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**DAILY  
BIBLE  
READING**

**August 27**  
August 28  
August 29  
August 30  
August 31  
September 1  
September 2

**2 Timothy 3:1-17**  
**2 Timothy 4:1-22**  
**Titus 1:1-16**  
**Titus 2:1-15**  
**Titus 3:1-15**  
**Matthew 5:1-20**  
**Matthew 5:21-48**



**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS August 27**  
**Pat Stinson, Jill Gavin**  
**Courtney Holloway, Susanna Jackson**





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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM  
Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM

Deacon Ordination for  
Jimmy Doolittle, Jason Franklin, Chris Harley and Jason Putman

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM
- RESERVATIONS OR CANCELLATIONS ARE REQUIRED!
- MENU: Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches, Chips, Dessert  
(\$5.00 for Adults & Children)
- CHILDREN'S MENU: Hot Dogs (\$3.00)
- Kidz WOW at 6:00 PM
- Youth Worship at 5:45 PM
- Prayer Meeting (6:00 PM)
- Financial Peace Class led by Joe & Mary Ann Wilkerson (6:00 PM)
- Before You Open Your Bible Class led by Claire Threatt (6:00 PM)
- iMarriage led by Robbie & Mev Knight (6:00 PM)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 Senior Adults to Okatibbee Fish Camp

### FROM OUR STUDENT AND CONNECTIONS PASTOR...

Many of you reading this know my story but I was raised in a family where going to church was never optional. If you weren't contagious, you were going to church. Even as I grew into a teenager, church attendance was expected. I grew up in Prentiss, MS and we attended Prentiss Baptist. Part of the Sunday morning worship service when I was young was a lady named Mrs. Grace would call all the children to the front of the sanctuary midway during the service and she would lead in a brief children's church. There would normally be 10-15 kids and to entice us to come down, she always had candy for us when we finished. I remember one particular Sunday morning when we had been called down to join Mrs. Grace for children's church. I don't remember the context of what she was teaching on that Sunday. However, I remember her asking the question of "what do you want to be when you grow up?" She got several answers from several of the kids, and they were answers like "fireman", "teacher", "missionary", and "doctor". All respectable answers that a parent could be proud of. It was at this moment that my brother and I both raised our hands simultaneously. When my dad tells this story, he says that it was now that he knew he was going to have to apologize to someone. Mrs. Grace calls on my brother first and he calls out loud and proud that he wants to "BE THE FIREDOG!!" As in, he wants to be a dalmatian when he grows up. She chuckles then asks me. I immediately say that I want to be a professional wrestler and, without hesitation, try to put my brother in a wrestling hold right there at the altar of the sanctuary. Coincidentally, that was the last time my brother and I were allowed to speak during children's church unless it was to answer yes or no questions asked directly to us.

I tell you this story to really just bring home the fact that I have been a professional wrestling fan for most of my life. I have always been a fan of the action, the storylines, and the athleticism that the wrestlers have. I've heard my whole life that it's fake. It's fixed. It's not real. The outcome is predetermined. I would respond that, for the most part, that is true. The outcome is predetermined. I would agree that it is fixed. However, I would not call it fake. I've stood in a real wrestling ring, and I have felt just how little amount of padding is there. When they get thrown down, it hurts. Wrestlers tear ligaments. They break bones. A couple of years ago, I was watching it on TV and watched a wrestler break his neck.

Wrestling is predetermined. The outcome of a match is already determined. However, the fight is real. The suffering is real. The injuries are real. In our walk with Christ, the outcome is already determined. Jesus wins! As followers of His, we win! However, even though the outcome is already decided, our fight is real. We will face suffering. We will have to endure spiritual injuries. But we take comfort that in spite of the battle, the outcome is already decided. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58 says, **"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."** Be steadfast. Be immovable. When suffering arises and the battle gets hard, rest in the Lord because He has already won.

### 2023-2024 CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have any additions or corrections to make to the new church directory, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:**  
...the family of Larry Blakely.



**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL  
IN MEMORY OF LARRY BLAKELY BY:**  
Highland Baptist Church.

**A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:**  
...Northeast Lauderdale Middle School.



## CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

**SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24**

**(LUNCH PROVIDED)**

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 20, 2023

Budget	8,864.90	Budget Req. to date	872,544.72
CDC	.00	(34@ 25,663.08)	
Designated	249.86	Budget Receipts to date	784,533.53
Total	9,114.76	Budget Deficit to date	88,011.19
		SUNDAY SCHOOL/WORSHIP	236/271