



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

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Dear HBC Family,

I was recently listening to a podcast by a well-known financial expert, Dave Ramsey. I learned that currently 78% of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. Ramsey defines living paycheck to paycheck as "a situation when someone eagerly awaits their next paycheck to plan for the month's expenses." Instead of planning ahead, this person waits and must come up with a plan for the month only after they have received their paycheck. This is a very slippery slope to live on and the dangers of financial ruin are always a present thought for those living in this type of situation.

As I listened intently, I couldn't help but think about the multitudes of people who live in the same condition in their spiritual lives. Instead of planning to feed themselves spiritually, they depend on others to show up at the last minute to rescue them from the dangerous situations they have created. This is one of the reasons it is so important to me to help you learn to walk with God personally and privately. We must understand that the Word of God is the source of spiritual nourishment for our souls and His grace alone has the power to sustain us through life's most dreadful storms. If we only live from Sunday to Sunday without a plan to feed our souls through the week, we give the enemy multiple opportunities to attack and destroy the influence of our testimony. Sunday worship should never be viewed as a spiritual payday to just get you through the week. It should be viewed as an overflow of celebration for the way God has provided for you and used you on the mission field of life. There are a few practical ways to ensure that you are feeding your soul with a plan to make healthy deposits into your spiritual bank account.

1. Plan for some time each day to read God's Word and pray.
2. Prayerfully select a prayer partner to help hold you accountable.
3. Join a Sunday School class.
4. Join a D-Life Group.
5. Prayerfully look for ways to serve others to keep from living an inward focused life.

My prayer for each of you is that you live a spiritually healthy life with a full reserve in your spiritual bank account to help you through the difficult challenges of this life.

I Love You ALL and there's nothing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5

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. The Worship Service is streamed live online each week. 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.



MEN'S CONFERENCE

Men's Conference February 23-24 at Life Church of Oxford. Pastor Brent will be leading the conference. Tickets are only \$20 which includes dinner on Friday night, breakfast on Saturday morning and a conference notebook. Reserve your spot today at the Welcome

DIAMOND SET LUNCHEON

Diamond Set meets Tuesday, March 5 at 11:00 AM in the fellowship hall. All ages are welcome so bring a dish to share and join them!



CHILDREN'S MUSICAL, EASTER EGG HUNT, & FELLOWSHIP

The Children's Ministry will perform a musical for the congregation during the Service on Sunday, March 24. An Easter Egg Hunt and time of fellowship will follow the service. Please make plans to join us!

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Easter Sunday, March 31, we will have to 2 Worship Services. The first one will be at 9:00 AM and the second will begin at 10:30 AM. There will be no Sunday School that morning. Please make plans to join us at 6:15 AM for the Sunrise Service at the 2nd overlook at Mt. Cheaha.



DIAMOND SET TRIP

Diamond Set is planning a trip to the Ark Encounter and Creation Center August 26-29. For more information, see Mary Merrill.

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.
- * Madisa 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.
- * Larry Riddle's group meets in the fellowship hall Thursday mornings at 9:30.



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