



The Clarion

consecration. celebration. connection. commission.

January 17, 2021



Any 'Marathoners' Out There?

The marathon run is perhaps the most well-known distance run – 26.2 miles in length. Most observers see marathon runners as they “cross the lines” – the start and finish lines. It’s at the lines where the crowds congregate. It must be exhilarating for these athletes to start and finish the marathon event surrounded by cheering crowds. But what about the distance ‘between the lines’? What about those miles when few, if any, are watching? What’s that like for a marathoner? In a word – grueling. Experts say the hardest mile of the marathon is usually between miles 18 through 23. Generally, a runner can hold a steady pace for the majority of the race before feeling a mental and physical wall where the pace becomes difficult. During this stretch of the race runners must ‘press on’, ‘push through’, and ‘endure’. Just keep running. Just keep putting one foot in front of the other.

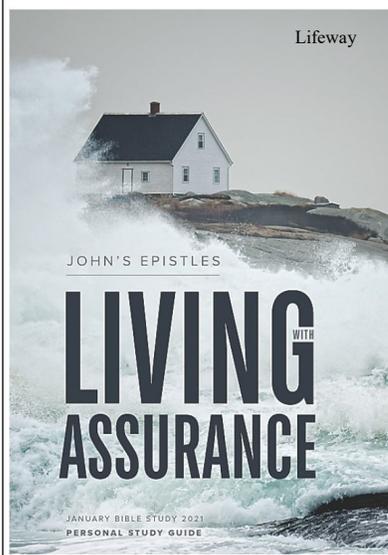
This was what the Hebrew Christians needed in the first century A.D. The biblical writer said, *For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised* (Heb. 10:36). These early believers needed encouragement to continue forward in their Christian ‘race’. They had ‘hit the wall’ due to opposition from fellow Jews who disapproved of their faith in Christ as Lord and Savior.

I believe, church family, that you and I ‘have need of endurance’ at this stage of the race. As a church we’ve been running a long time against the headwinds of COVID-19. We are attempting to ‘stay the course’ of “Glorifying God by Knowing Christ and Making Him Known”, but the present miles are difficult. It feels like we’ve ‘hit the wall’. We miss the unity of the Body of Christ. We become discouraged apart from the community of our Sunday School classes. We’re weary of social-distancing and mask-wearing. And it’s only natural for our passion for Christ to wane as well.

But let’s not stop running! **God will see us through!** Let’s remain faithful. I offer this prayer on OUR behalf,

O God our Father, Dear Lord Jesus Christ, and Blessed Holy Spirit, we Your people of First Baptist Church, Headland have need of endurance. Alone we are powerless. We have not the strength or drive to persevere. We need You. We reach to You. Incline our hearts to You. Empower us to reach in love to our brothers and sisters with encouraging phone calls and fervent prayers. May Your Word speak to us daily and each Sunday and Wednesday together. Help us hear and obey. Renew our zeal for You, our love for one another, and our commitment to Your mission. For our good and Your glory we pray. Amen.

Cecil Sanders



January 2021 Bible Study

John's Epistles Living with Assurance

Continuing this Sunday, January 17th!

Books are available for \$10 at the Information Desk.

John wrote to combat false doctrines about the identity of Jesus and how His identity impacted a believer's everyday life. Some questioned if Jesus was fully human and physical while others questioned Him being the Christ. In both cases, sin was minimized. Believers have fellowship with Christ, who is God incarnate. Through walking in the light of this relationship and living in love, they are secure in the eternal life given through faith in Christ.

The focus of this study is on how a person's understanding of Jesus impacts their daily lives in practical ways. False teachers with an incomplete understanding of Jesus as both human and deity have sought to mislead believers and continue to seek to do so today. Believers will come to understand that they can live with assurance of their eternal life by living in light of their relationship with Jesus.

Bridge to Tomorrow Fund	
Giving 1-10-2021	\$380.00
Total Giving to Date	\$647,874.44
12-20-2020 Fund Balance	\$61,905.43
Our People Gave January 10, 2021	
Weekly Need	\$22,317.74
Weekly Received	\$18,163.50
Over (Under) Budget	(\$4,154.24)
2021 Year-To-Date	
Budget Required	\$44,635.48
Budget Received	\$33,158.50
Over (Under)	(\$11,476.98)
Worship 1-10-2021	133

Services Online

www.fbcheadland.com
FBC Headland (YouTube/Facebook)

Sunday

10:00 AM Worship Service

Monday

Weekly Announcements & Devotion

Wednesday

6:00 PM Devotional & Prayer Time

Thursday

7:00 PM Bible Studies for Life

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**Regular Quarterly
Business Meeting**
Wednesday, January 20th
6:00 PM
Chapel



Happy Anniversary, Kimberly Grandstaff!

Please join us in congratulating Kimberly Grandstaff, our CDC & Children's Ministry Director on completing nineteen years of service. Kimberly began serving on January 24, 2002. Thank you, Kimberly, for your dedication and hard work to our church.

By The Numbers

Here is an estimate of our total Worship attendance. It includes viewership via Facebook and YouTube plus our in person attendance for the Sunday listed. According to the Church IT Network research, the number of digital views can be multiplied by 2.5 for an estimate of the number of people who watched the video.

Date	Digital Views		Estimated Total (2.5 per View)	Present	Estimated
	FB	YouTube	Digital Viewers	In Church	Total
1/10	59	71	325	133	458



Sanctity of Life
is Sunday,
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Altar Flowers

The flowers placed in the Worship Center this Sunday are in honor of Mrs. Ethelene Warren on the occasion of her 100th birthday by her family who loves her dearly.

