



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

December 20, 2018



Dear Church Family,

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's hard to believe how 2018 has passed by so quickly.

Our Lord has been so good to our church family this year and I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation of how He will use us for His glory. I was reading a new book the other day and came across a few lines that caused me to think of our HBC Family. The author was writing on the subject of our redemption and how God uses those He redeems.

Embedded in the larger story of redemption is a principle we must not miss:

God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the lives of others.

- Paul David Tripp

"Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands"

Wow! What a principle for each of us to remember as we come to the close of this year and look forward to the coming year. God specializes in taking regular people just like you and me to accomplish amazing goals. I once heard, "If your dreams don't scare you, then they're too small." It's true! We must ask God to fill our hearts with dreams that can only be accomplished through His power and strength. If all we ever attempt are goals which we can achieve by our own resources, we will never realize the depth of our need for God to move in our situations. We must tap into the reservoirs of Heaven in order to accomplish our God-given purpose. I'll be completely honest with all of you..... the dreams God is placing in my heart for HBC scare me. Why? We cannot accomplish them on our own. God's plan for HBC will cause me to lead our church family to move well beyond our comfort zones to the point where we are completely dependent on the Lord for everything. We must pray and seek the face of God to realize the fulfillment of those dreams. Beginning in January, I will begin sharing more, as God allows, of where God is leading me to lead the HBC Family. I am confident He has us on a journey to leave behind a legacy of faithfulness as we seek to touch our neighbors and the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

I Love You ALL and there's not a thing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

We are currently collecting for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our church goal for the year is \$8000. Gifts to Lottie Moon help fund ministries like medical outreach, evangelism and discipleship training. The missionaries we support help plant churches in the darkest corners of the world. Please be in prayer about how much your family can give.



NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT

New Year's Eve Game night will be held December 31 at 8:00 PM. We will bring in the New Year with games, snacks, and prayer. Please bring your favorite board game and snack to share and join the fun and fellowship!

XTREME WINTER CONFERENCE

The youth will be at the Xtreme Winter Conference in Gatlinburg, TN from Monday, December 31—Wednesday, January 2. Please be in prayer for safe travels and an eternal impact on our participants.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We would like to wish you all a very blessed new year and remind you that the church office will be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Also, there will be no Wednesday night service or activities on January 3.

FEBRUARY FUNTASTIC

Word of Life children (grades 1-6) will be attending February Funtastic on Saturday, February 9, 2019. The church will cover the admission cost this year, but reservations have to be made no later than Wednesday, January 9. They will be traveling to Thunderdome in Douglasville, GA for 2 hours of fun! We will then go to a huge indoor gym for more games, devotional, and some EXCELLENT prizes!!



2018 THOMAS NELSON DEVOTIONALS

Pastor Brent has the honor of being a contributing author in the 2018 Thomas Nelson Devotional. These books make wonderful gifts. Copies are just \$15 and can be purchased in the church office.

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