

Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

January 17, 2019



Dear Church Family,

The last article I wrote to you contained a statement that I hope you will remember as we begin a new year together....

"There is no growth in the comfort zone AND there is not comfort in the growth zone." The will of God causes us all to be uncomfortable along our journey as God works in us to bring His best out of us. I am praying for 2019 to be a year of significant spiritual growth for the HBC Family.

I shared with our church family on January 6th about a statement Jesus made to His disciples from the gospel of John which has been burning in my heart.

John 13:34-35 (NKJV)

³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. ³⁵ By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

These words have spoken deeply into my soul about the importance of God's people loving one another. Jesus says that "all will know that you are my disciples..." How will they know? Simply by the love we demonstrate toward one another! WOW! Unbeliever's lives are literally drawn toward Christ by witnessing the faithful testimony of another believer. Personally, these verses challenge me to live completely surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Why? Because it is He who gives us the capacity to love one another the way He loves us. Jesus loved the church so much that He was willing to die in our place. We should love what He loves because we love Him. We should love the ministry of the church, the message of the church and the membership of the church. When we do, we can bring joy to the heart of God and other believers as we walk in unity with one another. The words of John 13 remind me of the chorus of a great song by Casting Crowns....

*"Loving my Jesus, showing my scars,
Telling my story of how mercy can reach you where you are,
And I pray the whole world hears the cry of my heart,
Is to see the ones I love, loving my Jesus."*

Let's be known for loving our Jesus, loving each other and leading others to love Him. Buckle up..... 2019 is going to be a great year!

I love you ALL and there's not a thing you can do about it!

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5

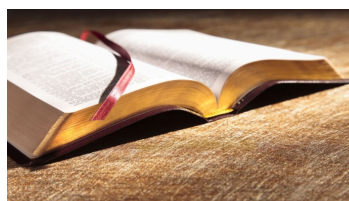


CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Church Council will meet Wednesday, January 30, at 5:00 PM. The purpose of this meeting will be to plan the calendar of events for the months of February, March, and April.

COVERED DISH FELLOWSHIP

We will have a 5th Wednesday Night Covered Dish Fellowship meal on January 30 at 6:00 PM. Please bring your favorite dish to share and join us!



2018 THOMAS NELSON DEVOTIONALS

Pastor Brent has the honor of being a contributing author in the 2018 Thomas Nelson Devotional. These books make wonderful gifts. Copies are just \$15 and can be purchased in the church office.

FEBRUARY FUNTASTIC

Word of Life children (grades 1-6) will be attending February Funtastic on Saturday, February 9, 2019. They will be traveling to Thunder Zone in Douglasville, GA for 2 hours of fun! They will then go to XL Sports (a huge indoor gym) for more games, devotional, and some EXCELLENT prizes!!



THANK YOU!!

Thanks to your generous gifts, we were able to send \$6,461 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Gifts to Lottie Moon help fund ministries like medical outreach, evangelism and discipleship training. The missionaries we support help plant churches in the darkest corners of the world.

DIAMOND SET COVERED DISH FELLOWSHIP

Diamond Set will meet Tuesday, February 5, at 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon. Special guest will be Bro. Terry Scott, the drawing preacher. Bring your favorite dish to share and come be amazed by his wonderful illustrations as he shares the gospel.



RENEW... A DAY AWAY WITH FRIENDS - FEBRUARY 23 - NORTHPARK BAPTIST CHURCH, TRUSSVILLE, AL

Renew registration is \$35 and includes lunch. Renew provides an environment for spiritual refreshment for women, while encouraging them to live a missions and ministry-centered lifestyle. Join this day of worship, Bible study and breakout conferences. Bring your friends or come make new ones! For more info or to register please visit the Alabama WMU website at <http://alabamawmu.org/> Renew. Last day for registration is February 14.

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