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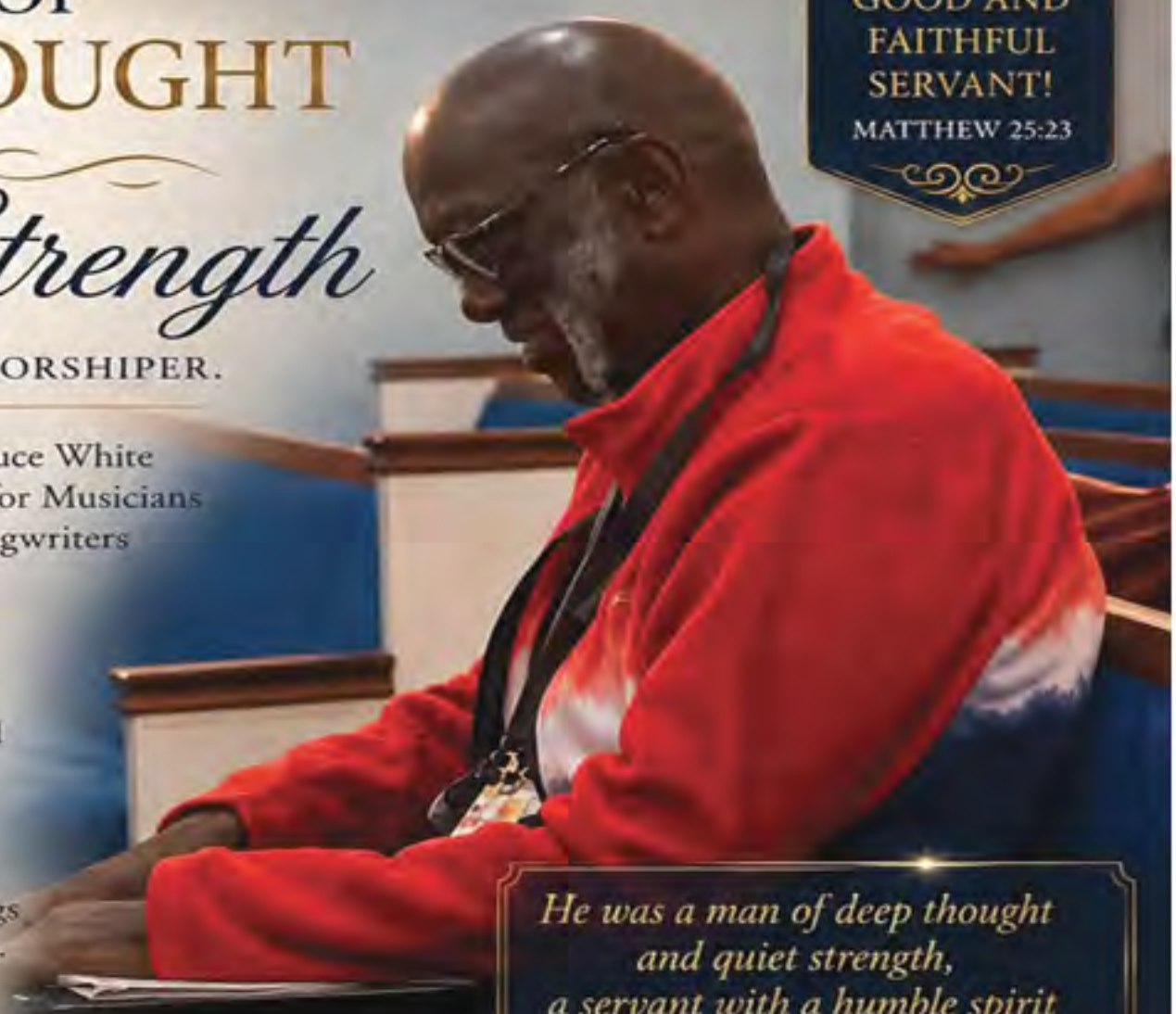
A MAN OF DEEP THOUGHT & Quiet Strength

THINKER. DOER. WORSHIPER.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!
MATTHEW 25:23



On **July 10, 2026,** Dr. Bruce White attended the Prayer Class for Musicians at the National Gospel Songwriters Conference.

A THINKER.
He listened with intent, absorbed with wisdom, and sought God above all.

A DOER.
He used his gifts, his time, and his talents to write songs that pointed hearts to Jesus.

A WORSHIPER.
His heart loved God.
His life blessed many.
His legacy will inspire generations.

He was a man of deep thought and quiet strength, a servant with a humble spirit and a heart after God.

(SEE STORY ON PAGE 10)

Thank you, Dr. Bruce, for every song, every prayer, and every life you touched.

DR. BRUCE WHITE

HOUSTON, TEXAS
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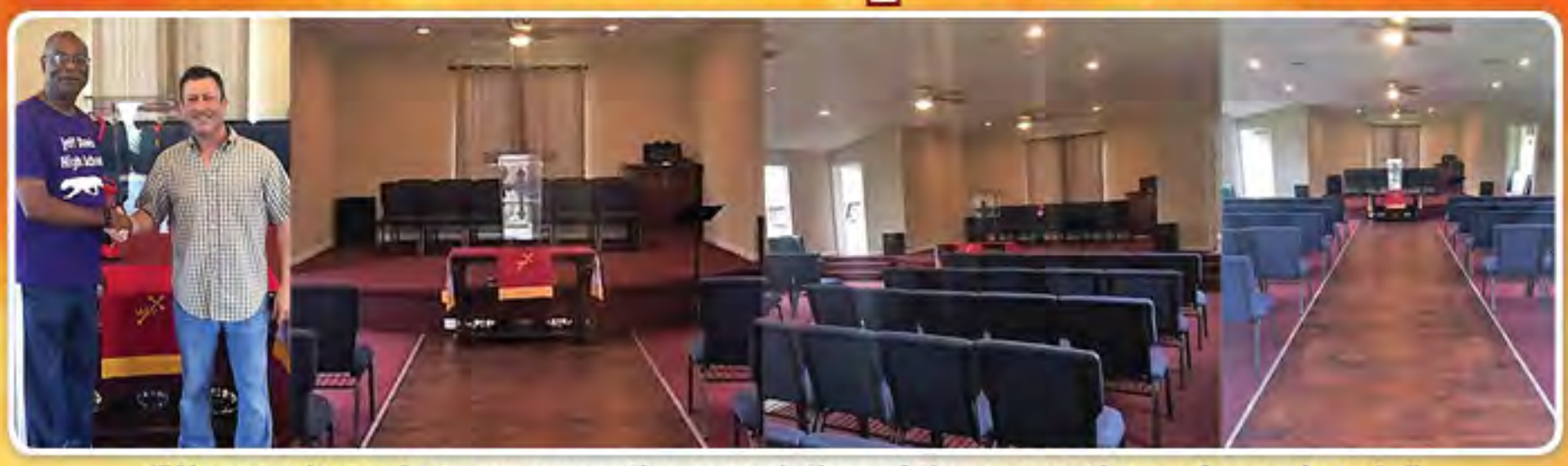

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Arthur Lee Waldrup, Sr., and Calvin J. Abraham

REV. ARTHUR WALDRUM AND REV. CALVIN ABRAHAM

(The following exert was taken from THE GOOD NEWS MONTHLY ARCHIVES, "The Ten Year Anniversary of the Tom Bass Park Prayer Ministry", in Rev. Arthur Waldrup, Sr., own words.)

"One morning while walking at Nunn Park on Cullen Ave., I caught up with Pastor Calvin Abraham. We began to walk and talk. He had just lost his wife and one of his sons was in trouble. I shared with him that I was on my way to the Harris County Jail where I served as a Chaplain. I could see at that time that Pastor Abraham needed my support and I needed his. That is how God put us together. It was later that year in 2004, we began to walk together. Morning after morning, we met at 6:00 a.m. for our daily walk. When we completed our walk, Pastor Abraham would say, "Rev, let's join hands and pray." God had joined me together with a praying man. For a long time, I prayed that God would allow me to have a closer relationship with my own pastor so we could praise, pray, and fellowship together. But it was Pastor Abraham who was my answer from God.

In 2005, cars had broken into at the park where we had been walking on. I was led by the Holy Spirit to move and start walking at Tom Bass Park. Pastor Abraham did not come the first day; so I started walking alone with God not knowing what or where He was leading me. The next day, I shared with Pastor Abraham that I was walking at Tom

TOM BASS IN LINE FOR SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Bass Park. His remarks were, "Rev, there so many hills out here and I do not think my legs will make it; but I will try." He made it!

Neither one of us could see what God had in His plans as we started walking together. We never imagined that walking at this park, God was leading us into a prayer ministry. We continued to walk and after completing our walk, we prayed. One day after walking, as we continued on to our cars to pray, a woman stopped and joined hands with us as we prayed. She shared with us some serious problems concerning her daughter, Tonia. Her name was Joyce Davis. Looking back over the many prayers that have been prayed, we can give God the praise for He has performed miracles for that family over the past 10 years. We give God all the Glory!"

Since the passing of Rev. Abraham and Rev. Waldrup, the PRAYER MINISTRY has continued its tradition of the saints of God meeting together daily and offering intercessory prayer for one another, for their families, friends, and strangers alike; primarily through conference calls, but also in person once a week at the park. (see schedule at the bottom of the page)

Many prayers have been answered through the many and diverse prayer warriors of the PRAYER MINISTRY which has grown rapidly via the conference calls reaching people and having people to offer intercessory prayers all across the United States. And the best part of this ministry is that God has added to His kingdom with people receiving salvation through His blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord! The 1st Annual Founders Day celebration has come and gone, but its beginning marks the celebration and continuation or BE STILL AND SEE THE GLORY OF THE LORD! (See Founders' Day Ad below)

Along with Pastors Arthur Lee Waldrup, Sr. and Calvin J. Abraham, the Tom Bass Prayer Ministry has a long history of individuals who trusted in

TOM BASS PARK PRAYER WARRIORS GREW STEADILY

God. We remember their lives of service, dedication and sacrifice. They are an indelible part of our lives and remembering them strengthens us as we con-

TOM BASS PRAYER WARRIORS CONTINUE TO WALK IN THE DEAD OF WINTER

tinue: Renewing the lives and hearts of mankind everywhere.

Virgie Pink Jenkin-Henry, Doris Jackson, Lawrence Thompson, Ivory Braden Waldrup, Thomas Walker, Joyce Hargrove, Henry Perkins, Mr. Sam Woods, Shasta Moore, Lucy Abram, George Lee, Arthur Compton, Nia Rose, Andrew Shields, Sandra Pennie, James Fortson, Mary Lucile Pennie, Iantha Smith, Charles Battles, Virginia Fortson, Pamela White, Harvey White

The Mission: The mission of the Tom Bass Prayer Ministry is to share the love of Christ. Help develop loving disciples, who nurture faith, compassionately witness and make disciples everywhere.

The Vision:

· Founded by and grounded on the Word of God through prayer, we seek God through affirming prayer and supplication as a body of Believers.

· Give articulate biblically and theologically sound Christ centered messages to help Believers live circumspectly in this world.

· To be a ministry that passionately supports the things of God and like Believers.

· To be not only hearers, but doers of the Word by supporting the body of Christ through local and global missions and Church congregations through prayer and partnerships.

USING AVAILABLE SCHOOL DATA TO DEVELOP A PLAN OF ACTION FOR STUDENT SUCCESS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR 2026-27

OBJECTIVE: Parent will be able to analyze previous school year's documentation of child's performance in academics, behavior, and attendance to develop a "plan of action" for success in the upcoming school year

PROCEDURE: 1. Parent will examine the "final report card" and check the following for "unsatisfactory grades"; "poor attendance"; "excessive tardies"; and "unacceptable behavior"

a. final grade....Math__Sci__SS__LAN__PE__E1__E2__
b. # of abs.....Math__Sci__SS__LAN__PE__E1__E2__
c. # of tardies....Math__Sci__SS__LAN__PE__E1__E2__
d. # write-ups....Math__Sci__SS__LAN__PE__E1__E2__

2. Parent will determine from "credits earned" whether or not child will have to repeat a class or re-take it in summer school

a. # earned credits...Math__Sci__SS__LAN__PE__E1__E2__
b. N/C due to abs....Math__Sci__SS__LAN__PE__E1__E2__
c. Sum School req..Math__Sci__SS__LAN__PE__E1__E2__

3. Parent will look at the data collected in #1 and #2 to determine one of the following reasons why their child did not receive credit:

"NCG" - no credit because of failing grades;
"NCA" - no credit because of too many absences;
"NCT" - no credit because of excessive tardies;
"NCB" - no credit because of behavior which led to suspensions and assignment to alternative school. There might also be multiple reasons why your child did not receive credit. Circle each one that applies for each subject:

a. Math.....NCG.....NCA.....NCT.....NCB
b. Science.....NCG.....NCA.....NCT.....NCB
c. Soc. Studies.....NCG.....NCA.....NCT.....NCB
d. Lang. Arts/Read.....NCG.....NCA.....NCT.....NCB
e. Phys. Education.....NCG.....NCA.....NCT.....NCB
f. Elective 1.....NCG.....NCA.....NCT.....NCB
g. Elective 2.....NCG.....NCA.....NCT.....NCB

4. Look at the sample "PLAN OF ACTION" plans for children and parents found on "pages 18 - 21." Customize your plan of action for your child and for yourself using some of the recommendations given in the sample "PLAN OF ACTION" on pp. 18 - 21. Focus only on those subjects your child did not receive credit in. Go over both plans with your child. Be open to "reasonable suggestions" and be flexible. Both parent and child must agree, sign, and date the beginning to implement their PLAN OF ACTION

STRATEGY III. DURING THE REGULAR SCHOOL YEAR

A. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARENTS EACH SIX WEEKS TO SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS, (Following recommendations found on pages 18 – 21):

1. Stress the importance of getting a good education to achieve personal goals and dreams (regardless of education of parent) (If parents are unable to use themselves as positive models, they should provide other positive models that their children either personally know or can relate to; i.e. doctor, lawyer, dentist, businessperson, teacher, nurse, computer specialists, law enforcement, counselor, banker, investment broker, insurance agent, social services, Paralegal, etc.)

2. Provide a "study room or place to study" somewhere in the home which is free of distractions: i.e. television, video games, music that is distracting, arguments, family conflicts, constant flow of home traffic, etc

3. Make sure child has the essential equipment, technology, materials, and supplies to study; required for each class.

4. Provide structured time for study or homework (it is crucial that your child develop good study habits which can only be developed over a period of time with a daily set time, certain amount of time to study, and a special place with appropriate conditions to study) Scheduled breaks with refreshments must be included in all study times. Also, it is crucial that a balance be maintained with school, family, and church activities if your child is to have success.

5. Provide your child with some type of schedule book, organizer, or day timer to keep up with all assignments from each class and all student related activities which parents are to be involved in

6. One or both of the parents should actively be involved with their child's daily homework (special assignments & projects also fall in this category). Parents should assist their child in understanding what the assignment is all about; clarify any questions that your child may not understand; review the "quality of the work" your child will be turning in (Is it neat, clean, legible, and complete?); review the homework answers together (If the parent is unsure about any assignment or what is expected of his/her child, it is the parents responsibility to contact the teacher via phone, note, or e -mail to insure their child is able to function in that classroom. This should be done as often as the occasion arises and with the urgency it demands. (Your child will not learn if they cannot do the homework/assignments required of them) Also, it is a plus if you make sure that the completed homework, project, or assignment is carefully packed in the school backpack, tote bag, or carrying case for the next day. (This will prevent unnecessary trips to school and also your child having missing or late work)

7. Insist that your child read for recreation each week with a book of his/her choice. In establishing a daily routine, allowing your child some special time to read his/her favorite book before bedtime will bring additional positive rewards in all classes and develop a lifelong enjoyment for reading.

8. Limit the amount of television, "free time" on the computer, MP3, playing video games, and talking on the phone (regular or cell) during the school week. This will involve careful monitoring on the parent's part to ensure that their child adheres to the routine you want for them during the school week. Having and reinforcing rules at home will make it easier for your child to adhere to the rules at school.

9. Go over your child's MID -TERM PROGRESS REPORT & SIX OR NINE WEEKS REPORT CARD each grading period reviewing their grades, absences, and behavior comments. If there are some questions regarding any of these issues, contact the school and set up a parent -teacher conference. You may also request to have an administrator and/or counselor there to answer your questions and concerns. Always take notes during these meetings and have a few ideas you think you could do to correct any concerns discussed. (Set up a follow-up date to meet to check on progress—within 2 - 3 weeks)

10. Always look for teachable moments when you are spending quality family time with your children to emphasize the importance of what you are doing in the home regarding homework and what teachers are teaching them in the schools. When you go on vacation trips; to the movies; to the grocery store; to sports activities; to the zoo; to museums; to department stores; to theme parks; shopping on-line, going to church or Sunday school; on a family drive, or just looking at television, anywhere and everywhere!! The trick is to not let your child realize that you are reinforcing; reviewing; providing application opportunities; continually developing skills in comprehension, analysis, evaluation, prediction, decision - making, interpretation, synthesis, etc., that they are also learning in school (USE ALL 10 RECOMMENDATIONS PREVIOUSLY LISTED TO DEVELOP A CUSTOMIZED "PLAN OF ACTION" FOR YOUR CHILD TO MAXIMIZE HIS/HER SUCCESS IN THE 2026 – 27 ACADEMIC YEAR)

B. What parents SHOULD DO EACH SIX WEEKS to grade themselves on how they are actively helping their child achieve success in acquiring a quality education in public school.

GIVE YOURSELF A GRADE EACH SIX WEEKS (OR GRADING PERIOD.). (USE THE TYPICAL SCORING USED ON SPELLING TESTS (50 - 100 pts). AFTER YOU HAVE REVIEWED YOUR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE AT SCHOOL ON THEIR REPORT CARD, SEE IF WHAT YOU AS A PARENT DID OR DIDN'T DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD PRIOR TO EACH GRADING PERIOD CORRELATES WITH THE OUTCOME OF GRADES YOUR CHILD RECEIVED ON HIS/HER REPORT CARD. USE EACH OF THE (10) ITEMS LISTED ABOVE USED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR CHILD'S PLAN OF ACTION AS THE CRITERIA FOR YOUR OWN EVALUATION. (EACH CRITERION IS WORTH 10 PTS. EACH).

Back to School for Parents

Michael D. Buford

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WHEN MERCY KICKS IN

This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years – Jeremiah 25:11 (NLT)

BY APOSTLE E. BURTON

If you were living during this Old Testament time and heard a well-known prophet by the name of Jeremiah declare something like what is stated in our verse for today, what would your first thought be? Which part of the warning would you focus on more--the coming destruction of your land, the impending doom of being taken into captivity to a foreign country, or being forced to serve the wicked king of Babylon for seventy years? And keep in mind that this same warning had previously been spoken by other no-named prophets to you and the other people of Judah that the coming doom will surely take place if you and your countrymen did not repent of your sins. But you and your countrymen paid the prophets no mind and did business as usual; kept sinning. Looking at the situation facing Judah, it is hard to explain why they kept on doing wrong in the sight of God since they had heard about the punishment God had imparted to the other tribes of Israel for their disobedience to Him. One explanation for Judah continuing in their sins is the same explanation some Christians use even today! They would say to themselves, "… my sins are not that bad; and I should not receive the same punishment as those who sins are worse than mine." Judah thought along this same line even though the Prophet Ezekiel had declared to them that their sins were far worse than those of the children of Israel who were already taken into captivity as punishment by God. And Judah had also received Word about how this king of Babylon had been conquering other kingdoms long before he decided to come to their doorsteps. They knew about his ability to takeover kingdoms, but they ignored these facts believing that the God they served would deliver His people the same way He had done in the past. The only problem with their thinking at this time was that they had been continually disobedient to God and ignoring the warnings from the prophets to confess and repent of their sins and renew their spirit of obedience to God. Judah was about to learn the same lesson that Israel learned earlier that those whom God loves, He will chastise for being disobedient to Him. Would you have been just as hardheaded as the people of Judah upon hearing this prophesy and continue to ignore the Prophet Jeremiah's warnings because you rested on the fact that you were God's chosen people; therefore, no harm could ever come to you?

Scripture tells us that this is exactly how the people of Judah reacted to this prophesy of Jeremiah that he received directly from God. My study of the Bible gives me no indication that anyone took this prophesy or anything like it serious enough to repent or change their ways. Does any of this sound familiar to anyone? In fact, it wasn't until Daniel read about this prophesy that he saw the mercy of God even within His judgement toward Judah. For some who may have missed this insight, let me share some light on this truth.

It was because of Israel's continued disobedience that now even Judah would be taken into captivity. Again, this chastisement is the result of having been warned many times resulting in no significant changes in the people. As you may know, this is one example of the "grace of God" –an undeserving act of love with a blessing attached to it for undeserving people. In dealing with Judah, God must now resort to drastic matters such as this captivity to not only get their attention that God still sits on His throne; but hopefully, get them back on track with serving and obeying Him; living like they are truly His chosen people. This is the grace that they could not see at the time.

Inside of God judging His people for their continued disobedience, He lets them know that He will use this king of Babylon to correct them! But even this king has an expiration date. The moment the king of Babylon comes to destroy Judah, the clock has also started on his reign of terror. He has exactly 70 years to accomplish all that he wants to do to Judah, but also any other kingdoms as well. In the Bible, there will be a 70-year gap between the book of Jeremiah chapter 25, and book of Daniel, chapter 9. These chapters show God's continued love, mercy, and grace that He still has for His people even while they thought that He could never love them again. He proves it that He does!

When I saw how God moved through the time of Judah's captivity, I got a revelation of exactly what this must have looked like to those hearing this prophesy in Jeremiah's day. You see, if I was born in Judah when Jeremiah first prophesied about the destruction of Judah, since I will be turning 70 years old this month, if I had lived during the captivity, my entire life would have been in Babylon! My life and the life of family and friends living during those seventy years, would have had little hope of seeing the land of our ancestors. I and all my peers would have been raised all these years with Babylonian culture and maybe only getting tidbits of our history piecemeal to us. It is obvious to me from reading the books of Daniel, Esther, and Nehemiah, that many of the Israelites had adapted to the lifestyle of the Babylonians and then the Persians who would conquer Babylon during the captivity. The revelation of grace or "the real issue" is that God always had a plan for Israel to return them to their homeland even if He had to chastise them by taking them away from there for 70 years. He still knows how to dispense mercy and only those who are listening will hear or recognize it when God said, "Babylon only has 70 years!" And then God will deal with them. My definition for mercy is when God gives you what you don't deserve. What about you, my friends, can you recognize God's mercy kicking in even when He must chastise you?

STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

Sr. Jeanette Washington

WITH SIS. JEANETTE WASHINGTON

Pray alone in your prayer closet; pray daily with your husband or wife; have family altar prayer; pray with a brother or sister in christ jesus early in the morning/evening; pray with a small prayer group in person or via phone! But pray! Pray! Pray!

PASTOR ROBERT DELGADO

Almighty God, Creator of Heaven and earth, King of the Universe. I come to you in the name that is above all names, Jesus, the Christ, We have been silent while our babies are murdered. We were silent when they took prayer out of the schools, silent when they took the Bible out of the schools, and silent when they took the Bible out of the public arenas. I repent for these sins and many others that were the result of America turning its back on You. Forgive us, Heavenly Father, for we are your Church; heal our land. Bring America back to You in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Amen. Pastor Robert Delgado, All Nations Church, Rosenberg, TX.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

- Pray for the safety and protection of all school aged children all across the United States from kindergarten to 12th grade throughout the 2026 – 27th academic year
- Pray for the safety and protection of all faculty, staff, and administration in all public and private schools all across the United States during the 2026 – 27 school year
- Pray for the end of the war with Iran "quickly" to bring the remaining troops home safely to their families
- Pray for the surviving families of the soldiers who have already paid the ultimate sacrifice in the recent war with Iran and also for those families whose loved ones who have been wounded and need special care when they return home from the Iranian war.
- Pray for all of the small businesses and farmers who are going through a tough time keeping their businesses open and their family farms operating during these tough times and pray that Almighty God will move as only He can to bring relief to all concerns
- Pray for all those families who are struggling to pay for food, healthcare, and gasoline during these tough times and pray that Almighty God will move as only He can to bring relief soon to the families in need
- Pray that all "true" Christians will examine themselves to see if they are active participants in promoting or being indifferent to the division that is destroying our country and that the Holy Spirit will convict each of them of this sin so that they will confess it to God and repent of it
- Pray that "true" Christians will pray daily for peace within their families, their church, their community, and for the cooperation of leaders of local, county, state, and national government to foster peace and prosperity for all of its citizens they have responsibility for

Up and Down The Brazos and Beyond

with Sis. Sharon Harris

SEPTEMBER

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SEPTEMBER 20TH- 27TH

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(1 Corinthians 1: 17 – 18)

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2026 - 27 MT. ZION LIVELY HOPE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE STAFF

136TH ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE

GRAND OPENING DAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 @ 2:20 PM & 7 PM

Bible Band, Deacon's Wives & Widows, and Mother's Union in charge Moderator Lee Jones, Jr., Presiding
Presentation of Auxiliary Presidents & Annual Addresses: Bible Band, Mothers' Union, & Jr, Mission
SERMON: REV. LEROY HODGE, JR, PASTOR, PRAIRIE GROVE BC, EAST BERNARD, TX

MUSICAL NIGHT-MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

"Catherine Jackson & Eldora Stephens & Alma Andrews Musical Night" Rev. Dr. Lee Nelson Jones, 1st Vice Moderator, Presiding
Rev. Edmond Blouin,Jr. Executive Moderator • Rev. Lee Jones,Jr. Moderator • Rev. Dr. L. N. Jones,1st Vice Moderator

TUESDAY NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.

District "L.H. Bostick, Clyde Allen, Leslie Anderson" District Brotherhood Night Rev. Gerald Shands, 2nd Vice Moderator, Presiding
Sermon - Rev. Kerry Tillman, Pastor, West Point MBC, Galveston, TX, Moderator, National Baptist Eastern District Association Of TX, President, National Baptist Convention of Texas, Inc

WEDNESDAY NIGHT -SEPTEMBER 23, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

District "Lina Wilson, James Stamps, Nathaniel Stamps, & Cornel Stamps" Usher's & Nurses' Nigh. Rev. Leo Humphrey, 6th Vice Moderator, Presiding
"Inez Curry & Velma Stewart" Ministers' Wives & Widows Auxiliary Night
Sermon - Rev. Kenneth Wicks, Moderator, 20th Century District Association, Eagle Lake, Texas

THURSDAY NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 24, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

Auxiliaries Servants Night. Rev. E. Blouin, Jr., Executive Moderator, Presiding
8:00 PM-MODERATOR'S HOUR
Processional March of District Servant-Leaders Conducted by Rev. Dr. L. N. Jones, 1st Vice Moderator
PRESENTATION OF DISTRICT MODERATOR - Rev. Lee Jones, Jr.
MODERATOR'S ADDRESS - REV. LEE JONES, JR. Pastor, St. Paul MBC, Brookshire, TX; Moderator of Mt. Zion Lively Hope District Association; 1st Vice Moderator National Baptist General Convention of Texas; Houston and Vicinity Ministers' Alliance, Co-Chairperson; Evangelistic Committee; Prairie View A&M University Ministers Conference, Board Member

FRIDAY NIGHT - SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 @ 7:00 PM

District Women's Night - Presenting: God's Rainbow of Women - Sponsored by all of the Women of the District.
Sermon - Rev. Dr. Max A. Miller, Jr. Pastor, Mt. Hebron MBC, Houston, TX

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 26, 2026 @ 9:00AM

District Youth & Young Adult Association Day.
Rev. Dr. Lee Jones, Jr., Presiding (Executive Youth Moderator) Rev. Leroy Hodge, Jr., Youth Moderator
DISTRICT-WIDE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL - 10:00 AM Rev. Lee Jones, Jr., Presiding
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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
J. Bruce White

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Bruce White Served As A Marine

A Tribute to Minister J. Bruce White

Today, we honor the remarkable life and enduring legacy of Minister J. Bruce White, a man whose life was defined by faith, service, music, and dedication to others.

Bruce proudly served his country as a United States Marine, serving for more than three years. His military journey included being selected as Marine of the Month and Marine of the Year in August 1972. He proudly served at the White House, Camp David, and the U.S. Embassy in Panama City, Panama. He also received a certificate for guarding the White House during former President Richard Nixon's presidential inauguration. His commitment to duty, discipline, and country remained a source of pride throughout his life.

Bruce White With Grandson One Christmas Day

Yet, Bruce's service did not end in uniform. Music was his spiritual gift and his ministry. A gifted pianist, musician, songwriter, and choir director, he began playing piano as a young man and dedicated his talents to serving God. He ministered through music in churches throughout Texas and beyond, served with gospel groups, and participated in the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses.

Minister Bruce White lived a life of purpose. The Marine in him represented service; the musician in him represented worship; and the man in him represented love. His melodies may have grown quiet, but his legacy continues to play in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

Forever in Our Hearts, The Greater Houston and Fort Bend County Followers.

Bruce White Accomplished Musician, Songwriter, And Choir Director

Remembering Those Who Have Passed This Way

Only a Moment Ago...

Remembering those who have passed this way only a moment ago who have given more than they received; left more than they took; and helped more than they hurt. To the families, communities, and churches of the following individuals, we honor the following men and women with these special words of encouragement that surely speak from their legacy.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."
(Philippians 4:8 ESV

ROBERT C TATE

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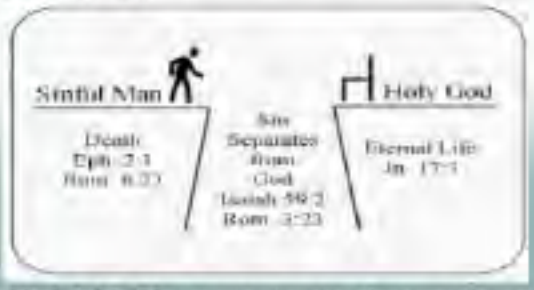
CAN YOU EARN SALVATION THROUGH YOUR GOOD WORKS, GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS, AND ATTENDING CHURCH SERVICES REGULARLY?

"GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION"

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has this eternal life; the one who does not have the Son of God does not have this eternal life. This passage tells us that God has given us eternal life and this life is in His Son, Jesus Christ. In other words, the way to possess eternal life is to possess God's Son. The question is, how can a person have the Son of God?

Man's Problem SEPARATION FROM GOD

Isaiah 59:2 But your sinful acts have alienated you from your God; your sins have caused him to reject you and not listen to your prayers. Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. According to Romans 5:8, God demonstrated His love for us through the death of His Son. Why did Christ have to die for us? Because Scripture declares all men to be sinful. To "sin" means to miss the mark. The Bible declares "all have sinned and fall short of the glory (the perfect holiness) of God" (Rom. 3:23). In other words, our sin separates us from God who is perfect holiness (righteousness and justice) and God must therefore judge sinful man.



Habakkuk 1:13a You are too just to tolerate evil; you are unable to condone wrongdoing.

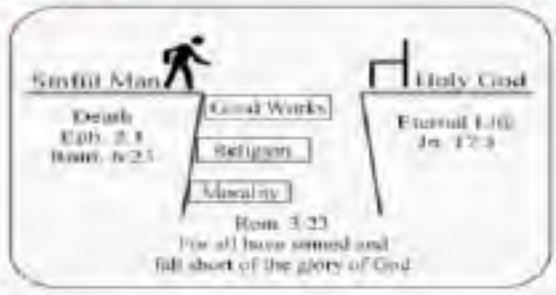
THE FUTILITY OF OUR WORKS

Scripture also teaches that no amount of human goodness, humanworks, human morality, or religious activity can gain acceptance with God or get anyone into heaven. The moral man, the religious man, and the immoral and non-religious are all in the same boat. They all fall short of God's perfect righteousness. After discussing the immoral man, the moral man, and the religious man in Romans 1:18-3:8, the Apostle Paul declares that both Jews and Greeks are under sin, that "there is no one righteous, not even one" (Rom. 3:9-10). Added to this are the declarations of the following verses of Scripture:

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 it is not of works, so that no one can boast.

Titus 3:5-7 he saved us, not by works of righteousness that we have done but on the basis of his mercy, through the washing of the new birth and the renewing of the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us in full measure through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 And so, since we have been justified by his grace, we become heirs with the confident expectation of eternal life.

Romans 4:1-5 What then shall we say that Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh, has discovered regarding this matter? 2 For if Abraham was declared righteous by the works of the law, he has something to boast about (but not before God). 3 For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness." 4 Now to the one who works, his pay is not credited due to grace but due to obligation. 5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in the one who declares the ungodly righteous, his faith is credited as righteousness.



No amount of human goodness is as good as God. God is perfect righteousness. Because of this, Habakkuk 1:13 tells us God cannot have fellowship with anyone who does not have perfect righteousness.

In order to be accepted by God, we must be as good as God is. Before God, we all stand naked, helpless, and hopeless in ourselves. No amount of good living will get us to heaven or give us eternal life. What then is the solution?

God's Solution

God is not only perfect holiness (whose holy character we can never attain to on our own or by our works of righteousness) but He is also perfect love and full of grace and mercy. Because of His love and grace, He has not left us without hope and a solution.

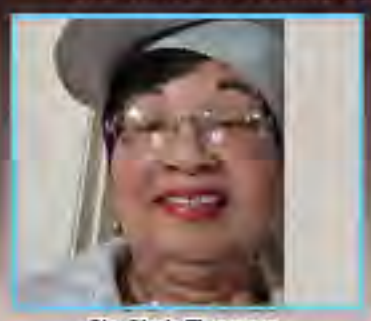
Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the good news of the Bible, the message of the gospel. It's the message of the gift of God's own Son who became man (the God-man), lived a sinless life, died on the cross for our sin, and was raised from the grave proving both the fact He is God's Son and the value of His death for us as our substitute.

"FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL,

For It Is The Power Of God For Salvation To Everyone Who Believes, To The Jew First And Also To The Greek." (Romans 1: 15 – 17)

(The following individuals have been identified by their Pastors as being "on fire for their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in their respective churches and communities!" Below is a statement and a scripture that reflects their belief and commitment toward their Christian witness.)



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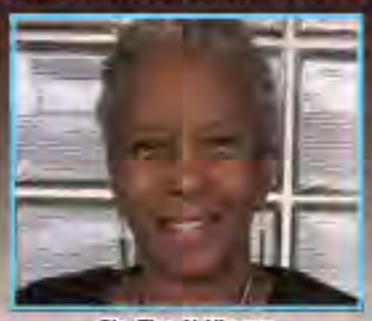

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"I have been crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20 KJV)

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Pastor Charles Banks

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School ..... 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship..... 10:30 AM
Wednesday "In the Word" . 6:30 AM
(In person and online)

LIVELY HOPE

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Rev. E.R. Simmons, Sr., Pastor

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School ..... 9:45 AM
Sun. Morning Worship ..... 11 AM
Mission (2nd/4th Mon.) ..... 7:30 PM
Bible Study (Tues.)..... 7 PM
Choir Rehearsal (Wed.)..... 7 PM

NAZARETH

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"The Church Where Ministry Happens"

Pastor C. Donnell Walker

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. I Corinthians 9:16

Sunday School.....9:30 AM
Virtual Sunday School..... 10 AM
join at http://tmd.me/G9YHue5kuFv
Sunday Worship Service ..... 11 AM
Virtual Sunday Worship Service . .11AM
join at http://tmd.me/G9YHue5kuFv
Virtual Bible Study Wednesday... 7 PM
Pastor's Chat Thursday ..... 7 PM

The Church Where Ministry Happens...

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817 5th Street Rosenberg, TX 77471
281-387-7875

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First Lady Mattie L. Buford

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School (1st/2nd Sun.)..... 1 PM
Sunday Worship.....1:30 PM

All services held at New Hope Fellowship located at:
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325 Olive Street • El Campo, TX 77437
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Rev. Broderick Sanford, Sr., Pastor

"LISTEN, LEARN & LIVE"
JAMES 1:22 "Be doers of the word and not hearers only"

WEEKLY SERVICES

Sunday Morning Service ..... 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday Mission..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

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Elder J. D. Haynes, Assistant Pastor

Weekly Schedule

Sunday School ..... 9 AM
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship FACEBOOK LIVE ..... 10 AM
Monday evening YPWW BIBLE STUDY ..... 7 PM
Tuesday and Thursday MORNING PRAYER ..... 9 AM
Tuesday evening BIBLE STUDY..... 7 PM

St.Paul Baptist Church

1335 First @ Waller
Brookshire, Tx.

CH: 281-934-2527

Rev. & Sis. Lee Jones, Jr. Pastor

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Teachers Meeting (TUES)..... 6:30 p.m.
Choir Rehers (TUES) ..... 7:30 p.m.
Singles/Couples Min. (WED) ... 6:00 p.m.
Brotherhood (WED) ..... 6:00 p.m.

Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church

"The Olive"

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Rev. J. D. Taylor, Pastor

Our Mission Statement: "To equip the church (the body of Christ) for the work of Ministry, unto the Measure of Salvation to Maximize the Kingdom of God."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday Night Live:
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study ..... 7 pm
Thursday:
Inspirational Choir Rehearsal..... 7 pm
Combined Choir Rehearsal ..... 7 pm
Saturday: Olive Mission Society (1st Saturday) 10 am
Brotherhood (1st Saturday)..... 10 am
New Members Orientation..... 10 am
Youth Bible Study..... 12 pm
Sunday: Church School..... 9 am
Morning Worship ..... 10 am

Heavenly Fruit of the Spirit Christian Center

"WE ARE INVESTING IN THE FUTURE WHILE REMEMBERING THE PAST"

Apostle Edmund Burton, Pastor
Minister Michele Burton, First Lady

Sundays 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

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607 West Street
Rosenberg, TX 77471
CH: 281-342-0527

Rev. & Sis. James Johnson

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship
10:00 a.m.
Prayer/Bible Study (WED)
7:00 p.m.

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16138 WEST BELPORT
SUGAR LAND, TX 77498
CH: 281-277-5014

Rev. Eric D. Howard, Pastor

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal (MON)..... 7:30 p.m.
Brotherhood (WED)..... 7:00 p.m.
Jr. Mission (WED)..... 7:00 p.m.
Sr. Mission (WED)..... 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting (THURS)..... 7:30 p.m.
Teacher Meeting/Bible (THURS).... 8:00 p.m.
Bible Study (FRI)..... 7:30 p.m.

ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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DR. LEE NELSON JONES, PASTOR

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday Morning Empower..... 9 AM
(Adult Spiritual Development Session & Youth/Young Adult)
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 AM
Wednesday Night Bible Study ..... 7:15 PM
(Via Zoom: ID:843 519 9080 Pass: HOPE)
*Women of Zion - "Encourage Hour" . . 2nd/4th Tues
*Men of Zion - "Sharpen for Purpose" . . 1st/3rd Mon
(*Both ministries via Zoom @ 7:15 pm)

MOUNT CORINTH

Missionary Baptist Church

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"Trusting God to do His part as I press on to do mine."

Dr. Clarence Talley, Sr., & First Lady Carolyn Talley, Pastor

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Impact Bible Study (WED) ..... 6:00 p.m.

ST. STEPHENS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"The Church That Knocks Down Barriers"

WORSHIP WITH US

SUNDAY: 9:00 AM - LIFE DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
BTU IS HELD EVERY 1ST SUNDAY @9:00 AM
TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM - EMPOWERMENT BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Corey D. Gardner, MDiv.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUN: Worship Service ..... 9:00 a.m.
SUN: Evening Worship..... 5:00 p.m.
WED: Prayer Meeting..... 7:30 p.m.
THURS: Men's Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.
FRI: Free Christian Movies..... 7:30 p.m.

NEW FAITH Ministries

1346 Austin Street
Hempstead, TX 77445

Rev. Cephas A. Riggins,
Pastor/Founder

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal..... 7:00 p.m.

Mother Zion Missionary Baptist Church

416 East Milam
Wharton, TX 77488
CH: 979-532-1831
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Rev. C. L. Wallace, Pastor & Wife

ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Sr. Choir Rehearsal (TUES) 7:00 p.m.
Prayer/Teacher Meeting (WED) 7:00 p.m.
Youth Choir Rehearsal (THURS) 7:00 p.m.
Pastor's Anniv. 1st Sunday in April
Church Anniv. 3rd Sunday in November

NEWMAN CHAPEL UMC

14 Lum Rd Kendleton, TX 77451
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Off: 713-471-6446

Rev. Curtis Johnson, Pastor

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday School ..... 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship Service..... 11 AM
Sunday Worship Service at FACEBOOK LIVE @ https://www.facebook.com/NewmanChapelUMC/
Bible Study (1st & 3rd Wed.)..... 6 PM
CALL IN NUMBER: (346-248-7799 Access code: 7691585982)
Prayer Call: Every 1st Sat..... 8 AM

theSermon

FRESH BREAD WILL KEEP YOU SATISFIED

RUTH 1:1-6
KING JAMES VERSION UTILIZED
by Pastor A.J. Watkins,

PASTOR A.J. WATKINS

Sometimes we rise in the evening and head to the kitchen for something to eat. We gather turkey ham, lettuce, tomatoes, and Miracle Whip, build a sandwich that would make Subway envious, add Kool-Aid and chips, and sit down to enjoy it. Yet no sandwich is complete without two slices of fresh bread. Wonder Bread, Mrs. Baird's, Roman Meal, or sourdough—the choice may vary, but without bread, nothing holds the sandwich together, and we are not satisfied.

In our text, Naomi, her husband, and their two sons left home for Moab because Bethlehem was in famine. Bethlehem means "house of bread," yet they left because there was no bread in the house. People often leave churches for the same reason: there is no bread. In temple worship, the showbread—the "bread of the Presence" (Num. 4:7)—signified God's presence. Bread has long been a heavenly symbol of God Himself.

Naomi's family has much in common with people who leave or avoid churches today: they go elsewhere looking for bread. Many flock to bars, clubs, and psychics simply trying to survive because churches have failed them. They searched the church but found the spiritual cupboard bare—no presence in the pantry, only empty shelves and offices full of recipes. The oven was cold and dusty.

We have advertised bread in our house, but when the hungry arrive, they find only crumbs from yesterday's revivals. We speak grandly of where God has been and what He has done, but rarely of what He is doing now. That is our failure, not God's. We hide our emptiness like a veil with no ark behind it.

Our bread has grown stale. People need to know what God is doing for them now; they want His presence today. God's bakeries must offer fresh bread, or hungry people will continue their search elsewhere.

Many churches lose people because they serve half-baked or burnt bread. Half-baked bread mixes a little of God with much that is not God, inoculating people against the real thing. Religious spirits preserve where He was at the expense of where He is. But a person with experience is never at the mercy of one with only an argument. Lead people into God's manifest presence, and false houses of bread will crumble.

The Bible should be daily bread, not cake for special occasions. Some churches water down the message until the bread is soggy. Others preach prosperity until pockets—and bread—are burned. Still others bury the bread under so many fixings that it becomes impossible to digest.

Bread is best fresh from the oven: soft inside, crisp outside, perhaps with butter, honey, or ribbon-cane syrup. Grandma's hoecake bread was wonderful. Yet if all Christians dusted their Bibles at once, we might create the greatest dust storm ever recorded.

The Bible is our eternal loaf. Properly studied, it fills and satisfies. Who should eat it?

The young—to learn how to live.
The old—to know how to die.
The ignorant—to gain wisdom.
The learned—to gain humility.
The rich—to gain compassion.
The poor—to receive comfort.
The dreamer—for enchantment.
The practical—for wise counsel.
The weak—for strength.
The strong—for God's direction.
The haughty—to heed God's warning.
The humble—for exhortation.
The troubled—for peace.
The weary—for rest.
The sinner—for salvation.
The doubting—for assurance.

The bakers in God's modern-day bakeries should learn from Naomi's family. Examine the present and the crumbs left from the past. Use God's recipe to prepare bread that fills and satisfies the soul—bread that may taste sweet, sour, or plain, yet remains warm and easy to receive. Add a little butter, honey, or syrup, then give it to the saints. They will return because whether it is sourdough, French bread, pumpernickel, or a plain loaf, bread from the Holy Ghost bakery satisfies. Once this heavenly bread enters our spirits, it blocks evil from taking root and changes how we live. What changes as we receive our daily bread fresh from God's bakery?

The world will notice because the saints of God live differently. Instead of consuming the world's sweets, take in the sweet bread of life. You will begin to…

Talk differently. Act differently. Think differently. Respond differently. Live differently. Relax differently. Die differently.

Why the difference? After digesting the heavenly loaf, you will…

Drink from a different fountain. Eat from a different table. Rejoice for a different reason. Work toward a different goal. Find satisfaction in a different source. Enjoy a different atmosphere. Fellowship with a different crowd. When enough of this bread is in you, you will finally…

Stop abusing your family. Treat neighbors and friends rightly. Pay your bills on time. Conduct business properly. Fulfill your God-given responsibilities. Be faithful to what you promise God at the bakery.

PRAISE *for Salvation*

SEPTEMBER, 2026 SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Devotional Reading:
Acts 2:37-47

Background Scripture:
Acts 2:32-33, 37-47

Printed Text:
Acts 2:32-33, 37-47

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32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.
33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.
37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"
38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."
40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."
41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.
42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.
44 All the believers were together and had everything in common.
45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.
46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

KEY TEXT--They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. - Acts 2:42

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Looking at 1 Peter 1:15-16, what is one way to increase your distance from the surrounding unholiness?

DIGGING DEEPER

How does your status of being "in" but not "of" the world (John 17:13-19) speak to this?

The RECIPE Corner

with Sis. Emma Samuels

OKRA GOULASH

Ingredients

2-3 lbs. okra (fresh or frozen)
Pack of sausage cut up
1 onion
1 lb. shrimp (fresh or dry)
1 can whole tomatoes
½ c. flour
½ to 1 c. shortening
1 pkg. chicken gizzards
1 jar oysters (optional)
1 can whole corn (drained)

Boil gizzards. Cut up 2 lbs okra or place frozen okra in bowl. Sprinkle flour and cut onion over top of okra. Heat shortening, put okra in oil. Stir frequently until tender. If using dry shrimp, place in hot water until soft. When gizzards are tender, mix oysters, okra, crushed tomatoes and juice. Add shrimp, cut sausage and corn into gizzard pot juice. Lower heat to simmer for 30 to 40 minutes. Season to taste.

HAZELNUT-CRUSHED CATFISH

Ingredients

6 catfish fillets
1 c. bread crumbs
1 c. chopped hazelnuts
1 c. grated parmesan cheese
⅓ c. chopped fresh parsley
1 tsp. dried oregano
1½ tsp salt
½ tsp coarsely ground black pepper
1 egg lightly beaten

Pre-heat oven to 450°. Grease rimmed baking sheet. Rinse catfish and pat dry. Combine bread crumbs, hazelnuts, cheese, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper. Pour beaten egg into another dish. Dip fillets in egg, then in hazelnut mixture coating both sides of catfish thoroughly. Place fillets on prepared baking sheet. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes.

STUFFED CHICKEN BREASTS

Ingredients

5-6 boneless chicken breasts (skinless)
1 small can chopped green chilies
2 c. grated cheddar cheese
1 stick margarine
1 pkg plain bread crumbs

Pound chicken breasts, roll up chicken breasts with green chilies and cheddar cheese inside. Secure the chicken with a toothpick. Roll each breasts in melted butter and bread crumbs. Place in baking dish. Sprinkle breasts with remaining butter, chilies, and cheese. Cover with foil and bake for 2 hours at 350°

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Barbara Jean Smith Chatam was born on July 6, 1934, in Fulshear, Texas. Her exceptional aptitude for learning led to her advancement by two grade levels and graduating salutatorian from A.W. Jackson High School in Rosenberg, Texas. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Prairie View A&M College and attended summer sessions at the University of California, Berkeley, and UCLA. Barbara earned a Master of Library Science from Southern Methodist University and worked as a librarian and educator in Dallas ISD. Later, she moved to California and worked in Paramount Unified School District in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles at St. Lawrence Catholic School. Returning to Texas, Barbara worked in the Houston Independent School District, and she earned a second master's degree in Educational Administration from Houston Baptist University. She served as the South Division Library Consultant and, after 32 years of public-school service, she retired from HISD in 1991. Barbara continued to serve as a Library Consultant for the Galveston-Houston Archdiocese Catholic Schools until her second retirement in 2000. She recently helped get a historical marker placed in Fulshear, Texas. Barbara Smith Chatam was a gifted writer and storyteller. Barbara authored three books and numerous articles reflecting her love of literacy, history, and culture. She reedited "A Sure Foundation: A Christian Road to a Better Way of Life," a book on education by the late Professor A.W. Jackson. Barbara Jean Smith Chatam lived a life rooted in faith, guided by wisdom, and dedicated to service.

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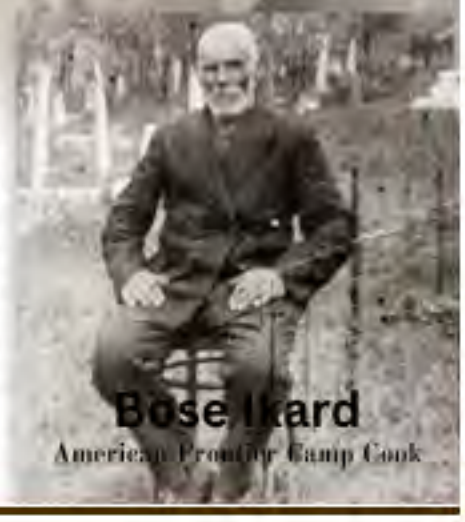
BOSE IKARD, Pioneer in establishing the Goodnight – Loving Trail for Texas Cattle Drives
(Portrayed as "Josh Deets" in Lonesome Dove, the Movie)

Born a slave in July 1843, Bose Ikard learned the cowboy trade on a ranch in Southwest Parker County near Weatherford, Texas. Most of the earliest American Cowboys came from Texas. They were hard muscled men riding hot-blooded, desert bred horses. These cowboys were highly adapted to the oppressive heat and humidity. They were slaves. And it has been documented that former slaves were the first cowboys of the West.

If you've seen the TV miniseries or read the book, "Lonesome Dove," you know a little something about Bose Ikard. Though you may not realize it, the author, Larry McMurtry, fictionalized Bose and his trail boss, Charles Goodnight, in his acclaimed novel set in the developing West. In the book and the movie, Bose is portrayed as Josh Deets, a skilled cowhand and scout who is killed by an Indian while on a trail drive to Montana. But in real life, Bose was Goodnights trusted deputy and best friend. Bose regularly carried the profits of cattle sales back to Weatherford because it was assumed no one would ever think a black man would be entrusted with a white man's money. But that happened often on all the big cattle drives in Texas. He worked with Oliver Loving and Charles Goodnight on their historic cattle drives up north. Most big ranches did not hire white cowboys because they did not want to do the job of an ex-slaves or receive similar low wages as slaves. 90% of the cowboys in the 1800's were black, not like the history books and TV shows would make you believe. TV shows and History Books would make you believe the white man was the cowboy hero. In "Lonesome Dove," they fictionalized white men being chased by a bunch of Indians and they shot his horse from under him. He got behind the dead horse and tried to hold them off. There was another famous black cowboy, Nat Love, who did that in real life; and he wrote a book about it, "The Story of Nat Love."

After the cattle drives, Bose worked as a farmer in Weatherford, TX, with his wife Angeline, and six children. They also helped him with the farm. Goodnight took Bose's death hard in 1929. Goodnight commissioned his favorite trail hands to make a grave marker and had his name signed beneath the inscription, "Served with me four years, never shirked a duty or disobeyed an order, rode with me in many stampedes, participated in three engagements with Comanches, splendid behavior." The epitaph was quoted nearly word for word in the television mini-series movie, "Lonesome Dove," on a marker for Josh Deets, the black cowboy in the movie. Bose's grave is near that of Oliver Loving's in the city Greenwood Cemetery, in Weatherford, TX.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