



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

Emphasize Christ, Energize the Church and
Evangelize our Community.

October 5, 2017



Dear Church Family,

Not long ago I was asked by a friend if it is really important for Christians to join a local church. I quickly responded by sharing with my convictions about

Christians being united with a local body of believers. I fully believe it is important for every Christian to be a faithful and functioning member of a church family for several reasons.

1- We should unite with a local church for fellowship. It is virtually impossible for any Christian to fulfill his/her calling while living in a bubble. We were created for relationships and God made us this way for a reason. He desires for us to build healthy relationships with other believers to help us through the difficult days in our lives.

2- We should unite with a local church for our spiritual development. We should always commit ourselves to personal Bible study and times of prayer. However, we grow more effectively in our faith in a community of believers. We simply do not have the personal capacity to reach our God given potential alone. We need mentors to challenge us to grow!

3- We should unite with a local church for our personal accountability. Every farmer knows that once his garden has been planted, he cannot abandon it until harvest time. He has to regularly and systematically work the garden to remove the weeds and bugs to ensure a healthy crop. Likewise, every Christian needs to have accountability in our spiritual lives. We must allow the input of other spiritual leaders into our lives for the purpose of accountability. Gardens left to themselves do not produce a great harvest. Your spiritual life will flourish when you welcome accountability through your local church.

Recently, my family has been the beneficiary of being a part of the family of faith at Heflin Baptist Church. As we walked through the deep valley of death in our family, we did not have to wonder where to turn. We turned to Jesus and His people. God used all of you to minister to us in more ways than we can number. It has been such a blessing to know that our church family was praying for us and willing to help us through our time of grief. If you ever wonder if being a member of a church family is important, I hope you will quickly realize just how important it is for you and your family. Also, I would encourage you to read Dr. Thom Rainer's book, "I Am a Church Member" for some further study on this subject. God bless you all, Sunday is going to be a great day!

I Love You ALL,

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Shoebboxes are now available for pick-up! You may pack your own box or donate items for the November 8th Packing Party.



Here is the schedule of the things we would like to collect for the packing party:

October 2-15. small toys (marbles, balls, slinky, stuffed animal, yoyo, harmonica, toy cars, small Frisbee, etc.)

October 16-29 toiletries (combs, hairbrushes, toothbrush, washcloth, bar soap, soap dish, nail clippers, chapstick, Band-Aids, plastic cup and/or utensils)

Other possible items: small books, small coloring books, flashlights and batteries, deodorant, scarves, hat, mittens, etc.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Join us Sunday Evenings beginning at 5:30 for Discipleship Training class. We are currently working through the "Spiritual Gifts" bible study and we would love for you to come be a part!



CLEBURNE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The Cleburne Baptist Association's 17th Annual Meeting will be Monday, October 9th at 6:30 PM. Pine Grove Baptist Church will host. Guest Speaker will be Judge Roy Moore. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend!

ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Monday Morning Adult Bible Study class at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. We are currently studying Dr. David Jeremiah's "Agents of the Apocalypse". All are welcome!



HBC FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars!! The annual HBC Fall Festival will be held Saturday, October 21st at 4:00 PM. More details coming soon!

CCHS FOOTBALL BREAKFASTS

We love our Cleburne County High School Tigers! We are pleased to be able to serve our young students on the football team, cheerleading squad and their coaches by providing a hearty breakfast here at HBC each Friday at 6:45. Come and let your soul receive a blessing as well.



THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Mark your calendars!! The Annual Community Praise and Worship Service will take place at Macedonia Baptist Church on Sunday, November 5th at 5:00 PM. More details will be provided soon.

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