



# Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

Emphasize Christ, Energize the Church and  
Evangelize our Community.

July 20, 2017



Dear Church Family,  
One thing is for certain when it comes to summer time in Alabama.... The temperature and the humidity are both sky high! I once met a man who was traveling through

the southern states for the first time in his life. He commented to me about the high humidity we have all come accustomed to during the summer months. I told him that the south was where humidity was invented. He just could not get over the intense heat along with the high humidity. Even though we are somewhat used to it, it's quite another adventure for someone who has yet to have the experience.

As we have made our way through the 23rd Psalm over the past 7 weeks, we have discovered many wonderful characteristics of our Shepherd. We have learned much about his wonderful love and constant care. As His sheep, we have grown accustomed to the care He provides and we enjoy the benefits of our relationship with Him. Just as much as we have adapted to the heat and humidity of this time of year, we get used to experiencing the love of our Shepherd. When I think about the blessing of being one of His sheep, my heart breaks for those around us who have yet to experience His love. How sad it must be to live in this world without the calming presence of our Lord. I cannot nor do I desire to even imagine living one day outside of the protective hand of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can be dangerous for any Christian to become so accustomed to God's love and not acknowledge Him daily. As David wrote the words of the 23rd Psalm, his ultimate goal was to experience being in the presence of the Lord forever in heaven. As children of God, we can live with the calming assurance of knowing that when we draw our last breath on earth, we will begin to experience eternal fellowship in the presence of our Lord.

God will always be faithful to His sheep. As His sheep, let's commit to always be faithful to Him.

I Love You ALL,

*Pastor Brent*

Proverbs 30:5



## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 26

Church Council will meet Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM to discuss the calendar of events for the next few months.

## HEARTS BACK TO SCHOOL DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

HEARTS is currently collecting donations for the 2017-18 Back to School Distribution Program. A list of the items needed can be picked up in the Church Library. All donations need to be dropped off at one of the HEARTS locations by July 27<sup>th</sup>. For more info, please contact HEARTS at (256) 463-1020 or (256) 568-5003.



## GUEST SPEAKERS—AUGUST 6

Guest speakers, Jon and Angie Sullivan, from GRACE (Global Relief And Crisis Emergencies) Ministries will be here Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> in the Morning Worship hour. They have been serving in Pattaya, Thailand and will be sharing about their ministry and some their experiences.

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

We will again have Discipleship Training class on Sunday Evenings beginning in August. This class will take the place of our Evening Worship Service. Orientation will be Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The first study we are doing will last 4 weeks (Aug. 13 –Sept. 10) and is titled "All In". The second study, "Spiritual Gifts", will last 8 weeks (Sept. 17 –Nov. 12). In order to better prepare for these classes, we need an accurate count of those who plan to attend. A sign-up sheet for each study can be found in the front foyer and at the Welcome desk.



## **Cleburne County**



## CLEBURNE COUNTY FAIR—AUGUST 11-12

We will be participating in the Cleburne County Fair again this year. It will be held Friday, August 11 and Saturday, August 12.

We will have a booth set up both days AND each evening during the rodeo. Some things we need donated for this event are:

- **HOMEMADE** ice cream.....this should start coming in after August 1st..... Please keep the flavors simple.
- **Movie stuff**.....gift cards to theatre; theatre candy; dvds..... We need enough to fill two large baskets.

If you would like to volunteer to work this event or help with preparations, please see Carla Tullis.

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