

The Messenger

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What must we do?
(strength·en)
/STRENG(K)THƏN/ TO MAKE STRONG / TO BUILD UP / TO NOURISH
MISSION GEORGIA
SEASON OF PRAYER AND OFFERING
FOR STATE MISSIONS
Our Goal: \$2500.00

September Memory Verse

Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me. Psalm 31:3

From My Heart



to Yours....

As Christians our lives are to shine with good works and righteous living. Not trying to display a haughty attitude but by a genuine commitment to do the right thing consistently. And in a world where wrong is often justified, it is not always easy to go against the flow and do the right thing regardless. I once worked with a guy who often cheated people in his business practices, and even though I was not directly involved, I still felt "guilty" by association so I had to part ways with that company. For him, the dishonesty was just good business sense.

There are probably plenty of people around who would say, "What gain is there in doing the right thing, many others are not?" And it is true that doing the right thing may not make you financial prosperous. Doing the right thing will not keep trouble from coming to your doorstep. Doing the right thing may not always cause people to like you or support you. For believers though we have at least five good reasons to do the right thing (which is another way of saying, Be holy).

First, we honor God by bearing resemblance to His nature and upholding His good name. I Peter 1:16, "Be holy because I am holy says the Lord." We have a responsibility as God's children not to tarnish His name and character with our bad behavior. Imagine someone driving recklessly with a bumper sticker that says, "Prayer changes things." Remember as Paul said, "We are ambassadors for Christ" (II Corinthians 5:20). We represent the Lord to those outside of the Church.

Second, when we do the right thing we can avoid the costly expense that is often attached to sin. Because God has built the law of sowing and reaping into the world, we may pay the consequences of our sin, even though we seek God's forgiveness. It is common to think "because I did not experience immediate consequences for my sin, I must have gotten away with it"—it is the myth of nonpayment. Yet even though you may not feel the consequences in the moment, you may experience them later or in ways you do not even see. But you never get the wrong thing at a good price. The Devil is a great scam artist. (I heard from him this week. I got a letter in the mail saying I had won a Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes prize of \$450,000.00) As good a man as King David was his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba cost him dearly. Even things we might regard as "little sins" come with a price tag.

Also, when we do the right thing we set up positive patterns in our lives. Then when faced with a choice we have already carved a groove in our thinking patterns. We condition ourselves toward righteousness. We are creatures of habit, for better or for worse. Open a book up over and over again to the same place, and do not be surprised if the book falls naturally into that same location. By doing the right thing we establish

DEACONS

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**DEACON ORDINATION
Of
BOB ADAMS**

Sept 8, 2019 9am Service



Church family, it is time to pack book bags for the Southern Baptist Christmas Backpack outreach for Appalachia. This year we are targeting 50 girls ages 8-11. Through your generous donations, we already have collected 50 Jansport book bags, 50 stuffed animals, and 50 washcloths. We still need the following items listed below.

- hats or gloves 14 needed
- art or craft kits 21 needed
- markers 31 needed
- pairs of socks 10 needed
- cans of pop top food 100 needed cans no plastic containers
any other item a young girl might enjoy

Jo Anne Hopkins
Dollie Jackson

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits

Fellowship Hall



momentums, precedents, and inclinations to do the right thing next time around.

Further, by doing the right thing you will bring peace into your life instead of strife. You will be at peace with yourself and with God. You avoid a troubled conscience and enjoy a clean one.

Finally, when we do the right thing we make a positive impact for our Savior on those who do not know him. We might think that our bad behavior hurts only ourselves but social influence is much stronger than we ever realize.

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed



Music Notes...

From the Heart

Be filled with the Spirit. . . Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father. — Ephesians 5:18-19

The great opera star Enrico Caruso said a singer needs “a big chest, a big mouth, 90 percent memory, 10 percent intelligence, lots of hard work, and something in the heart.”

It is my constant prayer that the hearts of you all who have heard the music shared by the choir have been drawn to Christ and filled with his Spirit. It is also my prayer that the articles have helped you readers in the same way. Having considered how service, confession, encouragement, and other qualities should be seen in the life of a Christian, I appreciate these words of Leon Morris, a New Testament scholar: “There is no point in accepting Christian teaching if we refuse to let it shape our lives.”

We are called to “live as children of light.” Such wise living includes understanding what God’s will is for us and being filled with the Spirit. Being self-controlled, we become like Christ. We speak the truth, sing praises, thank God, and submit to one another.

Doing these things is not limited to worship gatherings. We must speak the truth always, sing praise from our hearts anytime, thank God for all things at all times, and always “submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

With the Spirit of Christ filling your heart, in what ways are you shining the light of Jesus’ love in this world?



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Bridal Shower

for

Reid Hudson & Kailey Lytle

Sunday, Sept 22 ~ 1:30pm-3:00pm

Fellowship Hall

***Registered at Dillard's, Target, & Amazon**

BAPTISM

Sunday, Sept 8, 9am service

Bended Knee Society



**Wednesdays 7am-8am
Church Library**

NEW SERIES

**POWER
PROMISES**

Begins Sept 15

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

01 Sep—Todd Bryan

02 Sep—Chris Viles

05 Sep—Reid Hudson

08 Sep—Cliff Ford

08 Sep—John Hollingsworth

15 Sep—Ray Anthoine

24 Sep—Sheila Bennett

Julian Jones

Weekly Calendar

Sunday Sep 01

- 9:00 Traditional Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Service
- 5:30 Youth Service
- 6:00 Summer Concert Series

Wednesday Sep 04

- 7:00am Bended Knee Society
- 8:15am Daniel Plan
- 6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
- 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
- 7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

Counting Committee

Melissa Hedgpeth
Angie Greer
Danny Greer

September Usher

Tony Matias

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Together, we can save a life

Tuesday, Sep 3
2pm-7pm
Fellowship Hall

THE DANIEL PLAN

Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Come and join us and learn to glorify God in the way we eat, move and think!

Wednesdays @ 8:15am

Exercise Days: Monday & Friday @ 8:15am



Meeting
Mon Sep 16 @
10am Church
Library

It's a new day dawning...

Community-wide
Senior Adult



Rev. Mike Stone



Worship with
Dwayne Moore



Dr. J. Gerald Harris



Rev. Bryant Wright

Revival
Sept 30-Oct 2

Lizella Baptist



Monday-Thursday

8:30-4:30

Closed for lunch

12:00-12:45

Friday

8:30-2:30

Church office closed Sept 2 in observance of Labor Day