



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

September 15, 2022



Dear HBC Family,

I was reading this week about some people from Christian history who made great sacrifices for the advancement of the gospel. Many of them live a great number of years while others only had a short period of time of earth. Regardless of the length of their ministry they all had a firm conviction of God's sovereign ownership of their lives. This is a guiding principle for all Christians to practice as we seek to bring glory and honor to God. Regarding these sacrificial servants of the Lord, I would like to share with you some words I read this week that were a fresh reminder of God's ownership of my life and ministry.

"Those who make great sacrifices don't consider their sacrifice praiseworthy, as though their offering is a noble act. They consider it a privilege because it all belongs to God anyway.... People who make great sacrifices don't think they deserve special treatment or a great reward. They realize they are just regular people.

When the people of Israel brought offering to King David for the future building of the temple, they gave freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David rejoiced and in his praises to God said, 'Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You and we have given you only what comes from your and.' (1st Chronicles 29:14) David believed in God's sovereign ownership of all things. The tribes of Israel had only given God material He created and blessed them with it. It all came from Him, so it only made sense that it be given back to Him extravagantly. The world doesn't understand this kind of sacrifice. It seems like such a waste to give up things like success, health, possessions, and comfort. But that's the kind of offering God blesses with extraordinary power.

Chip Ingram "Good to Great in God's Eyes"

I want to encourage all of you to surrender yourself daily to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Always be reminded that everything you have came from Him and must be used for His glory. Our family, our homes, our health and even our very heartbeat is in His hands. Live everyday for His glory and your life will influence others to do the same.

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, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM
And Friday, 8:00 AM—12:00 PM.*



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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM for Worship and Bible Study in the fellowship hall. Meals are served the first Wednesday night of each month for a cost of \$5 per person. The meal begins at 5:45 and you will sign up using the insert in your Sunday bulletin. The Children's Ministry and Frontline Student Ministry also meet every Wednesday.



**Myers-Mallory
State Missions Offering**

MYERS-MALLORY STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering supports Alabama WMU, Disaster Relief, and church planting. Offering will be received Sunday, September 25. Gifts will help church revitalization and global partnership missions.

HBC CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at 5:00 PM at Cahulga Creek Park. There will be fish and chicken fingers fried to perfection and all the trimmings! Please make plans to join us for fellowship and fun!



Church Picnic



DIAMOND SET LUNCHEONS

Our senior Diamond Set group will host their next monthly luncheon Tuesday, October 4 at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. They meet the first Tuesday of each month and all ages are invited to attend.

CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR TREAT

The Children's Ministry will host a Fall Festival on Wednesday, October 26, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. There will be games, a costume contest, and Trunk or Treat. We would love for you to decorate your trunk and hand out candy to the families that come through. We will also need several volunteers to help with games and other activities. If you are interested in being a part, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk.



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