



# Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

Emphasize Christ, Energize the Church and  
Evangelize our Community.

April 19, 2018



Dear Church Family,

I recently had the privilege of viewing the new faith-based movie on the life of Bart Millard, lead singer for the group, MercyMe. The movie title, *I Can Only*

*Imagine*, is taken from their mega hit by the same title. If Bart had not told his life story, very few people would have known the details that had shaped him from his youth. Most would only know about his incredible voice and the many hit songs he has made very popular. We may even be tempted to think that he had never encountered the level of difficulty as we see in the movie. Bart struggled through many years of living with an abusive father which caused him a lot of pain and heartache. He always felt like he would never be good enough to please the demands of his father. Several of his songs were birthed out of his life experiences and have brought comfort to many others who are dealing with some of the same problems.

One of the greatest joys of the Christian life is being able to use our life experiences to help others. So many people struggle in silence without reaching out for help while searching for other ways to cope with their pain. All of us have dealt with the pains of life at some level. God allows us to experience pain to help others through their seasons of pain. The sooner we realize this truth, the sooner we can be a blessing to others. Jesus described the purpose of His ministry in Luke 4:18, "*The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed;*" As followers of Christ, His purpose should be our purpose. God has allowed Bart Millard to use his gift of music to reach out to hurting people with the gospel and offer them hope. How might God use you and your experiences to minister to the needs of others? Our Lord has allowed us to join Him on a mission of sharing the message of His mercy. Let's keep our eyes forward as God leads us to be a blessing to the world around us.

I Love You ALL,  
*Pastor Brent*

Proverbs 30:5



## 2018 BIBLE READING MARATHON AT ROSS PARK

The Bible Reading Marathon will kick off Sunday, April 29 with prayer at 5:30 PM. The reading of the Bible will begin at 6:00 PM and we will read around the clock until 11:30 AM on Thursday, May 3. This will be followed by the National Day of Prayer Gathering at Cleburne County Courthouse at noon. You may sign-up through the association office 256.463.8811 or sign-up online at <http://signup.com/go/MQscbJB>



## 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.

## DIAMOND SET LUNCHEON

Diamond Set will meet for their monthly covered dish luncheon on Tuesday, May 1 at 11:30 AM. Guest speaker will be antiques expert, Annette Smith. Devotional will be brought by Rev. Les Jones. Please make plan to bring your favorite dish to share and join us!



## SENIOR ADULT EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

The Senior Adult Evangelism Conference will be Monday, May 7, from 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM at Dalraida Baptist Church in Montgomery. Featured guests will include: Rick Evans, Charles Roessel, Joel Carwile and Paid in Full. Admission is FREE and NO registration is required. You may reserve a Chick-fil-a boxed lunch when you arrive for just \$5 or dine on your own.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Please join us at 8:00 AM on Mother's Day, May 13, for breakfast fit for a queen!! Please note, there will be NO Evening Service so that you may spend time with the special ladies in your life.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS dates have been set for June 3 - 7. That may seem like a long time away, but it will be here before we know it and we are so EXCITED!! This year's theme will be Group Publishing's *Shipwrecked*. Mark your calendar and make plans to bring the kids to VBS! We will venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. We will learn to be anchored in the truth that Jesus carries us through all life's storms.



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