



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

April 15, 2021

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



Dear HBC Family,

Today is April 15th which is historically known as Income Tax Day in our country. Most Americans spend the first three months of each year

sorting through papers and receipts as they prepare to submit their tax return before the deadline. Yes, this is an important day of accounting in American life, but it is not the most important day. Notice the words of the Apostle Paul in the passage below to the church at Philippi.

Philippians 3rd 7-11

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Paul had considered all of his gains in life in the earlier part of chapter three, but he realized that all of his gains were a loss when compared to what he gained when he met Jesus Christ. He had a great reputation as a scholar and religious leader. He was proud of his Jewish heritage and religious achievements. All of these things were valuable to him, but there was no eternal profit to be gained from them. All that Paul had gained in life was nothing more than rubbish to him when he compared his earthly possessions to the riches he had found in Jesus Christ. When Paul counted everything in his life, he was able to proclaim that nothing mattered more to him or even came close to the value of his relationship with Jesus Christ.

How about you? What are the things in this life that really matter to you? Have you placed a higher value on earthly treasures or the blessings of your relationship with Christ? Paul declares the main thrust of his life in verse 10, "That I may know Him....". He had one desire and one desire alone and that was to know Jesus on the most intimate level possible. We, too, must desire to know Jesus in the same way. God bless and I pray you ALL have a wonderful week. Never forget that I love you and there's nothing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5



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 a Spring Sunday School book in the Front Entryway.**



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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.

SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY—MAY 2

If you have a graduating senior, please pick up a questionnaire at the Welcome Desk. These must be returned to the church office by Sunday, April 18. You may also begin emailing pictures of your graduate to heflinbaptist@centurytel.net.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

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

AWAKEN CITY TRIP

The next mission trip to Salt Lake City, Utah is planned for June 27 – July 4 to help with Kids Camp at Awaken City Church. Please be in prayer for this ministry.



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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