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Sharing the Fruit of the Spirit
The Grape Vine
Heritage Baptist Newsletter



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Dates to Remember:

- Aug. 7: Musician Guest, Shawn Drewitt 10:45 a.m.
- Aug. 7: Potluck Going Away Social for the Woodwards 5:00 p.m.
- Aug 14: Women's Ministry Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- Aug. 14: Men's Ministry Meeting 4:00 p.m.
- Aug 14: Church Business Meeting 6:05 p.m.
- Aug 18: Deacon Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 20: HBI Rally 10:00 a.m.
- Aug. 20: LLL Social 5:00 p.m.
- Aug. 21: Lord's Supper 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 24: Awana Directors' Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 24: Awana Directors' and Leaders' Planning Meeting 7:00 p.m.



Music Notes



SHAWN DREWITT will be with us August 7 in the morning service. Spread the word, bring a guest and a love offering!

SANCTUARY CHOIR will begin rehearsing on August 14 at 5:00 pm. We will be preparing music for use this Fall and Christmas. We have room for you to join us!

DID YOU MISS IT? If you missed the Music FUNdamentals classes this summer and would be interested in taking it this Fall, let me know. I would love to be able to say, "And now, by popular demand...!".

Dennis Bell, Minister of Music

Pastor's Corner - Bro. Brian Simmons, Associate Pastor HBC



First of all, I want to thank you for your prayers for our family and our new baby boy Gavin. He and my wife Cheryl are both healthy and doing great. Ethan loves his little brother and has been a big help.

After being out-of-pocket and not writing a Pastor's Corner last month, I'd like to take this time to invite you to our Wednesday night Bible Study and to tell you a little bit about what we do in the class. The service begins at 7 p.m. on, you guessed it, Wednesday nights.

We begin with 30-45 minutes of Bible study, followed by a prayer meeting that lasts until around 8. We have a fun group of people who meet together for this time of study and prayer. We always have a great time and the discussions we have during this class are always a blessing to me.

We will wrap up our study on the land of Jordan and Judea in the first two weeks of August. This study, called "Land of the Bible," consists of a DVD in which we are shown different locations of key Biblical events. The hosts of the expedition point out these sites to the viewers during the 15-minute video. After the video, we read the Scriptures dealing with those events so that we get a good idea of the environment and setting of the stories we've heard throughout our Christian lives. The class then discusses that particular Scripture. This series has helped me get a better mental picture of Biblical events as I read through Scripture.

Even if you've missed the first month of this study, you can join right in.

We will be starting another study as soon as this series ends, though I haven't yet decided what that will be. We just finished going verse-by-verse through the Book of Mark a few weeks ago and covered Baptist principles prior to that.

The prayer time that follows the Bible study portion of the service is uplifting. It's great to see fellow church members showing their love and concern for one another and bringing those requests before God.

Please join us on Wednesday nights for this Bible study and prayer time.

PRAYER MINISTRY



What is "Quiet Time"?

A "Quiet Time" is a daily personal appointment with God, during which we get away from distractions and meet with God through prayer and Bible study. Set some time during your week to talk with God.

I'm reminded in the Bible why connecting with God so important. First, we belong to God. Jesus said, "I have chosen you!" (**John 15:16**). It creates room for God in our busy lives, "Rest in the LORD and wait patiently for Him" (**Psalms 37:7**). It builds our relationship with God through regular communication, "Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent" (**John 17:3**). It helps give direction to our lives as followers of Jesus Christ, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (**Psalms 119: 105**). It enables to live deep and fulfilling lives, "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand" (**John 10:27-28**). "I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly" (**John 10:10**).

There are many times when God has answered my prayers as soon as I prayed. Other times I have had to wait for them to be answered. Some of the requests have been on my prayer list for years and I am still waiting. But I know that God will answer.

Father God, thank you that you delight to communicate with us. Cause us to fulfill Your will... and we delight to know that You hear us and answer our prayers. Amen

Bro. Richard Deramo, Churchwide Prayer Ministry

To Our Brothers and Sisters at Heritage Baptist Church

Sometimes the most intimidating thing about writing is that crazy blinking cursor on a computer screen. It just sits there blinking in the same spot; never moving, not writing anything, just waiting for a command from the keyboard. By the time this letter arrives in your homes, Terese and I will be very close to getting on the plane for Belize. Up until that time we have been anything but like that silly cursor. I went back and gathered some statistics from our journey and I thought you might like to see where we've been.

Terese and I answered God's call to the foreign field at the end of July 2009. We began praying and asking God to lead us to the church He would have send us, and in August 2009 He sent us home to Heritage. Still employed full time for BP America, we spent the next four months praying, learning, planning and preparing for the long deputation road ahead. In January 2010 I left BP and we started full time deputation. The next nineteen months have been filled with many lessons and some of the richest blessings we could imagine. Those 500 some odd days have taught us how to trust the Lord, love, appreciate and depend upon our church family and to love and appreciate God's people all across the country. As of July 31, 2011 we have been on deputation for 19 months. During that time we have driven our red pickup 60,983 miles and flown 3,290 miles across 21 states. We personally presented the Lord's work in Belize in 11 states, preaching 110 sermons at 104 churches, 3 church camps, 4 Vacation Bible Schools, 6 Faith Promise conferences, 3 State Association meetings and 2 National ABA meetings. We mail out 119 reports, and email reports to 309 accounts each month.

Still, finding the words to adequately express our feelings for you, dear church family, is the most intimidating and difficult thing for me to do. You have faithfully prayed for us every day, cared for our children and watched after them even though they thought they didn't need it. You have supported us financially, spiritually, emotionally and physically throughout this whole time and you've faithfully stood by us in every possible way as we prepared to go. Terese and I cannot even imagine calling any other group of people family, nor any other place home than Heritage.

God willing, on August 11, 2011 Terese and I will depart for our field of labor in Belize. With us, we will take the many memories and the profound effects each of you have had on our lives. Each day you are in our prayers. All I can find to say is, "THANK YOU for your love, care and support!" and "GOD BLESS YOU!". Terese and I are looking forward to reporting back to you all the amazing and wonderful things God has done and is doing in Belize, and we are anticipating the day we get to see some of you on the field when you come.

All our love and prayers
Your missionaries to Belize,

Ben and Terese Woodward



HBI News

School Days



HBI will soon begin study for the fall 2011 semester. Our classes are designed to challenge each student and provide a good understanding of the Bible. Please don't think school is not for you. Anyone may join one of our Bible study classes. Consider the following questions:

1. What disease was considered to be healed if healthy black hair was growing on the skin?
2. According to Proverbs, what kind of person thrives like a green leaf?
3. What colors were the fabrics used inside Solomon's temple?

Registration for the fall 2011 semester will begin on August 15, 2011. Opening Day celebration will be on August 20, 2011. Hope to see you there. God Bless. Until next time..... B.C. Br. Carl Fitzgerald, HBI President

P.S. See Sister Lavena for correct answers to the above questions !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!