



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

*Heflin Baptist Church exists to:
Share God's Word, Show God's Love,*

April 18, 2024



Dear HBC Family,

I recently shared with our church family some statistics on the way Americans view the authority and reliability of the Bible. I shared that recent polls indicate that 20% of Americans believe that the Bible is the literal Word of God and that close to 1/3 of Americans believe the Bible is nothing more than a collection of fables, legends, history and moral precepts recorded by man. These numbers should be alarming to all Christians who hold the Bible dear to our hearts as the literal, inerrant and infallible Word of God. Over almost four decades I have been a student of God's Word and I am more convinced of its authority than at any other time in my life. The question that keeps rising in my heart is, "How can we maintain our commitment to the authority of God's Word when there is such an abundance of hostility toward God and His Word?" As I pondered an answer to this question, a few thoughts came to mind that I would like to share with you.

Dedication

Remaining dedicated to a cause is not very common anymore. Our society has affected Christians by offering to many cheap substitutes for absolute truth. If we are to remain dedicated to the truth of God's Word, we must be sure to consume a steady diet of the Bible daily. We cannot continue to remain truth to anything or anyone we do not commune with on a regular basis.

Determination

Christians must have a burning desire to remain determined to stand for the truth of God's Word even when it is unpopular to do so. It's easy to be determined to stand strong for the Lord when everything is going well in our lives. However, how will we respond when times are tough. God's Word is under attack from so many different factions and we must be determined to stand for its truth regardless of the cost.

Demonstration

We can be dedicated and determined to uphold the truth of God's Word, but it doesn't have any effect on the world until there is an outward demonstration of its effect on the way we live. When we study God's Word, we are given boldness to believe and the courage to be mobilized to proclaim its truth. We cannot be completely obedient to the Great Commission unless we are carrying the gospel beyond the walls to a waiting world in need of a Savior.

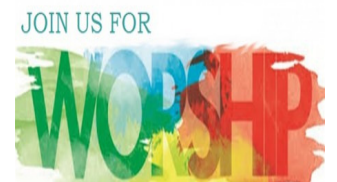
My prayer for our church family is that we will never compromise the truth of God's Word and that we will faithfully demonstrate the life changing power of the message of the gospel.

I Love You ALL and there ain't nothing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

The church office is open Monday—Thursday, 8AM—3PM & Friday, 8AM—Noon.

Please join us for Sunday School at 9:00 AM and for Sunday Morning Worship beginning at 10:00. Join us Wednesday evenings at 6:00 PM for Worship and Bible Study in the fellowship hall. The Children's Ministry and Frontline Student Ministry also meet every Wednesday.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER CONCERT

There will be a concert featuring the Frontline Student Ministries Choir, Heflin Quartet, Ryan Robertson, Dalton McSwain, Paula Barker and several guests on Sunday, April 21 at 5:00 PM. All proceeds will go to the Frontline Student Ministry to help pay for their Summer Retreat coming up in June. Please make plans to come enjoy some great music and support this wonderful group of young people.

SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

Sunday, May 5, we will be recognizing the class of 2024 graduates in our worship hour. A reception honoring these seniors will follow in the fellowship hall. Everyone is welcome.



DIAMOND SET TRIP

Diamond Set is planning a trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Center August 26-29. The cost of the trip is \$579 due by June 19.



2024 Bible Reading Marathon
April 28— May 2
April 28—Kick off worship time 5:30 pm
Followed by Bible reading Marathon which starts at 6pm and goes around the clock until May 2 at 11:30 am.
May 2 at 12 noon we meet at the National Day of Prayer to wrap up the marathon.

Sign-up Link: <https://signup.com/go/EJLFeXf>



D-Life groups meet throughout the week, and we'd love for you to join us!

Women's D-Life Group Meetings:

- * Robin Morrison's group meets at her home Sunday evenings at 6:00.
- * Angie Thompson's group meets at FES on Tuesday afternoons at 3:15.
- * Madison Owen's group meets at her home Tuesday evenings at 7:00.
- * Sheila Guthrie's group meets in the Ruth S.S. classroom Wednesday evenings at 4:30.
- * Cammie Benefield's group meets in the conference room Thursday mornings at 9:30.

Men's D-Life Group Meetings:

- * Keith Raisanen's group meets at Jack's Tuesday mornings at 7:30.
- * Brent Thompson's group meets at Jack's Wednesday mornings at 7:00.
- * Bobby Bailey's group meets in the Pairs & Spares S.S. classroom Wednesday evenings at 4:30.

To help in your study, D-Life Journals are available at the Welcome Desk for \$15.



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