



Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

March 16, 2023



Dear HBC Family,

Do you ever find yourself being distracted by so many things throughout the day that you struggle to get the important tasks of the day completed? If you do, you're not alone. Statistics tell us that the average person is distracted on average every 40 seconds during a typical workday with other tasks and interruptions. This results in over two hours per day of dealing with distractions. It can be very frustrating to deal with constant interruptions that affect the focus of our lives. When I think of how to best handle the subject of distractions, I think of the way Jesus dealt with them during His ministry on earth.

Mark 1: 35-39

Now in the morning, having arisen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there he prayed. (36) And Simon and those who were with Him searched for Him. (37) When they found Him, they said to Him, "Everyone is looking for you." (38) But he said to them, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also, because for this purpose I have come forth." (39) And He was preaching in the synagogues throughout Galilee and casting out demons.

Jesus got up early and spent time talking to the Father as He prepared for the day. He did not allow the people or the pressure from His disciples to set His agenda. He got His marching orders from the Father. It humbles me to realize that if Jesus knew He couldn't to a single day without communing with the Father neither can I. I need the Father to guide my steps, guard my heart and give me the grace to live faithfully for Him. It's all about have a kingdom agenda based on the Word of God. Tony Evans defines a kingdom agenda as, "the visible and comprehensive rule of God over every area of your life." There is little doubt that it is difficult to live with a kingdom agenda in a world that is running away from God instead of to God. Let's make it our goal to start our day with getting in touch with our heavenly Father. It will definitely make a difference as we seek to make a difference in our world.

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5

The church office is open Monday—Thursday, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

And Friday, 8:00 AM—12:00 PM.

Please join us for Sunday School at 9:00 AM and for Sunday Morning Worship beginning at 10:00. The Morning 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.



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be received during the "Walk to the Cross" in the morning worship service on Palm Sunday, April 2. Money received for the AAEO goes to support mission efforts across the U.S. and Canada.

VISITATION SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 26, at 4 pm we will be going out and inviting our neighbors to church and our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to take part in this visitation, please sign up at the Welcome Desk!

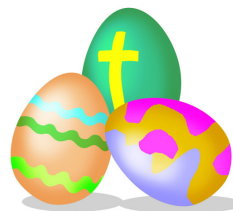


OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's time for Operation Christmas Child year-round collection! Suggested items for the month of March are hats, gloves, scarves, socks, mittens, flip flops, underwear, t-shirts, tights, leggings, and shoes. More info available in the Welcome Center.

CHILDREN'S EASTER PARTY

HBC Kids will be having their Easter Party on Wednesday, April 5. More details to follow. Please invite children in your families, neighborhoods, and schools.



HBC EASTER EGG HUNT

HBC Sunday School Classes will be hosting a community-wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8, at noon! There will be food, games, a cake auction to benefit Operation Christmas Child, and, of course, an egg hunt!!

EASTER SUNDAY - April 9

Sunrise service at the 2nd overlook on Mt. Cheaha at 6:15 AM. Breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall. There will be no Sunday School, but please join us for Morning Worship at 10:00 AM!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

VBS dates have been set for June 11-14!! More details coming soon!

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