

# Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

Emphasize Christ, Energize the Church and  
Evangelize our Community.

August 17, 2017



Dear Church Family,

In Thom Rainer's book, "I Am A Church Member", he devotes one chapter to the subject of being a healthy church member.

Although we may not take much time to consider this subject, it is of the utmost importance for anyone who seeks to function properly in the life of the church. We all know how important it is to be physically healthy. When we visit the doctor for a routine physical, he will use a number of tests to determine the level of our health. Have you ever considered how important it is to evaluate our spiritual health? Just as much as our heart rate, blood pressure, blood sugar level and cholesterol numbers are factors to our physical health, there are many factors to the level of our spiritual health. You might think some of those factors would be praying, reading the Word or even regular church attendance. All of these are important, but they are simply visible evidence of something greater. The greatest indicator of spiritual health is determining who is in control of your life. When God is in control of your life, you will demonstrate a life that clearly resembles the lifestyle of Jesus Christ. When you love Jesus, you will love what He loves. Paul made it clear in Ephesians 5 that Jesus loved the church so much that He gave His life for her. What about you, friend? How much do you love your church? How often do you pray for the health and mission of your church? I like the way Dr. Rainer put it....

"As a church member, I am not merely to like my church or serve my church well. I am to fall deeply in love with my church. Christ is the bridegroom and the church is the bride. My commitment is to love that bride with unwavering and unconditional love."

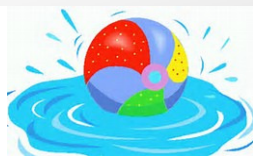
- Thom Rainer

Take some time this week to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal the level of love you have for your church family. God wants to do a great work through each of you. Let's love one another unconditionally and trust Him for the results.

I Love You ALL,

*Pastor Brent*

Proverbs 30:5



## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SWIM PARTY

Children's Back-to-school Swimming Party will be Saturday, August 19, at the home of Jim & Carla Tullis. It will begin at 2:00 PM and dinner will be provided.

## DEACON ELECTION

Deacon election is this Sunday, August 20, in the Morning Worship hour. We will be voting to elect Robby Brown and Bobby Bailey. Both candidates have served as deacons before and will be wonderful additions to our current active deacon body.



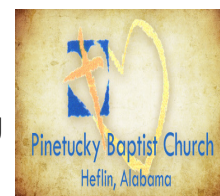
## DEACONS ICE CREAM SUPPER

Deacons Ice Cream Supper will be next Sunday night, August 20, following the "All In" Discipleship Training class. Our deacons will provide the homemade ice cream, toppings and drinks. All you have to do is show up and enjoy!



## PINETUCKY BAPTIST CHURCH REVIVAL

We will have **NO Wednesday Night Service here at HBC on August 23.** We have been invited to join Pinetucky at 6:30 PM for revival. Bro Brent will be bringing the message and our choir will be singing. Come fellowship and be revitalized!



## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

We now have Discipleship Training class on Sunday Evenings beginning at 5:30. The first study is titled "All In" and will last through September 10. The second study, "Spiritual Gifts", will last 8 weeks (Sept. 17 - Nov. 12). Come, learn, grow and share.

## 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 morning before the game. Fuel for the body is fuel for the mind as well. Meeting their physical needs before reaching their spiritual needs. The first game is scheduled for Friday, September 1, and we can't wait!



**Myers-Mallory**  
State Missions Offering

## MYERS-MALLORY STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

Several of our state mission projects have combined into one annual offering, The Myers-Mallory State Missions Offering. The Week of Prayer will be September 10 - 17. Offering will be received on Sunday, September 17 during the Morning Worship Service. Our church goal is \$4000. Your gifts will help support Alabama WMU, Disaster Relief, church planting, church revitalization and global partnership missions. Please be in prayer about how much your family can give.

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