

Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

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Dear Church Family,

Twice a month our church newsletter is posted here on the back page of the Alabama Baptist newspaper. Contained within our newsletter is a list of announcements, opportunities to serve and encouragement for our church family. I would like to share with you one of the entries I was honored to write for this year's Thomas Nelson Devotional. This devotional entry addresses the idea of our Lord writing a letter to us. Please read the words below and take a moment to reflect as the Lord speaks to you through His Word.

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

Pastor Brent
Proverbs 30:5

A Letter From The Lord

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹ saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

Revelation 1:10-11

John the Revelator was used by the Lord in the latter days of his life to pen the words of the Book of the Revelation. At the most unlikely time of his life, God used John to document words of prophecy that would affect the entire world, including the church. In today's reading, John is instructed by our Lord to write specific letters to seven actual churches in Asia Minor. Those letters included words blessing and rebuke. Each time I read through those letters which are recorded in chapters 2 and 3, my heart is stirred about the condition of the church in the 21st Century. What if God wrote a letter to the church where you attend and serve? What would He have to say about the work and ministry of your church? Would He bring words of glowing commendation or words of stern rebuke? How would He view the love and compassion your church possesses for those within the family and those outside the walls? Most importantly, how would we respond to His evaluation? Let's commit to demonstrating His love to a hurting humanity until He comes again!

Dear Lord,

You know our hearts. We are confident in your power and presence. Use us daily for your glory. Amen.

The church office is now open Monday—Thursday, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM.



WORSHIP INFORMATION

Please join us in-person for worship this Sunday at 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM. You may also worship online with us via FB Live, YouTube, Roku, FireTV or Apple TV. Wednesday activities have been suspended until further notice. Please join Pastor Brent on FB Live for Wednesday night devotionals. Check our website or Facebook page for updates and times.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH

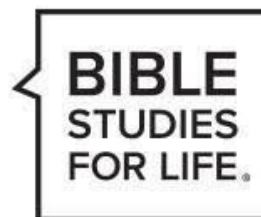
Great news!! The church nursery is now open for the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Services. We will also have Children's Church during the 10:30 Service.



Children's Church



Nursery



ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Don't miss out on the weekly Sunday School lesson! Join your favorite Sunday School teachers on Facebook or YouTube at your convenience. Weekly lessons are available to view online each Thursday evening.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's and Youth Sunday School lessons are available on Facebook each Wednesday night at 4:30 and 5:30.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes are now available for pick-up in the foyer! This year you may choose to fill a box or make a monetary donation. Donations may be given by check written to Heflin Baptist with Operation Christmas Child notated in the memo line or on Tithe.ly by selecting *Operation Christmas Child Donation* as your giving type. Boxes may be packed with items such as: toiletries, small books or toys, small coloring books, flashlights and batteries, scarves, hats, gloves, etc. **Please include \$9 per box for shipping and handling. Operation Christmas Child Dedication Sunday will be November 8. All boxes must be turned in by that time.**

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Quarterly Business Meetings have been suspended for the foreseeable future. A general monthly financial statement will be mailed to each household in our membership. Any matters of importance will be communicated by video message and mail outs.



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