



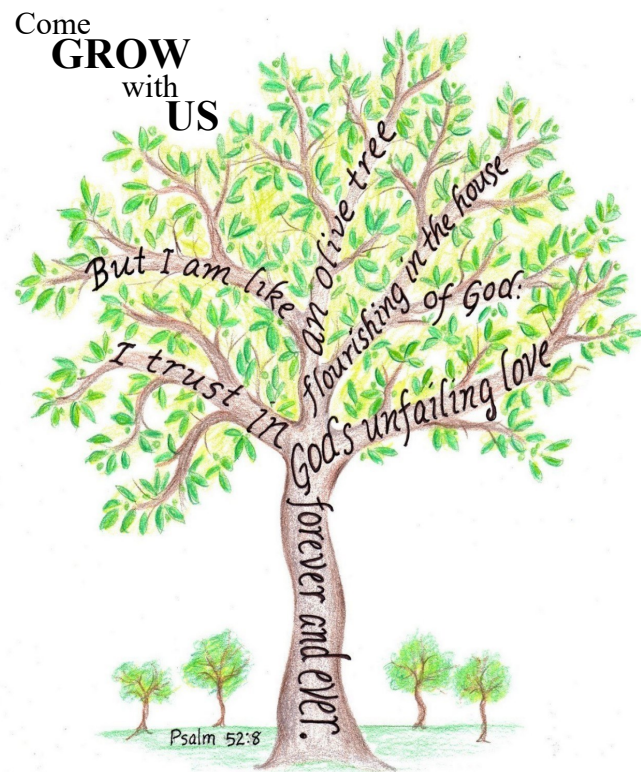
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July 2023: Verse of the Month

I say, then, walk by the Spirit
 and you will certainly not carry
 out the desire of the flesh.
 Galatians 5:16

**WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES
 AT OAKLAND**

- Sunday** 9:00 AM Sunday School
- 10:00 AM Indoor Service (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 AM Worship Service Online (Facebook)
- Wednesday** 6:30 PM Wednesday Youth (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM Wednesday Worship Online (Facebook)



CONNECTING TO GOD & ONE ANOTHER

July 2023

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Pastor David's Corner

Life, Liberty & the Pursuit of Jesus

2 Corinthians 3:17 says, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom; there is liberty." If we're looking for freedom, the Bible shows us where it may be found. Romans 6:22 states, "now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life." In pursuing this liberty from sin and self, we now become enslaved to God, which makes us holy, and leads to life! 1 Peter 2:16 punctuates the point, "Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves." Now that we are free, now that we have life, we must be transformed to a higher mission.

John says in 8:36, that if the Son of God sets you free, you are free indeed, and herein lies the key. Are we truly free? Will we ever, as an individual or as a people, be free apart from freedom in Christ? For Christians, we recognize that liberty, true and lasting, starts with God, through a relationship with His Son. But, our country is not a Christian nation, so many of our compatriots will disagree, and thus the foundational divide begins at the core.

In Matthew 5:6, we read, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Oh, that we may be satisfied in desiring God's will in our lives, in the lives of our family, friends, community and country! Romans 15:13 tells us, "Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." The answer is out there, but who will desire, seek, pursue and find it? We must know God, so that we will love God, so that we will follow God.

Freedom is not free. All gave some; some gave all. This is a popular patriotic saying. The Bible takes it a step further and states that One died for all, so that all might live. Yet, the Lord calls us to pick up our own cross daily and die to ourselves, so that we may spiritually see clearly enough to follow Christ. Life. Liberty. The Pursuit of Jesus. What does it take to obtain liberty? It appears that we may already know the answer. It's just that some have ears to hear, and some do not.

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie & Candy Anderson
 Elise Byers
 Brenda Carnes
 Gary Clontz
 Terry Cox
 Marlene Crider
 Peggy Dean
 John Efird
 Cindy French
 Barbara Gamble & Family
 Sam & Wanda Goodwin

Prayer requests continued on page 4.

Mid-Year Prayer Points

- Pray that the church stays true to God’s message & we proclaim it whether or not it’s convenient.
- Pray that the church would be deeply committed to seeking God in prayer.
- Pray that the church will boldly share Jesus—the ONLY way and ONLY hope.
- Pray that the church will worship, adore and praise God, in spirit and in truth.
- Pray for the church leaders to follow Christ, and serve humbly.
- Pray for protection of their witness and example.
- Pray for the church’s dedication and perseverance to press believers onto maturity in discipleship.
- Pray for more servants to join Jesus in His Kingdom work.
- Pray that church leaders prepare and equip believers for service.
- Pray that the church clings to its first love.
- Pray that the church will trust Jesus to grow the church, in His way and in His power.



Deacon’s Meeting
 July 2nd at 1 PM in the sanctuary.

Happy Independence Day
 Happy 4th of July!



June Attendance

- Sunday, June 4 (58 Indoor + 142 Online)**
 Wednesday, June 7 (178 Online)
- Sunday, June 11 (51 Indoor + 260 Online)**
 Wednesday, June 14 (76 Online)
- Sunday, June 18 (55 Indoor + 119 Online)**
 Wednesday, June 21 (57 Online)
- Sunday, June 25 (53 Indoor + 115 Online)**
 Wednesday, June 28 (93 Online)



Youth Ensemble

Know a student interested in playing in our youth ensemble? Contact the Church Office for more information on how they can get involved!

Slushies & Jesus



With the weather warming up a bit, the youth group will head over to either QT, Sonic or Pelican’s Snoballs on the first Wednesday of the month for a sweet treat! If you know of a middle or high school student that would be interested in becoming part of a youth group, please invite & encourage them to join us for Sunday School or Wednesday night youth group!



Youth Grind Week

August 20th - August 22nd
 6:00-9:00 PM

Euto Baptist Church: 6019 Hwy 205, Marshville NC
 Middle and High School students join together for three nights of fellowship, games, worship, and the Word!

Worship Band:
 The Lift

Speakers:
 Pastor Quintell Hill
 Pastor Jake Justice
 Eben Eddy



Youth Momentum Tour NC Baptist BE DO TELL

Momentum is a 3 meeting event for students to learn how to share their faith and make a difference in their communities.

- Meeting 1: Sunday, August 27 - Euto Baptist
- Meeting 2: Sunday, September 10 - Calvary Baptist
- Meeting 3: Sunday, October 1 - Wingate University



JULY 2023



Fellowship Luncheon

Sunday, July 2nd
Following
Worship
Thank you for
coming out and
bringing sides &
desserts!



Haley's Ministry Prayer Requests & Praises

► Praise God for the ways He has provided! Please pray for the Lord to continue to provide financially for Haley's ministry needs, through the generosity of current partners and those she doesn't even know yet! Pray that Haley would continue to trust the Lord throughout the process.

A few weeks ago, Haley was able to provide OBC with a short ministry update. This was a sweet time for her to share how God has been at work this year and cast vision for her next steps in ministry.



In this season of MPD (ministry partner development), God continues to remind Haley of His goodness and faithfulness. She is excited to share that she is at over 50% of her financial goal! Please join with Haley in praising God for His provision so far and asking Him to continue to lead her to the right people to join with her in reaching the lost.

If you would like to connect with Haley to learn more about her ministry work with Unto, you can go to this website: unto.com/beard
Thank you for being a part of Haley's journey!

June 2023 Offerings
\$14,009.00

Budget Needs for July
\$17,787.33

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Session 5: Barnabas & Paul 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 11 AM Cookout 1 PM Deacon's Meeting	3	4 Office Closed	5 6:30 PM Youth: Slushies & Jesus 6:30 PM Online Worship	6 Jail Ministry	7	8
9 Session 6: Paul & Timothy 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	10	11	12 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	13 Jail Ministry	14	15
16 Session 1: Set Apart: The Holiness of God 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	17	18	19 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	20 Jail Ministry	21	22
23 Session 2: Set Apart by Christ SS & Worship	24	25	26 6:30 PM Youth	27 Jail Ministry	28 Office Closed	29
30 Session 3: Set Apart but Not Alone SS & Worship	31		31 6:30 PM Online Worship			

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ray Greene
- Sadie Griffin
- Doris Hannah
- Mike Helms
- Nan Helms
- Grady & Judy Hill
- Lillian Lewis
- Rich Majewski
- Renay Moore & Family
- Lory Parker
- Louise Parker
- Linnet Price
- Robert Skinner
- Irene Welch

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

MENTORING: INVESTING IN OTHERS

July 2: Barnabas and Paul

July 9: Paul and Timothy

SET APART: A LIFE LIVES FOR GOD

July 16: Set Apart: The Holiness of God

July 23: Set Apart by Christ

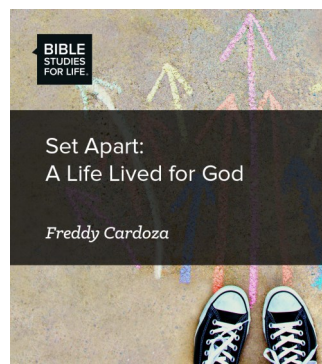
July 30: Set Apart but Not Alone



Bible Studies For Life Summary

Set Apart: A Life Lived for God

The greatest changes in history are happening right now, in our time. The digital age has reconfigured our world. Things once thought unimaginable have come to pass, forever altering our lives. It's estimated that our world has undergone about 15 percent of the changes expected from the digital revolution. People everywhere feel stretched and sometimes torn by the never-ending changes we are enduring. Many are beleaguered as the digital age disorients and sometimes dehumanizes people. How do we navigate the tumult of such an everchanging world?



Followers of Christ recognize the signs of the times and understand that God has placed us here, where we are, for a reason. We live at the tip of the spear between heaven and earth—as part of the kingdom of God and as citizens of earth. We are certainly in this world, but we need not be of it.

In the midst of our world's uncertainty, God has given us a sure Word. He has called us to be His holy people. He wants us to live our lives in a way that is radically distinguished from the world around us—set apart with hope, wholeness, and holiness. In this study, we'll learn how to live our lives set apart in such a way that it brings good to us and glory to God.

Set Apart: A Life Lived for God



Word Search

- Creation
- Glory
- Grace
- Growing
- Holiness
- Hope
- Renewing
- Reward
- Sanctification
- Transformed
- Unashamed
- Victory
- Wholeness
- Wisdom

House of Pearls Prayer Request

“Knees to the Ground”

The House of Pearls requests the congregation to join them with “Knees to the Ground” in prayer and fasting. Wednesday nights from 7-9 PM. For 12-20 acres to expand their ministry to help women heal and restore from drug and alcohol addiction.



Operation Save Marketplace

Volunteers Needed

Operation Save Marketplace is a thrift store located in Marshville, NC. All proceeds go directly back to their 501c3 nonprofit, Operation Save.

To learn more about their ministry, please visit www.operation-save.org.

If you are interested in volunteering at this store, please email the manager at operationsavemarketplace@gmail.com

Volunteer hours are:

- Saturday and Monday - 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM OR 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM
- Tuesday through Friday - 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM OR 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM