



# Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

January 20, 2022



Dear HBC Family,

When I was in the fifth grade, the 1980's supergroup "Journey" had a hit song called "Don't Stop Believin'" that

went all the way to #9 on the Billboard Hot 100. The lead singer of the group, Steve Perry, along with their keyboardist, Jonathan Cain are credited with writing lyrics and music for the song. The story behind the writing of this song came from something Jonathan's dad would tell him each time he would call home and share his struggles. His dad would tell him, "Don't stop believing or your done, dude." From that phrase came a song that was certified "Gold" when it was released in 1981. It has since been certified "Platinum" (5 times) in a digital format selling over 7,000,000 copies. All this success was birthed from a man who refused to stop believing.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I truly believe that God places a dream in the heart of His children for us to pursue with all of our hearts. We are often tempted to give up on God's dream for us due to opposition and obstacles. Sometimes, we will give up even before our pursuit begins due to fear and feelings of inadequacy. Maybe you have felt that it is simply impossible for God to accomplish great things through you. I read this week something that encouraged me to never give up on the dreams God places in my heart.

*"God delights to do impossible things through improbable people to impart exceeding grace to underserving recipients."*

— Chip Ingram

These words remind us that our dream is not for us only, but for the people we can impact and encourage by remaining true to the calling God has placed on our lives. Over the past two years, Satan has worked overtime to use the circumstances that surround us to attempt to drown out the voice of God as He speaks to us. Regardless, we must not give into the temptation to turn back from following hard after the heart of God. Keep on dreaming and "Don't Stop Believin'!"

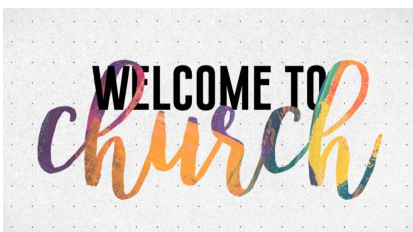
I love you ALL and there's nothing you can do about it.

*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 also streamed live online each week.

## WEDNESDAYS NIGHT SERVICE

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM for Worship and Bible Study. The Children's Ministry and Frontline Student Ministry also meet.



## CHOIR PRACTICE

If you are interested in being part of the church choir, practices are held each Sunday evening at 4:30.

## THOMAS NELSON DEVOTIONALS

Pick the new "Heaven, Life, and the Resurrection" devotional up today in the Welcome Center. They are just \$15. All proceeds will go to HEARTS Cancer Assistance Program.



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need teacher's helpers for Children's Church for February, March, and April and both teachers and helpers for May and beyond. Please see Misty Cobb to sign up to help. "Behold, children are heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward. Psalm 127:3"

## FEBRUARY FUNTASTIC

Attention Parents of children grades K-6: The HBC Children's Ministry is hosting a February Funtastic at Big Time Entertainment in Oxford on Saturday, Feb. 5. Please sign up by January 23 by filling out the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. Information sheets are also in the Welcome Center.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued support of the Awaken City Church Ministry in Herriman, UT.



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