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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

Ladies Luncheon

SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023

REGISTRATION: 10:30AM GUEST SPEAKER: 11 AM

LUNCH TO FOLLOW

TICKETS \$5

OAKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

600 E. SUNSET DR. MONROE, NC 28112

CONTACT JULIE COOK 980-210-8277 TO RSVP

Join us this Saturday for a time of worship and fellowship.

Contact Julie to RSVP!

Dawn's life verses and commitment are found in Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

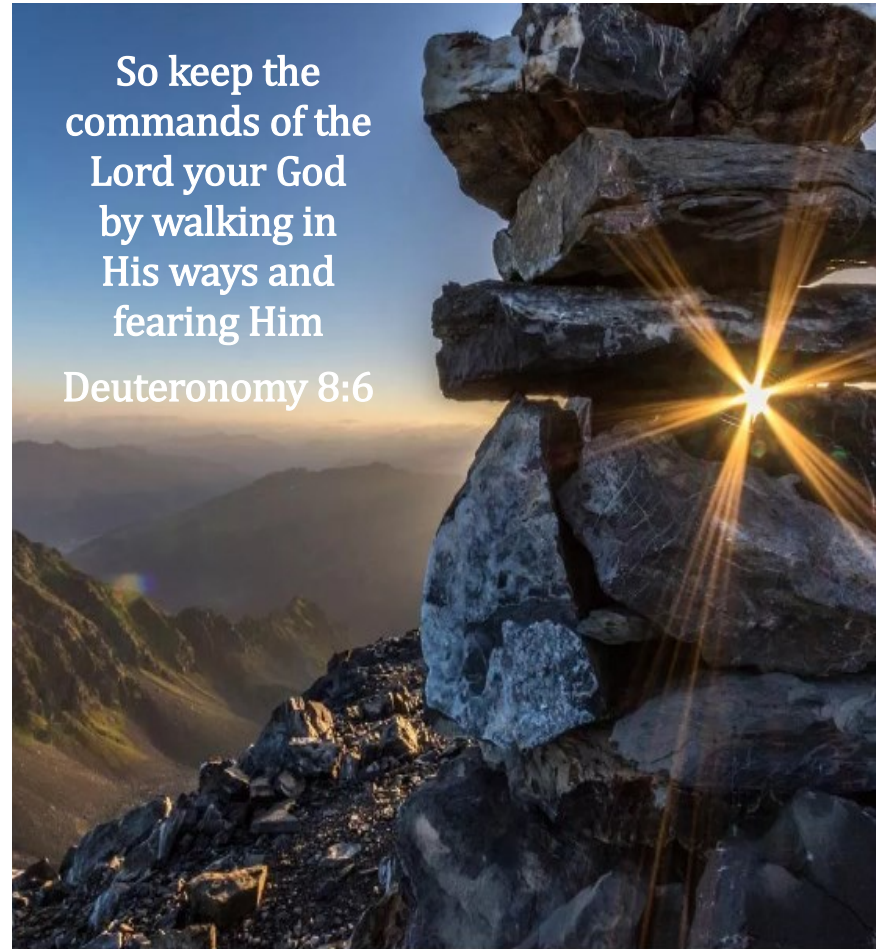
Learn more about Dawn's testimony on her website: dawnsmithjordan.com



April 30, 2023

So keep the
commands of the
Lord your God
by walking in
His ways and
fearing Him

Deuteronomy 8:6



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Sunday, April 30, 2023

The Temptation to Test God

(Deuteronomy 6:16-25; Matthew 4:5-7)

The Point: We can trust God without putting Him to the test.

The Bible Meets Life: I was in elementary school when central air conditioning units were finally installed throughout the school. My family had not been in the United States very long, and I couldn't speak English very well. I was new, but I already had a crush on a girl in my class.

For some reason the idea came into my head to ask God for a sign so that I could know if this girl liked me. The sign I chose? Because the AC unit was on a thermostat, it would turn on and off automatically, so I wanted the AC to come on just at the moment I predicted. I closed my eyes and waited and waited and waited, then I said, "NOW." Nothing happened. Being determined, I tried again. Again, nothing happened.

We can still be tempted to do the same as adults and put God to the test. But because God is faithful, we don't need to put Him to the test. We simply need to trust Him and ask Him for what we need.

Live It Out: Confess. If there are areas of your life where you live with uncertainty and are tempted to put God to the test, confess that as wrong. Acknowledge that you don't need to act in a way that tries to "force" God to act in the way you want Him to act. Ask God to help you simply trust Him. **Memorize.** Choose a verse or two that emphasizes the value of trusting God and memorize them. Here's an example: "You will keep the mind that is dependent on you in perfect peace, for it is trusting in you" (Isa. 26:3). **Challenge.** If you know someone who is presuming upon God to act in a way that justifies his or her actions, challenge this person to see why Jesus wouldn't put God to such a test. Encourage this person to trust God to work in His own perfect way and in His timing.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Dealing with Temptation

Sunday, May 7

The Temptation to Place Something Else Before God

(Deuteronomy 6:10-15; Matthew 4:8-11)

Sunday, May 14

Recovering from a Fall into Temptation
(Psalm 32:1-7)



Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

10:00 AM Online Worship

Wednesday

6:30 PM Online Worship

6:30 PM Youth

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, April 23

Indoor: 58

Online: 71



Wednesday, April 26

Online: 43

Youth: 13

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

April Offering

To Date:

\$12,974.00



Annie Armstrong

Easter Offering:

\$1,035.00



Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Bridgett Blatz' Family

Gary Clontz

Terry Cox

The Hedgepeths

Mike Helms

Christine Hinson

Lillian Lewis

Rich Majewski

Claudette Kay

Richie Raines

Robert Skinner

Global Missions

Local & NAMB

Area Schools/Admin

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students

Slushies & Jesus

The youth are going to get slushies this Wednesday. If you know of a middle school or high school student interested in becoming part of a youth group, please invite & encourage them to join us this Wednesday at 6:30 PM.

