

THE NEWS
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Our offertory prayer

Loving Father, Creator of all, you have generously and graciously given us blessing after blessing, gift after gift, kindness after kindness. Your steadfast love and amazing grace abound in our lives. You are awesome, and we are humbled and deeply grateful to you for all that you do.

We give our tokens of love and appreciation to you. We offer our grateful hearts, minds and souls. Please accept our praise and thanksgiving. We also offer the gifts of our labor, our monetary offerings, and our pledges of talent, time and service.

Help us to be dedicated servants for you in our daily lives so that we may be more worthy of the life you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The Pastor's Message

“On Becoming a Kingdom Man”

This month as a church we are observing our Annual Men’s Day and we are calling all of our Men to become a “Kingdom Man.” As background, in his book entitled “Kingdom Man” Dr. Tony Evans says that many of the problems that we have in today’s society can be traced back to the home and an absence of men and fathers in the home. Consider that:

- 70% of all prisoners come from fatherless homes.
- 80% of all rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes.
- 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes.
- 63% of all teen suicides occur in homes where the father was either abusive or absent.
- Virtually every adult social pathology has been linked to either fatherless homes or homes with a father and/or husband who was absent, abusive, or neglectful.

However, in his book Dr. Evans says that all of these problems can be addressed if our men would become Kingdom Men. What is a Kingdom Man? Here are some highlights from the book:

- A kingdom man is a preserver of culture and a champion of society to keep out evil and usher in good. Being a kingdom man involves exercising authority and responsibility along with wisdom and compassion. A kingdom man intentionally aligns his life, choices, thoughts, and actions under the lordship of Jesus Christ.
- A kingdom man understands that God never said a godly life would be easy, He just said it would be worth it.
- Any man who blames his wife for the chaos in his home without simultaneously accepting responsibility for addressing it is publicly declaring his lack of biblical manhood.
- Pornography use is one of the greatest indicators that a man has lost touch with his own manhood since he has to piggyback on the intimacy of others.
- If a man is out of alignment with God's prescription for kingdom manhood, it not only messes him up, but it can also mess up anyone or everyone else who comes into contact with him, especially if they fall under his authority.
- The time you spend with your family as a man should never be a second thought. It should always be your first thought.

This September, it is my prayer that all of our men will seek to become “Kingdom Men”- men who live their lives in dedication to God and make a difference in their families, the church and world!

Peace and Blessings. **__Pastor Kip Banks, Sr.**

‘Chariots and horses’

“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses,” proclaims Psalm 20:7 (NKJV). “But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.” Do these antiquated modes of transportation make this verse irrelevant to us? Not if we broaden our notion of chariots and horses.

Some trust in fancy cars, boats, bikes or snowmobiles for status or entertainment. Some trust in big houses, expensive furniture or high-end fashion to feel important. Some trust in investments or a promised inheritance for security. Some trust in food, painkillers or alcohol to feel good — for a while. Some trust in military might, academic degrees, sports, relationships and so much more.

Let’s help one another trust instead in the name — and *trustworthiness* — of our God. Even the psalmist didn’t do so alone; verse 7 says “we.” We need friends, Christian mentors and, above all, the Holy Spirit to assist us. In God we’ll find our answers, our strength and our purpose.

Baptist Women

There is joy in encouraging and fellowshiping with others. Every woman of EWHBC is automatically a member of the Baptist Women. Whenever possible, please join us on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 10:30AM in Fountain Hall. The next meeting is Thursday, September 8, 2016. As God's servants, we are thankful for His strengthening us, His guidance and His abundant blessings.

“...*The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord*”. Psalm 33:5

Baptist Women of East Washington Height Baptist Church (EWHBC)

Special dates for September 2016

- Labor Day, *Monday, September 5 (Church closed)*
 - Men's Prayer Breakfast, *Saturday, September 10, 8:30AM*
 - Men's Day Worship Service, *Sunday, September 11, 11:00AM*
 - National Grandparents Day & Patriot Day, *Sunday, September 11*
 - African American History Museum Grand Opening, *Sat, September 24*
 - Hispanic Heritage Month, *Thursday, September 15 - Sat, October 15*
 - Music & Arts Workshop, *Friday, September 16 - 18, Queens Chapel UMC*
 - First day of autumn, *Thursday, September 22*
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Happy Birthday to all who were born in September!

Happy Anniversary to all who were married in September!

Giving your all

Christ says, “Give me all. ... No half-measures are any good. ... Hand over the whole natural self, all the desires which you think innocent as well as the ones you think wicked ... the whole

outfit. I will give you a new self instead. In fact, I will give you Myself: my own will shall become yours.” —C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*

Break my heart

While traveling with Youth for Christ in Asia in the 1940s, Baptist minister Robert Pierce saw many orphans and suffering children. He wrote in his Bible, “Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God.” Pierce then dedicated his life to relief work, eventually founding World Vision International and Samaritan’s Purse.

He believed the church had to meet people’s physical needs before it could share the gospel message with them. The work Pierce began continues today: World Vision is now active in 90 countries and Samaritan’s Purse in more than 100.

Modern miracles

At the mention of miracles, we often picture the biblical kind: a dead person brought back to life, a small amount of food feeding a crowd, sight restored to a blind man. Yet even today we look for unexpected healings or an earthquake victim found alive after days amid rubble.

But consider someone born with poor eyesight who, thanks to technology, can work as a professional proofreader or create intricate digital paintings. Consider someone with a prosthetic leg who can run and even win races. Consider someone who, thanks to a donated heart, kidney or blood, continues to live. Consider friends in the United States and Europe who can connect in “real time,” offering support during a crisis.

Technology — whose source is the human brain created by God — makes possible a new, modern-day type of miracle. When used for good, it can overcome barriers, allowing us to celebrate life and serve one another. Miracles, indeed!

Charles Wesley made every Christian’s “work” clear in his hymn “A Charge to Keep I Have”:

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save and fit it for the sky,
To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master’s will!

Prayer warriors

After tragedies, natural disasters and terrorism, people now commonly turn to social media to request prayers. Although it can feel “jarring” to see “so many references to the divine in spaces normally reserved for vacation photos,” writes journalist Eleanor Barkhorn, it’s a modern-day version of the New Testament’s reminders to pray constantly and in all circumstances.

Over the years, churches have encouraged members to pray through letters, phone chains, prayer breakfasts and prayer groups. “With that context in mind,” Barkhorn writes, “Facebook shouldn’t cheapen prayer any more than the Postal Service or the telephone does.”

Russell Moore of the Southern Baptist Convention says, “Asking for prayer via Twitter or Facebook is no different than calling someone and saying, ‘We should really pray for this.’ ...

Social media can be a tremendous force for good in alerting people to things they can be praying about right away.”

Our real work

It may be that when we no longer know what to do we have come to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go we have come to our real journey. The mind that is not baffled is not employed. The impeded stream is the one that sings. __Wendell Berry, *Standing by Words*

Heavenly vision

Known as the “queen of gospel song writers,” Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) wrote more than 9,000 Christian hymns, including “Blessed Assurance” and “Safe in the Arms of Jesus.” Blind from a young age, she developed a love for poetry and Scripture, memorizing about five chapters of the Bible each week. Crosby was the first woman to speak in the U.S. Senate, lobbying to support education for the blind. She also was an abolitionist who made friends with several presidents.

A well-meaning pastor once told Crosby, “It is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you.”

She responded that her blindness was a blessing she wouldn’t wish away. “When I get to heaven,” Crosby said, “the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.”

Start your day with a 10 minute prayer and Scripture lesson.

Monday through Friday at 7:00AM

641-715-3272; Access code: 732413#

The beginnings of Sunday school

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn’t know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England’s prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn’t have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people’s opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ’s light and love to children around the world.

WANTED ALIVE!

Choir members; Board members: Sunday school & Bible study teachers, group leaders and members; Ministry leaders and members; All disciples

LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the EWHBC congregation

DESCRIPTION: Male and female ALL AGES

REWARD: “Give and you shall receive.”

SURRENDER TO: The Minister of Music and Choir Directors; the Nominating Committee; the Board of Christian Education; the existing ministry leaders; the moderator or the pastor;

Our Christian hope

“Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person’s existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God’s eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy. And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now!” __Oswald Bronson

Puzzle!

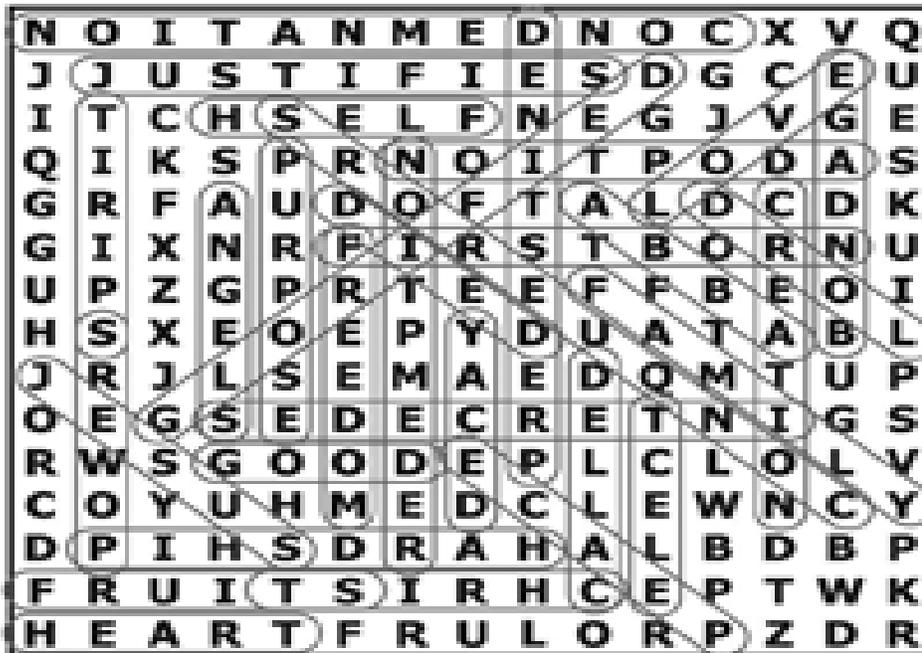
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Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption
family	justifies	angels	firstborn
Lord	bondage	flesh	love
called	freedom	peace	Christ
fruits	powers	condemnation	glorified
predestined	conquerors	good	purpose
creation	hardship	redemption	decay
died	intercedes	Spirit	heart

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| Lord | bondage | flesh | love |
| called | freedom | peace | Christ |
| fruits | powers | condemnation | glorified |
| predestined | conquerors | good | purpose |
| creation | hardship | redemption | decay |
| died | intercedes | Spirit | heart |