on God, the Holy Spirit intercedes before the Father on our behalf. Take a few moments today and reflect on the goodness of God in the ways He has protected and provided for you in the past when you had no way to figure things out on your own. I believe you will begin to find the joy in trials and the peace to persevere as God continues to mold you into the image of His dear Son.

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.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The AAEO will be received during the "Walk to the Cross" in the morning worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24. Money received for the AAEO goes to support mission efforts across the U.S. and Canada.

SALT LAKE CITY MISSION TRIP

This year's mission trip to SLC will be June 22-28. We will partner with Awaken City Church in Herriman, Utah to conduct Kids Camp to proclaim the gospel of Jesus to an metropolitan area that is 98%+ lost. Balances for participants are due by April 28.

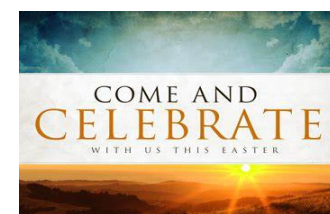


CHILDREN'S MUSICAL, EASTER EGG HUNT & FELLOWSHIP

The Children's Ministry will perform a musical for the congregation during the Service on Sunday, March 24. An Easter Egg Hunt and time of fellowship will follow the service. Please make plans to join us!

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have 2 Worship Services. The first one will be at 9:00 AM and the second will begin at 10:30 AM. There will be no Sunday School that morning. Please make plans to join us at 6:15 AM for the Sunrise Service at the 2nd overlook at Mt. Cheaha.



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. (Insurance is optional.) A \$75 deposit is due by April 19. The balance is due by June 19. For more information, see Mary Merrill.

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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