



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

March 4, 2021



Dear HBC Family,

One year ago, this week our nation and the world were about to begin living through the most difficult period of our lives. Schools closed on March 16th, churches went to online services only and the nation went into lockdown to attempt to slow the spread of the awful COVID-19 Virus. Even though the COVID-19 Pandemic is not over, we can be very thankful for the grace that has brought us safe thus far. I was reading this week as Dr. David Jeremiah shares a story that helped me to keep a proper perspective as we continue living through a pandemic.

"Bob Weighton celebrated his 112th birthday during the coronavirus outbreak in 2020, which meant he wasn't able to have party or be with friends. That's a shame, because on that day Bob became the oldest living man on earth. The Guinness World Records organization sent him a certificate, and newspapers hailed him in heroic terms. Friends sang "Happy Birthday" from a distance while Weighton, a former missionary school teacher, listened on his balcony.

"I can't say I am pleased to hear that the previous holder has died, but I am very pleased that I've been able to live so long and make so many friends," he said. When asked about the virus, he said, "It's bizarre. I've never experienced anything like coronavirus before. I'm a bit frustrated, but then again I've been in situations where you just had to accept what was

happening."

Then he summed up the wisdom of a 112-year-old: "There is nothing you can do about it so you might as well do what you can. Never mind about the things you can't."

That's the key! Focus on what you can do. There's plenty you can't do, but there's one thing we all can do: we can follow God's deep desire for us to grow in to the image of Jesus Christ."

- David Jeremiah "Forward" (p. 64-65)

The words above are so true! We must focus on doing what we can do and leave the results up to our Lord. One thing we all can do is to fulfill the will of God "to be conformed to the image of His dear Son". (Romans 8:29) Focus on thinking, behaving and being more like Jesus every day and all of your tomorrows will bring glory to Him.

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.



WORSHIP INFORMATION

Please join us in-person for worship this Sunday at 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM. The church nursery is open for both services. Children's Church is offered during the 10:30 Service. You may also worship online with us via FB Live, YouTube, Roku, FireTV or Apple TV.

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.

You may pick up your Spring Sunday School book in the Front Entryway.



JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHT!!

We are now meeting in the Worship Center at 6:00 PM each Wednesday night. The Children's Ministry meets at 6:00 PM on the 3rd floor. Frontline Student Ministry meets at 6:30 PM in The Cave.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

VBS will be June 6-10!! More details are coming soon. If you would like to volunteer to help, please contact one of our awesome VBS directors, Carrie Hyatt or Carrie Elkins.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The Week of Prayer for the AAEO will be Sunday, March 7 – Sunday, March 10. Offering will be received during the "Walk to the Cross" in the morning worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. Money received for the AAEO goes to support mission efforts across the U.S. and Canada.

LOVE PACKAGES

HBC will be collecting Christian literature and Bibles to donate to Love Packages. A collection box is in the front foyer of the Worship Center. Materials needed include Bibles, Reference materials, Christian books & magazines, daily devotionals, Sunday School Materials, Christian DVDs, Bible games, etc. Please do NOT send secular materials, Hymn books, or Missions Magazines.

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