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Paul wrote in **2 Corinthians 4:7-11**; ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. ⁸We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— ¹⁰always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. ¹¹For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.

As I read this recently, several thoughts came to mind. Do we truly treasure the gospel? Do we acknowledge that we are mere earthen vessels? The Bible tells us we were formed from the earth and to the earth we will return. True humility is knowing and living out the reality that our salvation is because of the grace of God...not because we are so wonderful that God saved us. That's why Paul said this power of the gospel was excellent.

We who are determined to live the Christian life in our day can relate to being hard-pressed on every side. Sometimes I feel the pressure of the ungodly surrounding me, pressing in...but the Bible says no trial is too great that God won't provide a way of escape.

Desperation has no place in our lives, even though our environment is becoming more perplexing. Persecution is ramping up against Christians in our country, but God will never leave us or forsake us! The enemy knocks us down, but he cannot destroy us...we will rise!

Believers, live a life dying so Jesus will be seen. Jesus said true believers die daily. Allow the life of Jesus to be seen by others in the way you live.

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm gonna let it shine!

Let's Shine and Build His Kingdom Together! **Bro. Tommy**



County Wide

MEN'S PRAYER MEETING

Will be held at

BRINTS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

3260 Brints Chapel Rd., Middleton, TN

Tuesday, NOVEMBER 14, 2023

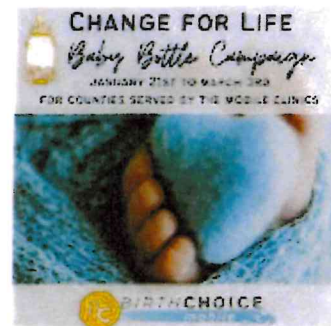
7:00 p.m.

All men are welcome to join and if any would like to host the meeting, YOU WILL BE BLESSED!

HCBA COLLECTING OLD USED LITERATURE

We are collecting old used LITERATURE like Sunday School materials, used Bibles, etc. These materials are shipped to poor nations to teach them to read. While reading, they learn about Jesus. Drop off at the HCBA Office, 755 Vildo Rd., Bolivar, Mon.-Thurs- 9:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Please pack these in a taped box.



JANUARY IS SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE MONTH

To celebrate and help fund their Mobile Clinic Ministry, Birth Choice will hold its annual "Change for Life" Baby Bottle Campaign from January 21st to March 3rd. The Mobile Clinic provides free ultrasounds and pregnancy testing every Tuesday and Thursday in Bolivar.

Boby Bottle pickup for churches is January 15th to 19th at First Baptist Church, Bolivar. Office hours 8 AM -5 PM, Monday through Friday. Beginning January 21st, which is "SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY", churches make the bottles available to their church members, who take them home, fill them with spare change, cash, and check, and bring them back to their church when full. Each church collects their bottles and takes them back to First Baptist Bolivar after the campaign ends. Birth Choice will count the funds and let you know how much your church raised!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS

November

1. Rusty Keltner, Porters Creek (P)
2. Robert Buse, New Bethel (P)
3. Robert Gibson, Silerton, ret.
3. Michelle & Anthony Vaughan, Anniv.
6. Charles Jeter, Hebron (P)
10. Keith Hayworth, Hickory Valley (P)
11. Francis Wood, Walnut Grove (P)
17. Tommy & Beverly's Anniversary (AM)
21. Bekah Rhea, F.B.C.. Bolivar (Pw)
21. Carey Jackson, Truth & Life (P)
28. Mary Louise Craft, Sec. HCBA

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

ENDS—November 5

Turn clocks back 1 hour



Dixie Hills ... Focus week held Oct 23rd–27th. This year's focus group was hair salon professionals in the county. Each person has been prayed for this past month, gifts were distributed each day, and they were invited to our Family Day Homecoming meal on the 29th. It was a blessing to pray for this group of people and share God's love with them in practical ways. Bro. Jimmy preached a message at the City Revival on Oct. 17th. We cancelled our Wednesday night activities on the 18th so we could attend the City Revival. Eight from Dixie attended the HCBA Annual Meeting. Youth went to the Phil Wickham Concert at Bellevue on the 15th. Ellen Cone, Children's Minister, and Thomas Beavers, Youth Minister, and two others attended Lifeway's Children and Youth Ministry Conference in Nashville, Oct. 9th-11th. Kids Hayride and Bonfire planned for Nov. 4th. Plans are underway for a 2024 Mission Trip to Guatemala.

Hebron ... Oct. 27, our ladies provided Birthday cakes for the residents of Christian Care Center. Youth and Children to deliver meals to Country View Estates, Toone, Tennessee, November 4. Nov. 11 preparing fruit baskets for the shut in and Senior Adults in the community. Nov. 12, will recognize our Veteran's. Nov. 19, 5 pm Church-wide Thanksgiving meal, Nov. 26, Hanging of the Greens, 6 pm. Still looking for a Youth Minister, Contact our Pastor, Charles Jeter for more information, 731-212-1821.

Hornsby ... Everyone is excited as concrete was poured and steel started going up this month for the community center. Had an awesome turnout for the "Trunk and Treat" with lots of great fellowship. Lots of great things coming up in November with Thanksgiving fast approaching. Project 4:13 is still having great turnouts every Wednesday night and we are so thankful for that. Always Praise God!!

Middleton FBC... The Mobile Food Pantry delivered out of our parking lot on Oct. 5th. The Men's Prayer Group met at our church on Tuesday, Oct. 10th. We had a soup and chili supper on Saturday, Oct. 14th with special guest Dr. Frank Crawford and his wife Janet. During this time we had a question and answer session with Dr. Crawford prior to voting on him as our Interim Pastor during the Morning Service on Oct. 15th. Dr. Crawford was approved and accepted the position of Interim Pastor. Our messengers attended the Annual Assoc. meeting with Dr. Crawford as a guest of our church. Mike Johnson served on a mission team led by Bro. Eddie Kessler to Panama Oct. 21-28, Church members

contributed to the purchase of Spanish Bibles for this mission effort.

Piney Grove... had Revival Services Oct. 6, 7, 8, with Bro. Joe Spencer preaching. Oct. 10 Men attended the County Wide Prayer Service held at Middleton First BC. Oct. 13 Prayer Warriors met. Sunday, Oct. 15 Had one Baptism. Oct. 16 Attended the Associational Annual Meeting held at Parrans Chapel BC. Oct. 27 having a Harvest Festival, Bar B Que, (a whole hog), a Hayride, Scavenger Hunt, and in the evening a "Trunk or Treat" event. Oct. 28 the Harvest Festival continued at 12:00 Noon with a meal, having the Bar B Que, and sides (potato salad) and dessert.

Pocahontas ... Hello from First Baptist Church, Pocahontas. Hope everyone is doing wonderful. We have been busy, the children had breakfast with a puppet show on September 24th. It was enjoyed by all. October 22, we enjoyed a trip to the Pumpkin Patch. October 1 the Youth enjoyed the movie "The Blind". They also enjoyed going to Pickwick for the Concert on the River. Plans are being made for a trip to Gatlinburg in December. The Ladies went to see The Blind, October 5th, definitely a movie to see. We had a birthday celebration for Brother Steve on Oct. 4th with ice cream, we love our Pastor. Had for our "Hallelujah Festival" and "Trunk or Treat" on October 29th with chili, hot dogs, potato soup, and all the fixings along with games and a hayride. Everyone was invited, and started at 5 p.m. We're working on "Operation Christmas Child" boxes, praying over these boxes to touch the lives of someone. Remember to send a text, a card, or to call someone and make their day better. Show someone some love today, pray for all our churches and each other.

Porters Creek ... In October, we enjoyed celebrating Bro. Rusty and his family for Pastor Appreciation Month! Our Senior Saints had a great lunch at Pickwick, and our ladies enjoyed their paint party! The youth had a good trip to the Judgement House, and we had tons of fun at our Fall Festival! We finished collecting Christmas Backpacks for Tennessee Youth and Children and started collecting for our Thanksgiving Food Pantry Drive. Our children and youth also started practicing for their Christmas Program. In November, our children are planning to do an ornament painting activity. The Senior Saints and Missions Committee will have lunch and pack Thanksgiving Food Boxes on November 16th. We will also have a church wide Thanksgiving Meal on November 19.

HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING SEASON

(ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED)

Hardeman Baptist Association
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HAPPY THANKSGIVING
NOVEMBER 23, 2023

COMING ACTIVITIES: OCTOBER 2023

* MEN'S NIGHT OF PRAYER, second Tuesday of each month, hosted by churches across HCBA 7:00 PM

"Drive Thru Prayer" Ministry to meet every Thursday from 7 am to 9am @ the Old Wheelers Furniture parking lot on South Main Street in Bolivar.

NOV. 5 Daylight Saving time ends. Turn clocks back.

Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY

NOV. 12-15 SUMMIT, The Gathering of Tennessee Baptist Chattanooga Convention Center.

Nov. 14 County Wide Men's Prayer meeting Brints Chapel FBC , Middleton, TN 7:00 p.m.

NOV. 23 THANKSGIVING

November 27 Ministry Groups Meeting-- Missions @ 6 p.m. Administration Ser. @ 7 p.m.

GIFTS FROM CHURCHES TO ASSOCIATION Received by Oct. 27

<u>OCTOBER 2023</u>	<u>Budg.</u>
Bethlehem	<u>.00</u>
Bolivar First	<u>1010.00</u>
Brints Chapel	<u>.00</u>
Center Point	<u>.00</u>
Cloverport	<u>.00</u>
Dixie Hills	<u>55</u>
Ebenezer	<u>.00</u>
Essary Springs	<u>.00</u>
Grace	<u>500.00</u>
Grand Junction	<u>.00</u>
Hatchie	<u>00</u>
Hebron	<u>458.75</u>
Hickory Valley	<u>2381.40 *</u>
Hornsby	<u>116.00</u>
Middleburg	<u>300.00</u>
Middleton	<u>300.00</u>
Midway	<u>.00</u>
New Bethel	<u>.00</u>

New Union	<u>.00</u>
Parrans Chapel	<u>.00</u>
Piney Grove	<u>293.48</u>
Pleasant Grove	<u>.00</u>
Pocahontas	<u>250.00</u>
Porters Creek	<u>500.00</u>
Rocky Springs	<u>.00</u>
Saulsbury	<u>.00</u>
Shandy	<u>126.00</u>
Silerton	<u>108.62</u>
Toone	<u>262.00</u>
Trinity	<u>200.00</u>
Truth & Life	<u>.00</u>
Walnut Grove	<u>74.00</u>
West Memorial	<u>248.33</u>
Whiteville	<u>20.00</u>
Individuals	<u>.00</u>

*denotes 2 or more months

A SPECIAL THANKS TO EACH CHURCH AND INDIVIDUAL FOR YOUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD'S WORK THROUGH YOUR ASSOCIATION.