

Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

Emphasize Christ, Energize the Church and
Evangelize our Community.

July 19, 2018



Dear Church Family,
Just the other day, during one of our recent afternoon thunderstorms, I noticed several things as the winds and rain descended on our

area. I noticed how quickly a large amount of rain can fall turning a dry yard into a flowing river. I noticed the force of the water as it ran downhill into the creeks and streams. I also noticed the power of the wind as it uprooted trees causing power outages. As the storms passed, I noticed the scent of freshly blown pine needles filling the air. It's amazing how storms have the ability to cause great damage, yet they are followed by a time of tranquility.

In much the same way, we encounter storms in our lives that appear suddenly and turn our lives upside down. We often have very little time to prepare for the storm and have no idea what challenges it may bring. During the storm, the trees that are weakest and have a shallow root system are the ones most likely to be damaged by the wind. They are most susceptible because of their youth and inexperience with storms. The strong and tall trees with a deep root system are most likely to be standing when the storm passes. Through the years, the strong oaks have to endure a lot, yet they still stand tall. As Christians, we must desire to grow strong in our faith and deep in the Scriptures to withstand the storms that will come our way. Many Christians would just rather avoid the storms and live a life of ease. However, it is impossible to grow to full Christian maturity without encountering hardships. I recently read this quote from Peter Marshall, "When we long for life without difficulties, remind us, O Lord, that oaks grow strong in contrary winds and diamonds are made under pressure." Yes we have a tendency to avoid the contrary winds and pressures of life instead of welcoming them as God's way of preparing us for greater service in His Kingdom's work. Press on my brothers and sisters. You can trust our Lord to be faithful!

I Love you, ALL, and there ain't nothing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5

BAW MEETING

Baptist Active Women's (BAW) meeting will be hosted by Pine Grove Baptist Church at 6:30 PM on Monday, July 23rd. For this month's mission project, they will be collecting school supplies for the HEARTS Back to School supply drive .



SCHOOL FACULTY APPRECIATION LUNCHESES

As we have in the past, we will be providing lunch for the teachers and staff of our local schools to show how much we appreciate their hard work & dedication. If you would like to provide a dessert or volunteer to serve, please call the office or sign up in the Welcome Center this Sunday. The first luncheon will be at noon on Thursday, July 26 at CCES.

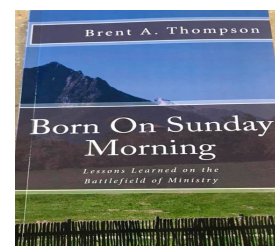


BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER WALK

On Sunday, July 29th, we will host a prayer walk at each of the area schools . You will meet at the school of your choice at 5:30 PM to pray for the school faculty and students in the upcoming year. There will be no evening worship or activities at HBC that night.

"BORN ON SUNDAY MORNING"

After years of prayer, writing and editing, Pastor Brent's new book, "Born On Sunday Morning" has been released. If you would like to purchase a copy, please call or come by the church office. Cost is just \$12 and Pastor Brent will happily sign and/or add a personalized message.



**BACK TO
SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**



HEARTS BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

HEARTS has compiled a list of the most wanted back to school supplies for anyone who would like to contribute. A list may be picked up at the church office or found on the HEARTS Facebook page. All donations must be brought to either HEARTS location by July 27.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery, teaching Children's Church, or helping with one of the upcoming Wednesday night programs, please see the Nursery Director, Doris Chambliss, Children's Ministry Team Chairperson, Carrie Hyatt, or call the office at 256.463.2576.



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