



# Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

March 7, 2024



Dear HBC Family,

This past week when I met with my D-Life group, we studied the events surrounding the visit of Paul and Silas to Thessalonica. They invested three weeks of their ministry in Thessalonica teaching and explaining the Scriptures. While they were there, a great multitude of Gentiles were persuaded to follow Christ. However, the Jews became envious, created an uproar and even attacked the house of Jason for providing shelter for Paul and Silas. As we studied the lesson my heart was moved to consider the sacrifice of Jason to provide for the welfare of Paul and Silas. He put himself in a precarious situation and his hospitality to these unwelcomed visitors could have cost him his life. He truly was a hero of the faith.

Most would say that Paul and Silas turned Thessalonica upside-down, but, truthfully, they were seeking to turn it right side up. Our world has already been turned upside down due to the devastating effects of sin. Thessalonica needed to hear the true gospel of Jesus Christ. They needed to know that the prophecies of the coming Messiah from the Old Testament Scriptures had been fulfilled in the His death, burial and resurrection. When the gospel is declared and received it has the power to transform an upside-down world and turn it right side up. Paul and Silas were doing then what needs to be done today. They were living inside out. They were committed to faithfully teaching the Scriptures inside the church and beyond the walls. They were not motivated by fear, but by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

How are we, as a church, living to see God work in our community into one that is being transformed by the power of the message of the gospel. Are we trying to hide in a comfort zone, or are we willing to make the necessary sacrifices for the benefit of others? I can definitely see the evidence of God working through us to make our community a better place, but how I yearn to see Him work in much more powerful ways. The key to unlocking the full potential of revival sweep through our area is the complete and total submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Together, we can witness God's power fall on His people which impacts everyone around us.

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. The 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.



## ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The AAEO week of Prayer is March 3-10. Offering 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. If you are planning to attend, all deposits and paperwork are due by March 17. The balance must be received 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 to 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. 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.
- \* Larry Riddle's group meets in the fellowship hall Thursday mornings at 9:30.



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