



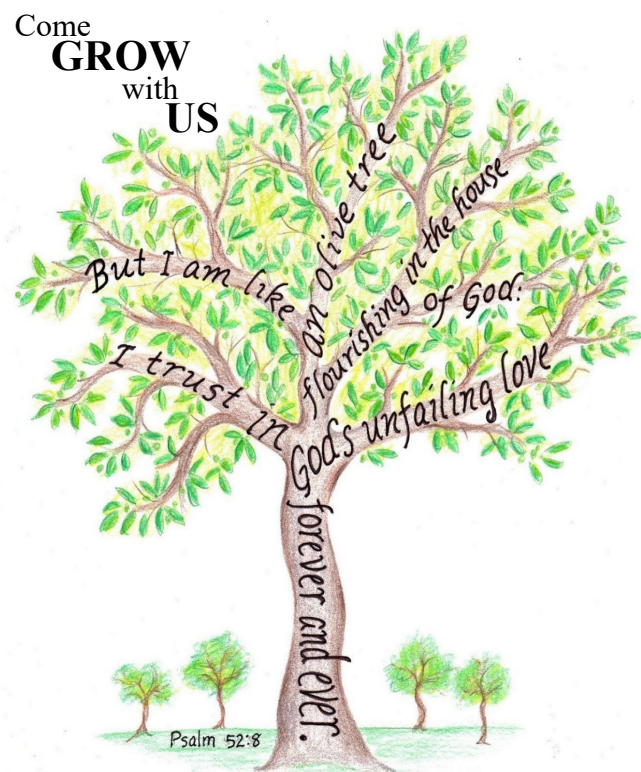
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August 2023: Verse of the Month



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

August 2023

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Pastor David's Corner

Time

The relentless march of time is a strange, wonderful and awful absolute. How often as youth did we passionately utter, with resolve, that we could not wait for an event, occurrence or milestone. Giddy anticipation for what was ahead held us in impatient, suspended animation. As Willy Wonka once proclaimed, "the suspense is terrible; I hope it lasts!" Okay, he was a little kooky, but he does offer an insight that age and time ultimately unravel. What we once thought would never come, and then wished would never end, has passed, and in many cases, has been gone for a long time. It didn't last.

We take photos, videos, selfies and post, post, post our life moments in a seemingly endless stream of holding on, embracing and isolating time, attempting to secure, what experience teaches, is futile. Time marches on. We get daily notifications on our phones and devices reminding us of flickers and flashes of the past, some six, eight, or ten years removed. How did that happen? How could it have been that long?

I walked by a corn field this week and just the smell of the corn carried by the warm breeze in my direction reminded me of standing in the midst of my mom's backyard garden, decades ago! I was in my early teens. Do we really need to excavate how great the expanse of years that entails? Remember Mary Hopkin's 1968 classic, "Those were the days my friend, we thought they'd never end!" Yet, they did!

Time. It marches on and marches by, us. From the long awaited, to the finally here, each and every snippet comes and goes, recorded or not, enjoyed or not, appreciated or not. This occurs devoid of neither our consent nor our approval. It is unconditional.

The Bible says in James 4:14, ". . . you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes." It looks like we're all in agreement. Life is short, and it is precious. Our days are numbered. You and I only have so much time. So, let's encourage one another to make the most of our days. Let's prioritize our ministry and our mission to enjoy the moments we've been given, as we also look beyond ourselves and help our brothers and sisters to do the same. Time marches on. May we intentionally make the most of that fact.



PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Prayer requests
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Deacon's Meeting
 August 6th at 1 PM in the sanctuary.

Backpacks of Hope

The backpacks ministry will kickoff after Labor Day in September. Pray for this ministry and for the Monroe Middle School students who will receive food each week. Bags include a selection from the following items:

Applesauce, Beanie Weenies, Canned Chicken & Tuna, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Chicken Noodle Soup, Fruit Cups (Fruit Medley, Orange Slices, Peaches), Grits, Oatmeal, Peanut Butter Crackers, Pop Tarts, Pork & Beans, Pudding Cups, Raisins, Ramen Noodles, Ravioli, Shells & Cheese, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tomato Soup, Vegetable Soup



If you feel led to purchase these food items or easy-to-make items that middle schoolers would enjoy, please drop items off in the church office throughout the school year!

If you are interested in sending encouraging cards to the middle schoolers who receive backpacks of food each week, please place your cards in the church office throughout the semester.

Cards may include prayers, Bible verses, or the Gospel. The cards should be written in print and signed with your name.



July Attendance

- Sunday, July 2 (52 Indoor + 116 Online)**
Wednesday, July 5 (107 Online)
- Sunday, July 9 (59 Indoor + 136 Online)**
Wednesday, July 12 (84 Online)
- Sunday, July 16 (52 Indoor + 155 Online)**
Wednesday, July 19 (112 Online)
- Sunday, July 23 (60 Indoor + 114 Online)**
Wednesday, July 26 (77 Online)
- Sunday, July 30 (56 Indoor + 161 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 summer in full swing, the youth group will head over to either QT, Sonic or Pelican's Snoballs on the first Wednesday of the month for a cold, 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



AUGUST 2023



Union County Lifesaver Award

Congratulations to Jeff Lunsford (Union County Transportation) for being honored with the Lifesaver Award! On June 9, Jeff was finishing his shift for the day and in the department's parking lot when he heard and saw a teammate in distress. A fellow driver's van was rolling, and when the driver tried to stop it, he got pinned between his van and a parked vehicle.



Jeff immediately jumped into action and into the van's driver seat to reverse it away from his colleague.

He immediately called 911 and the Transportation dispatch office. The Union County Management Team surprised Jeff and presented him with the Lifesaver Award on July 25.

Article from the Union County Insider/County Connect

July 2023 Offerings
\$15,180.00

Budget Needs for August
\$17,787.33



Haley's Ministry

Please join with Haley in praising God for His provision!

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!



Fall Litter Sweep
Mark your calendars for September 16-30.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 PM Youth: Slushies & Jesus 6:30 PM Online Worship	3 Jail Ministry	4	5
6 Session 4: Set Apart in the Way We Think 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship 1 PM Deacon's Meeting	7	8	9 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	10 Jail Ministry	11	12
13 Session 5: Set Apart in the Way We Live 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	14	15	16 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	17 Jail Ministry	18	19
20 Session 6: Set Apart for the Journey 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	21	22	23 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	24 Jail Ministry	25	26
27 Special Focus: Abigail: A Woman of Wisdom 9 AM SS 10 AM Worship	28	29	30 6:30 PM Youth 6:30 PM Online Worship	31 Jail Ministry		

PRAY

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Upcoming Sermon Series based on Bible Studies For Life

SET APART: A LIFE LIVES FOR GOD

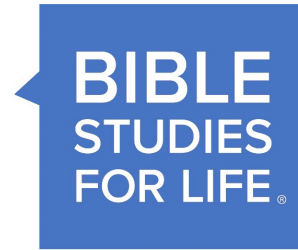
August 6: Set Apart in the Way We Think

August 13: Set Apart in the Way We Live

August 20: Set Apart for the Journey

ABIGAIL: A WOMAN OF WISDOM

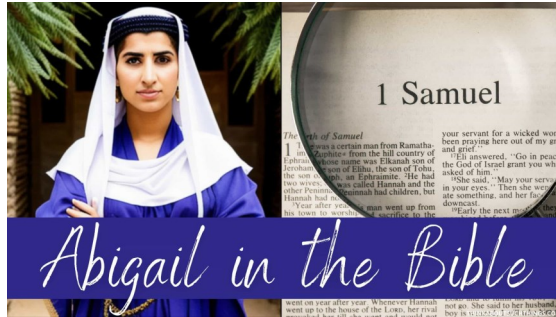
August 27: Abigail: A Woman of Wisdom



Bible Studies For Life Summary

Abigail: A Woman of Wisdom

Life is full of choices. What do you do when you see someone on the verge of a bad decision? Do you speak up? Or do you mind your own business?



The Bible presents two contrasting ways of living. The choices we make can put us on the path of wisdom or on the path of folly. One way leads to life while the other leads to death.

King David lived much of his life on the wise path, but there were times he veered onto the path of foolishness. In 1 Samuel 25, we encounter three people:

- ▶ Nabal on the path of foolishness;
- ▶ Abigail on the path of wisdom; and
- ▶ David wavering between the two paths.

What can we do when we see someone veering toward foolishness? One option is to mind our own business and focus on our own path, but, as followers of Christ, we must consider the welfare of others. “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves” (Phil. 2:3).

In 1 Samuel 25, we will see how Abigail intervened in the life of David when he was headed toward foolishness and destruction. We will learn how God wants to use us to intervene in the lives of others.

Unscramble the Words

1. BIALGA _____
2. MOISDW _____
3. THAP _____
4. EBMLHU _____
5. EEVNNETIR _____
6. RCEHARCTA _____
7. MXPELEA _____
8. DOLB _____
9. ESRTINCNEMD _____
10. EERTSCP _____
11. TUTHR _____
12. AEIDVC _____
13. ROCEGNEAU _____
14. RPYARE _____
15. UNYTI _____

Answer Key

- ABIGAIL
- ADVICE
- BOLD
- CHARACTER
- DISCERNMENT
- ENCOURAGE
- EXAMPLE
- HUMBLE
- INTERVENE
- PATH
- PRAYER
- RESPECT
- TRUTH
- UNITY
- 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 Reach Out

Operation Reach Out has a food pantry and also provides emergency funds for food, clothing, medicine, fuel as well as Christian counseling. Volunteers are needed to:

- Volunteer at Operation Reach Out (1308 Miller Street, Monroe) or Finders Keepers (800 Skyway Drive, Monroe)
- Donate items to Finders Keepers
- Donate food to Joseph’s Pantry
- Provide lunch for the weekday Bible study
- Help with several annual events
- Pray for the ministries and clients

