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Pastor's Column

Vision 2026! I hope that you are not getting tired of hearing about this because we need to keep it at the forefront of our thoughts and prayers. However, one of the things I've noticed in other churches is that when we start talking about a building program, it becomes all-consuming. Nothing else matters. That's why I've tried to change our understanding of Vision 2026. While the goal is to raise \$2.5 million to build a building, our vision is about sharing the gospel with the children (and their parents) in our community. I've been excited about the stories I am hearing. A visitor who says she was so impressed with our vision that she is committed to giving. A member who tells us God spoke to her heart about how she could give. Other visitors who asked me to explain our vision in more detail, stating they couldn't wait to move here and become a part of this. That is something special, I can tell you. So, I hope you never get tired of talking about this vision God has given to us. In fact, I hope that you will continue to learn as much as you can by attending one of the deacon's gatherings because they are designed to help you understand how you can give. And remember, it's not about equal giving; it's about equal sacrifice. Sacrifice now so that tomorrow's generation can know the love of Christ.

Love you all, and thanks for the prayers!

Bro. Ben



Minister of Children & Families

The other day I was hundreds of miles away in an office talking to the secretary. She and I talked for a minute before we realized she was also from Alabama. This began an Alabama version of 6 degrees of Kevin Bacon (google it if you're not familiar). Sure enough we had a connection of people we knew in a matter of minutes. This funny interaction reminded me of how important acting with character is. If we are authentic Christ followers, we should work to bring Him glory at all times. While you may be far more sanctified than me, I know I can be tempted to be rude when things aren't going well, or someone isn't doing their job. I am often reminded in interactions like this one that your reputation matters. We should not mistreat others thinking we are anonymous, when in fact the world is a small place, but more than that we shouldn't because our heavenly Father does not mistreat us. We deserve wrath and judgment, but the Bible tells us that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. We should not change our behavior to be moralistic, but instead we should be changed because we live our lives as ones that have received grace from the perfect one.

Bro. Forrest



Minister of Youth & Discipleship

Small Groups are beginning soon! If you are wondering, "Why should I attend a small group? I have a million things going on. Why add one more thing?" One of the main purposes is to dig deeper into the word. We look at different topics and engage with these topics from a Christian worldview. We are offering this fall:

- Don't Waste Your Life led by Mark McCutchin and Chuck Ledbetter
- How to Share the Gospel led by Hunter Baker
- Holy Roar led by Charlie Kuykendall
- Experiencing God led by Ben Hayes
- Family Matters led by Forrest Jones
- Jewish and Muslim Cultures: An Introduction led by the Tuckers and Fergusons
- Fresh Wind Fresh Fire (Young Adults) led by Hunter Baker

If you would like to sign up for any of these, we would love for you to join us. Ways to sign up: in the church office, text Hunter Baker at 256-307-3558, or online. We are looking forward to digging deeper together this fall.

Bro. Hunter



Minister of Music & Senior Adults

"Do Justly...Love Mercy...Walk Humbly!"

Micah prophesied in Judah during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, king of Judah (Micah 1:1).

His message was that God was going to judge Judah but would save a remnant and let them return to Judah. The people of Judah were listening to false prophets who told them they were doing just fine as long as they came to the temple and brought their offerings (came to church and gave their money)! The problem was that the people lived as some do today. They lived their lives as they wanted Sunday thru Friday and took an offering to the Temple on the Sabbath and expected God to be pleased with them.

Micah 6:6-8

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⁶ With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷ Will the Lord be pleased

with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

In verses 6 and 7, Micah asks if going to church and giving possessions is the way to please God. In verse 8, he gives the answer. The prophet says to pay attention to what God has already shown us, "do justly...love mercy...and walk humbly with God." In other words, listen to God and live as He directs seven days a week, 24 hours a day!

Charlie



August Birthdays are available in the office.