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Return Service Requested

What It Means to Be Born Again

Study these Bible verses for God's Word on the subject:

1. **"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."** (Rom. 3:23)
Everyone is a sinner—there are no exceptions.
2. **"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."** (Rom. 6:23)
Death means separation forever from God. **Eternal life comes by trusting Jesus Christ.**
3. **"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."** (Rom. 5:8)
God loved us sinners so much that He gave His son to die for our sins.
4. **"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."** (Rom. 10:9)
To be born again, **you must believe that Jesus died for your sins and declare that you accept Him as Lord of your life.**
5. **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** (Rom. 10:13)
This is **God's promise to you** that **if you receive Jesus as Lord, He will save you.**

Confess your decision to the Lord now as you pray this prayer:

Dear God, I know I have sinned by breaking Your laws, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus died for my sins. I want to be born again and receive new life in Him. I will follow Jesus as my Lord and obey Him in all that I do. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.



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September 2025



*"And let us not grow weary while doing good,
for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."*

Galatians 6:9

RED BOX PRISON MINISTRY COLLECTION

It is time to begin collecting items for NC women inmates. This will help provide a Christmas gift for incarcerated women in NC. This year the Bladen Association will be collecting

WOMEN’S STICK DEODORANT.

Deodorant tubes must be plastic only, no gel or roll on and weight 2 to 3.5 ounces.

Deodorant can be placed in the bins located in the back of the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, or monetary donations may be designated on your offering envelope. **Deadline for donations is October 26.**



CHRISTMAS
BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

WMU is collecting monetary donations to pack backpacks for the upcoming **Appalachian Outreach Ministry**. If you would like WMU to pack and deliver a backpack for you, the cost is \$40. Please designate on your offering envelope "backpack". If you would like to pack your own or interested in this ministry opportunity, more info to come.

Deadline is October 12.

AWANA OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, SEPT 6

3-6 pm

DUBLIN FIRST BAPTIST

Water Slide
Foam Party
Registration & Materials
Teacher Meet 'n Greet

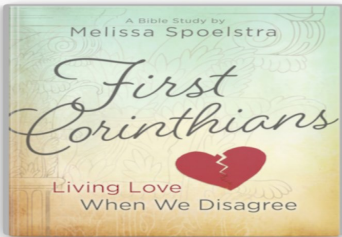
GROUPS FOR NURSERY AGE-6TH GRADE



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:00 PM COVERED DISH Family Night Fellowship Meal 7:00 PM Missions Speaker	4 7:00 PM Volleyball	5	6 8:00 AM 7 Arrows Men's Bible Study 3:00 PM Awana Open House
7 5:00 PM AMPED Awana 6:00 PM Evening Worship	8	9 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study	10 6:00 PM Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM Recharge Service	11 7:00 PM Volleyball	12	13 8:00 AM 7 Arrows Men's Bible Study
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H.T.E

Our sewing group thanks you for all donations and for all who cut and sewed dresses and shorts for 750 boys and girls less fortunate than we and many others! We met our goal!!! If you have any dresses finished you can place them in the sewing supplies room. We will start 2026 off with a meeting in the Fellowship Hall on January 5 at 9:00 AM. You all are an awesome group of ladies!
Brenda Brisson & Kay Davis



Women's Fall Bible Study

Begins

Tuesday, September 9
at 9:30 AM.

Cost: \$10.00

Sign up sheet is on
the bulletin board.



7 Arrows
Men's Bible Study
Saturday Mornings
8:00 AM

High Attendance Sunday

Sunday School Kickoff

Sunday, September 7

Churchwide Breakfast 9:40-10:15 AM

TEAM JASON

Nursery

1st-3rd Grade

Pairs & Spares

Carl Bryan

Golden Circle

Senior Men

TEAM ADAM

Preschool

4th-6th Grade

Youth: 7th-12th
Grade

College & Career

Louise Butler

Let's Kickoff to a Great Year!



Hope For Harvest

It won't be long before one of my favorite times of year comes around here in North Carolina. It may be a common sight for you who've lived here your whole lives, but every fall Krista and I enjoy and are amazed by seeing what we call "*Southern Snow*"--those cotton fields all white and ready to be harvested!

In the Book of Galatians, God has a message for us through the Apostle Paul. The Lord uses an agricultural picture to teach us something about how a harvest connects to you and I persevering in service to the Lord: "*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap...and let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart*" (Galatians 6:7-9).

There is a simple truth, a cause and effect reality that God speaks of here. As God's people, whatever it is that we sow (or plant), it will grow and we will harvest it. That is how God has designed things to work when it comes to agriculture in the world He created, but it is also just as much true when it comes to how we live our lives and particularly in our work for the Lord! That's the specific context God is having Paul address here: our serving and being on mission for Christ.

The difference between the agricultural reality and the spiritual one is that the time from seed to harvest is not weeks or months; it can vary widely. God tells us in His Word that sometimes He uses us to make disciples by planting, other times we water what someone else planted, and sometimes He uses us to harvest. We may get to see the fruit of our labors (or we may not), but there will be and is a harvest. With such a potentially long or even unknown growing season, there exists a propensity for us to "*grow weary*" from our labors like verse nine mentions. God encourages us to not let that happen. We must not lose hope, but instead continue to be faithful in doing what He's called us to do in making disciples. We must trust HIM that there WILL be a harvest. We WILL reap, as long as we do not lose heart.

This promise from God gives us hope for a harvest. And just like whenever the Bible speaks of hope, this is not some optimistic wish, but a confident assurance that what God says, will come to pass. Maybe you're in a season of waiting and Satan's tempting you to lose heart and just give up in what you're attempting to accomplish for the Lord? Don't let the unknown about when a harvest might come cause you to grow weary in your work today. Don't forget whose work it is and whose harvest it is. As opportunity to serve the Lord comes your way, joyfully seize it with confidence in the hope for a harvest!

--Pastor Jason

Taking Ownership

There is quite a difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Jesus. We live in a world that has known about Jesus Christ for two thousand years now. Even here in the greatest country in the world, founded on Judeo-Christian ethics and principles, many people speak the name Jesus Christ. Do they truly know Him? Do they actually own their faith in Him?

I have now had my first experience with taking the youth to Fuge camp. We had an amazing time getting away to focus on what it means to have true faith in Jesus. This year's camp theme "Into the Light, Owning Your Faith" served as a powerful lesson in the difference between knowing about Jesus and knowing Him personally. John 4:42 was the anchor verse that tied it all together.

Here we find ourselves at the end of one of the most famous encounters with Jesus in the New Testament. We all know the story of the Samaritan women at the well and the living water that she received because of her encounter with the true Messiah. She had immediately left Jesus to go and tell as many people as she could about Him and to invite them to come see for themselves. When they had come to see Jesus for themselves, their belief turned from a secondhand knowledge to true personal faith. What a message!

One thing that the message at camp reminded all of us, including the adults, is how important it is to be clear about what a relationship with Jesus looks like. We teach our young people what we know about the Bible and Jesus. We try our best to live out our faith in front of them, hoping that they will walk with the Lord as well. Unfortunately, there still is the misconception that one can share in another's faith in God. It's a true saying that God only has children, not grandchildren. You can't borrow another's faith. You must own your faith in Jesus. This is what I seek to stress to the youth as I minister to them. Do you know Him? Do you love Him? If so, do you obey Him?

I don't have the experience of growing up with a consistent faith that was taught to me from parents, loved ones, or church. I am a late convert, much like the woman at the well. By the grace of God, Jesus just showed up out of the blue, convicted me, and shattered all my secondhand knowledge of Him. He taught me what true faith is. Unlike me, we have many people around us that claimed the name of Christ at a young age. Let us keep in mind as we teach others about Jesus, especially the young people that God has given us the privilege to be stewards over, to remind them that they must have ownership of their faith in Jesus. No one will get to be with the Lord in Heaven on the coattails of others.

God Bless-----Pastor Eric

THERE'S A SONG IN THE AIR

Ephesians 5:19 "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;"

In his own words, here is the testimony of Scottish doctor William Paton Mackay, author of *Revive Us Again*.

"My dear mother had been a godly, pious woman, quite often telling me of the Savior, and many times I had been a witness to her wrestling in prayer for my soul's salvation. But nothing had made a deep impression on me. The older I grew the more wicked I became. One day a seriously injured (laborer) was brought into the hospital. The case was hopeless. He seemed to realize his condition, for he was fully conscious, and asked me how long he would last. I gave him my opinion in as cautious a manner as I could. "Have you any relatives whom we could notify?" I continued. The patient shook his head. His only wish was to see his landlady, because he owed her a small sum, and also wished to bid her farewell. He also requested his landlady send him, "The Book." I went to see him on my regular visits at least once a day. What struck me most was the quiet, almost happy expression constantly on his face. After the man died, some things about the deceased's affairs were to be attended to in my presence. "What shall we do with this?" asked the nurse, holding up a book in her hand. "What kind of book is it?" I asked. "The Bible of the poor man. As long as he was able to read it, he did so, and when he was unable to do so anymore, he kept it under his bed cover." I took the Bible and – could I trust my eyes? It was my own Bible! The Bible which my mother had given me when I left my parents' home, and which later, when short of money, I sold for a small amount. My name was still in it, written in my mother's hand. With a deep sense of shame, I looked upon the precious Book. It had given comfort and refreshing to the unfortunate man in his last hours. It had been a guide to him into eternal life, so that he had been enabled to die in peace and happiness. And this Book, the last gift of my mother, I had actually sold for a ridiculous price. Be it sufficient to say that the regained possession of my Bible was the cause of my conversion."

(Taken from "Then SINGS My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan.)

Inspired by his renewed faith and the miraculous return of his Bible, MacKay wrote the hymn "Revive Us Again" capturing the heart of spiritual renewal. Published in 1863, The hymn mirrors his own story and the wider revival spreading across Scotland during that period. It became a passionate cry for God's restoration, with the chorus "Hallelujah! Thine the glory" expressing thankfulness and praise for God's saving power.

Blessings, Adam