



# Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

Emphasize Christ, Energize the Church and  
Evangelize our Community.

January 18, 2018



Dear Church Family,

During the last few months of 2017, I began to seek the Lord about His specific direction for our HBC Family in 2018. I asked the Lord to direct my thoughts and steps in the way He desired for me to lead in the coming year. During that time I heard a statement that really touched my soul. A pastor who was leading a conference I was attending said, "Jesus started the church the way He wanted it and now He wants it the way He started it." As I replayed that statement in my mind several times, I reflected on the fads and trends I have witnessed during my years of ministry. In March of this year, I will celebrate 32 years of serving in the gospel ministry. I am now in my 25<sup>th</sup> year of pastoral ministry and I have seen a lot of things come and go. I have been challenged by the Holy Spirit to focus my heart on doing the things that will have spiritual impact long after my life is past. I definitely want to lead the church to do the same.

Our theme for 2018 is "Consumed With The Mission". To emphasize our theme for the coming year, the Lord has directed my heart to begin preaching through the Book of Acts which gives us the historical account of the birth and mission of the church. We have no greater example of how the church is to function in the world than what is recorded in the Book of Acts. My prayer for this coming year is that the HBC Family would operate with total dependence on the Holy Spirit and that we would function in a way that honors our Lord.

Will 2018 be the year that you become "Consumed With The Mission"? Will this be the year that you completely surrender yourself to the Lordship of Jesus Christ? Will this be the year when you decide to live for a cause greater than yourself? I pray that this is THE YEAR when the HBC Family fully surrenders ourselves and all that we have to glorify the name of our Lord!

I Love You ALL,  
*Pastor Brent*

Proverbs 30:5

But I do not **COUNT** my life of any value to myself.  
if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus.  
to testify to the good news of God's grace. Acts 20:24 NRSVA



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Volunteers are needed to work the concession stand at the Cleburne County High School Boys Basketball games. Our church has agreed to cover several of them in January and February. If you would like to help, please sign up in the Welcome Center. Volunteers would need to arrive at the CCHS Gym between 4 - 4:30 PM on the date you sign up for.

### BAPTIST ACTIVE WOMEN (BAW)

BAW will meet Monday, January 22nd, 6:30 pm at the home of Sonja Adams. Mission Action will be a Disaster Relief donation for Cleburne County.



Alabama Baptist Convention  
State Board of Missions

### STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

The Alabama Baptist State Evangelism Conference will be held January 22-23 at Eastmont Baptist Church in Montgomery. This is a free event for inspiration, information and fellowship. No registration is required.

### CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will meet Wednesday, January 31st at 5:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be to plan the calendar of events for February, March and April.



### COVERED DISH FELLOWSHIP

Fifth Wednesday Night Covered Dish Fellowship Meal will be January 31st at 6:00 PM. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join us!

### DIAMOND SET

Diamond Set will meet at 11:30 AM the first Tuesday in February for a covered dish fellowship. The guest speaker will be Mr. Ryan Robertson. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us.



February 24, 2018

### RENEW! - FEBRUARY 24, 2018- HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH MONTGOMERY, AL AT 9:00 A.M. TO 3:15 P.M. (DEADLINE: FEB 15TH)

Renew Registration: \$35 per person (includes lunch). Renew provides an environment for spiritual refreshment, while encouraging you to live a missions and ministry-centered lifestyle. Join us for this day of worship, Bible study, and breakout conferences. Bring your friends, or come make new ones!

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