

The Messenger

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DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

**DEACON ORDINATION
Of
BOB ADAMS**

Sept 8, 2019 9am Service

BAPTISM

Sunday, Sept 8, 9am service

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 I write this week, Hurricane Dorian has already brought vast destruction to the Bahamas and it remains to be seen how close it will come to the coast of Florida. Instead of waiting to see what this unpredictable storm might do, all the potentially effected states are in preparedness mode—boards on windows, sandbags, extra water, batteries, generators as well as just leaving your living quarters. It reminds me that preparedness is a major theme in the New Testament. Of course, not hurricane prep but of being prepared to meet God.

Not a fun though, but the truth is, that meeting can take place at a moments notice on any day, even today! Over the past weekend the reminder signs were there for us not only with Dorian but in the random killings in Odessa, TX and in the boat fire off the coast of California. I cannot imagine that any of those scuba divers dreamed it would be the last trip of their earthly lives. Were any of them thinking about their readiness or lack of readiness to meet God? We cannot know, yet we can know from Scripture that we are advised and warned to live in a state of spiritual preparedness. *Matthew 24:42, 44, "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. 44So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him. Matthew 25:13 Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. I John 2:28 And now, dear children, continue in him, so that when he appears we may be confident and unashamed before him at his coming.*

As we looked last Sunday at ICorinthians 3:10-15, we saw that there is a "coming day" when we will stand before the Lord and our works will be reviewed and evaluated as to their eternal durability. Am I invested each day in the kingdom of God in someway that I will be prepared if that coming day were today? Or would I be unprepared because too much of my time is given to worldly pursuits that make no spiritual difference in the long run?

What does spiritual readiness look like? Some thoughts... I certainly would not be ready to meet the Lord if I have known sin in my life that I embrace instead of asking for God's cleansing grace and His help to forsake it. I would want to be maintaining a closeness to the Lord with daily prayer and Scripture reading. I would want the Lord to know that my life is fully available to Him to do His service. I could not have confidence in His presence if I had neglected my witness to those in my family or social circle. I would be prepared by not allowing any bitterness to reside in my heart. I am prepared to meet Christ when I am relying not upon my own righteousness to give me good standing, but only on His grace alone.



Don't forget to bring your change filled water bottles this Sunday to turn in!



We still need the following items listed below for our backpacks:

- 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

Thirty-Niner's

SENIOR MINISTRY OF FBC

The Thirty-Niner's will meet on Thursday, Sep 19 at noon for a covered dish luncheon. Todd Youngblood from the Kay Community Center will present a program on wonderful services the Kay Center provides for our community. Bring a covered dish and join us for this great time of fellowship and an informative program.

Having grown up in Florida I have been a part of many hurricanes in my life and we learned (sometimes the hard way) to be prepared. How much more important to have our hearts prepared in any moment to be in God's presence?

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed



I have had the pleasure of becoming the chaplain of the Fort Valley Middle School football team. I started last week by speaking to the team before their first game. It was a great experience that I look forward to continuing.

But since this week is the first week of college football (even though I wish my team could have a do-over) I thought I'd share with you all the same principle I gave the football team last week. I talked to the team about self-discipline. Here's some of what I said:

"When it comes to football, it's about matchups. It's about beating the guy you're responsible for beating. It's about being better than the guy in front of you. But here's the thing, you can't control how big the other person is, or how strong they are, or how fast they are. You can't control what guy that you are matched up against.

So then what can you control? The answer is yourself. You can only control what you do. How well you play. The passion and fire and heart that you play with. You can't keep the guy you're matched up against from spending time in the weight room, but you can keep yourself in check and make sure that you're doing everything to keep your body in the proper shape. You can't keep the guy across from you from hydrating properly, but you can make sure you do. You can't make the guy across from you from playing hard on every snap, but you can make sure you give every play your all.

The same is true in every aspect of our lives. We can do our absolute best to control the environment around us, but it just doesn't work that way. You don't get to control the amount of homework you get, or how hard your tests are, but you do get to control how hard you work in the classroom and at home studying.

You can't keep the people around you from doing things that make you mad, but you can control how you react. You can't control how you're treated, but you can control how you treat others.

For the rest of your life, you are going to be tasked with keeping yourself in check. One day you'll get old, and you'll have bills and a family to take care of and the only way to be able to that is if you start learning now that YOU are responsible for the direction of your life. In Proverbs 25:28 it says: 'A man without self-discipline is like a city broken into and left without walls.' As long as we blame the actions of others, or the size of our problems, we will never get past the obstacles in our way. So today I just want you to take this with you: You are responsible for you. Today, on the football field, you have to do your job. You have to take responsibility for yourself.

You want to do big things? Then start by making sure you do what you need to do to get there, regardless of what anybody else is doing, because you aren't responsible for them. You are responsible for you."

I think we can all learn a little something from that.

Let's remember that this week.

-Jacob



DOOR OF HOPE
COUNSELING

Partnered in ministry with FBC

LUNCH-N-LEARN Sep 16 @ Noon
Struggling to cope with life? Marriage need a tune up?
Feeling down, sad all the time? Angry all the time?
Lost a loved one? We are here to help.
Call to schedule an appointment (478-822-0033)
Most insurances accepted.

Brotherhood Breakfast



Men's Ministry

Saturday, Sep 7 @ 8am
FBC Fellowship Hall ****FREE****
Men, join us for a time of fellowship, faith, and food with your Deacons.

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

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits

Fellowship Hall



Weekly Calendar

Sunday **Sep 08**

- 9:00 Traditional Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Service
- 5:30 Youth Service

Wednesday **Sep 11**

- 7:00am Bended Knee Society
- 7:30am 1st Responders Breakfast
- 8:15am Daniel Plan
- 6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
- 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
- 7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

Counting Committee

Ken Grahl
Tim Wilder
Becky Wilder

September Usher

Tony Matias

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Meeting
Mon Sep 16 @
10am Church
Library

NEW SERIES
POWER PROMISES

Begins Sept 15



Advisory Committee Meeting

Sunday, Sep 22 @ 12.30
(lunch included)

Bended Knee Society



Wednesdays 7am-8am
Church Library

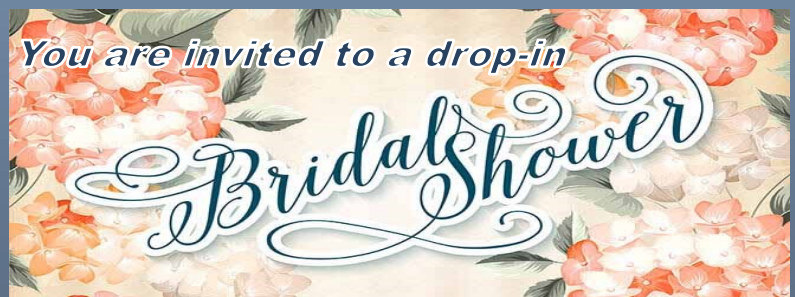
THE DANIEL PLAN

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



You are invited to a drop-in

Bridal Shower

for

Reid Hudson & Kailey Lytle

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

Fellowship Hall

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



Monday-Thursday

8:30-4:30

Closed for lunch

12:00-12:45

Friday

8:30-2:30