

SOUTHSIDE NEWS

June 2019

There was once a boxer who was being pummeled in the ring by his opponent. Blow after blow by his adversary left him with a bloody nose, swollen eyes, and an enormous amount of pain. The battered boxer's trainer, trying to encourage his man between rounds, kept telling him, "You're doing great, Fred. That bum is barely touching you." To which the boxer responded, "Then you better keep your eye on that referee, because somebody is killing me." No amount of smooth talk could camouflage the reality of the bloody battle in which the fighter was engaged. Psychologically correct talk and personal encouragement could not mask the pain he was suffering. In the same way, you and I are engaged in a real battle, one of cosmic proportions. We know we are facing a real opponent because this world bears the bloody, painful scars of this conflict: war among nations, shattered lives, broken homes, suicide, rape, abuse, and immorality of every imaginable kind. Although it is easy for us as Pastors to tell God's people, "Greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world," and "We are more than conquerors through Christ," these statements often seem to fly in the face of life's day-to-day realities. Myriads of believers are troubled by questions such as, "If God is so strong, why am I so weak?" and "If He gives us victory, why am I losing so many battles?" It is because we are in a real battle with a real enemy. We read about that enemy in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober! Be on the alert! Your adversary the Devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour." But, not only are we warned about the enemy, but we are told how to make preparations as we confront that enemy. We read in Ephesians 6:13-17, "This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day and having prepared everything, to take your stand. Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. In every situation take the shield of faith, and with it you will be able to extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word." We have to put on the armor of God because the enemy we war against is tough. We are not fighting people as we are told in Ephesians 6:12, "For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens." Our battle is not against people. Our battle is against the evil one, Satan! So, prepare yourself by clothing yourself with the full armor of God!

Until next time...Keep Looking Up, Bro. Howard!

SERMON	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Morning Service "iTruth" Series	"iTruth : iKnow" 2 Timothy 3:14-17	"iTruth : iLove" 1 Corinthians 13:13	"iTruth : iTell" Mark 16:15	"iTruth : iServe" Matthew 20:26	"iTruth : iStand" John 20:27-30
Evening Service Hebrews Series	VBS Prayer Time	The Superior Sacrifice Hebrews 10:1-18	No Evening Service	The Superior Sacrifice Hebrews 10:19-39	Serving at Hope Campus

We will study the "Five Principles of Unity" on Wednesday evenings

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
COME JOIN US "IN THE WILD" JUNE 3 - 7 6:00 pm - 8:15						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 6:00 PM—8:15 PM					VBS Family Night	
9 Deacon's Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 No PM Service 	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Church-wide Fellowship with World Changers following morning service .	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Serving at Hope Campus 4:00-7:00 pm			7th Jonathan Short	17th John McLaughlin	10th Paula Phifer	23rd Mark Galvan
			13th Rose Vasquez	28th Mary Jo Gaessler		



I want to thank all the Sunday School classes that have helped in our ministry to Ballman Elementary School this past school year, providing goodies for their teacher's lounge. Your generosity was met with many smiles from the faculty and staff at the school! We will begin this ministry again in September of 2019.

Again, thank you very much!

Bro. Howard

"You didn't have to do what you did...and that's what made it so special Thank You -

Faculty and Staff of Ballman Elementary

(You can see the card hanging on the bulletin board across from church offices with all the signatures)

Thank you for having a Gideon speaker during our State Convention. We trust many souls will be impacted through Scriptures purchased. In Honor of Jesus Christ 113 Bibles will be distributed by members of the Gideons International to help transform lives through the Word of God.

- The Gideons

Volunteers in Service

Date	Morning prayer
6-2	Mike Bell
6-9	David Goodson
6-16	Pete Galvan
6-23	Mike Hicks
6-30	Scott Taylor

Attendance

Date	Sunday School	Morning Worship
5-5	37	34
5-12	35	48
5-19	35	34
5-26	38	44

Giving

Budget Gifts	Design. Gifts
\$2396	\$57
\$7636	\$70
\$2523	\$66
\$6891	\$30

2019/2020 Budget

Annual Budget	\$201,612
Yr/Date Needed	\$31,024
Yr/Date Receipts	\$37,229
+ (-) Budget	\$6208
Needed Weekly	\$3878
Weekly Avg.	\$4654

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of **June 3-7**, 2019 from 6:00-8:30 each evening. Please be praying for those that will be working during this week, and for the children who will be here with us. Please pray that their hearts and minds will be open to the Gospel. Be in prayer for the parents of these children, that they will also have an encounter with Christ if they do not already have a relationship with Him. It is always a busy, but fun week as we get to share the Gospel and love of Christ with children. Our VBS theme this year is **“In The Wild: Amazing Encounters with Jesus” - John 20:31**. If you would like to help in any way in VBS, please check with Bro. Howard to find out the needs. If you would like to help financially, please put “VBS” on your check or envelope!



The SBC Disaster Relief ministry will be offering “Flood Recovery Volunteer Training” on Sunday, June 2, from 3:00-5:00 p.m., in the Grand Avenue Fellowship Hall. After the flood waters recede, many of our friends and neighbors will be needing help cleaning up from the mud left behind. This training is required to enable you to help in a safe and effective manner. After receiving the training, you can then volunteer to work with one of the certified groups who will be leading in the recovery efforts. One of the most amazing results of this situation is seeing the willingness to work together to benefit others in our area. Come learn how to help in the future time of recovery.



World Changers volunteers will arrive in Fort Smith on Saturday, June 22nd. Our church will be providing lunches for one of the work crews during the following week. The group of about 12 students and adult leaders assigned to our church are called the “Dirty, Dusty, and Downright Determined” crew. They will install siding on a home on Bell Avenue that week.

Eastside Baptist Church is providing space for them to be in the evenings. However, that **Sunday, June 23rd**, the students of our crew plan to join us for our morning service. We plan to have a **potluck lunch** and fellowship time with the student. The church will provide the main course and drinks, and we are asking our members to bring side dishes and desserts. If you can help with this meal, please let us know what you plan to bring on the list outside the office. Plan to stay after the service that morning to welcome these students to Fort Smith!

Monday-Friday, June 24th-28th, we will provide lunch for the crew and the homeowners. If you would like to help prepare, provide, and deliver any of the meals, we can use help. The food needs to be onsite by 11:30. Contact the office if you can help at any time during that week. Also, on Friday we would like to repeat our “treat” that we provided last year: **homemade ice cream**. If you would be interested in making a batch, let us know. Last year they were thrilled to get it!



We will be preparing and serving the evening meal for Hope Campus on June 30th. We are there from about 4 pm to 7 pm. The sign-up sheet will be posted after the VBS week.



Do you love children? Do you want to invest in the lives of children? If so, we have a ministry for you! We are needing volunteer nursery workers for Sunday morning Sunday school and worship times! There is a sign-up sheet by the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Janice Martin for more information.

We need volunteers to mow and trim the yard about every two weeks. We understand that not everyone is able to do the yardwork, but most still want to help. We have a couple of people who can be hired if you need to do so. If you can help by either mowing, or hiring someone to mow for you, please sign up as soon as possible so we can know it is covered. Thank you for your willingness to make our church look “loved”.

There will be no evening services at SSBC on June 16th, Father’s Day. Enjoy your time with your family!

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Return Service Requested

Sun.	Pre-service Choir	9:00 a.m.
	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:50 a.m.
	Choir practice (full)	5:00 p.m.
	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
	Children's activities	5:45 p.m.



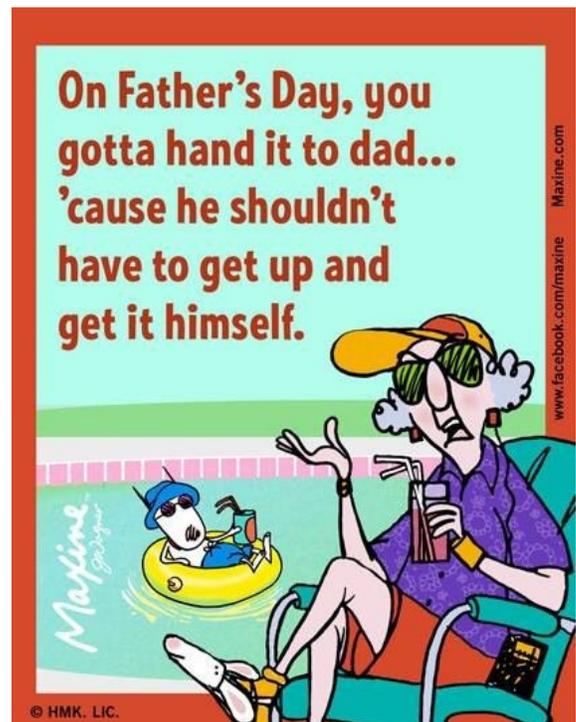
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Midweek meals will resume September 4th