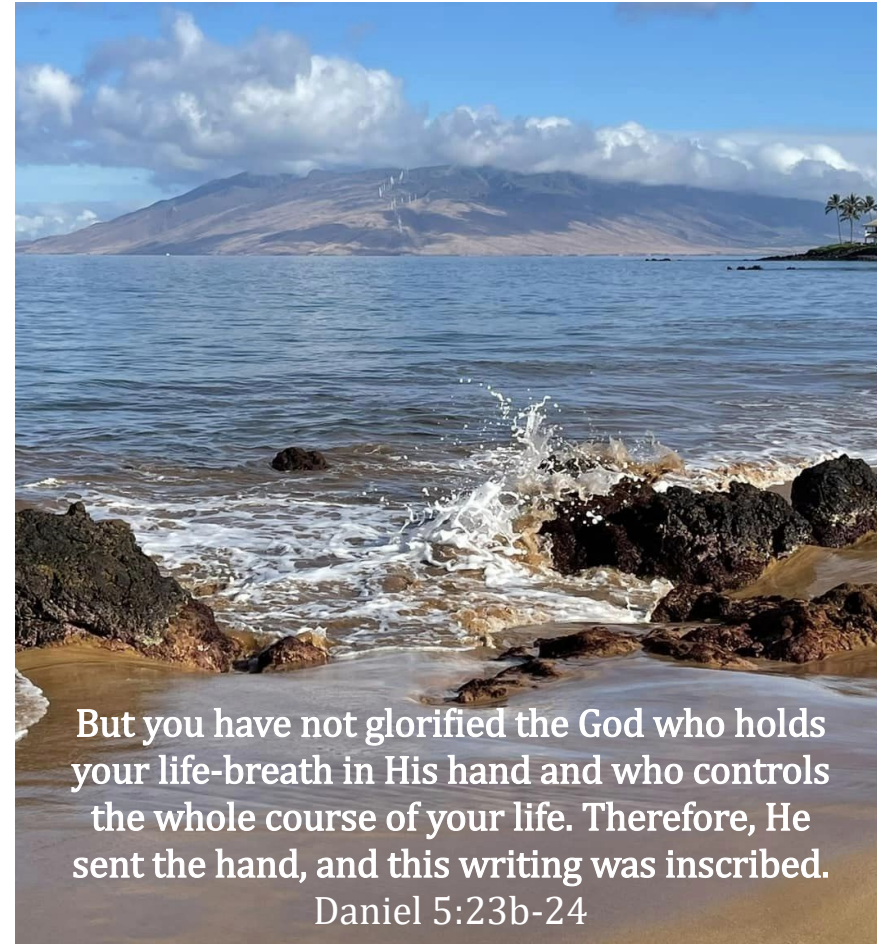




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But you have not glorified the God who holds your life-breath in His hand and who controls the whole course of your life. Therefore, He sent the hand, and this writing was inscribed.
Daniel 5:23b-24

Welcome Guest Preacher



Let's give a warm welcome to Benny Taylor this morning!
He will be using Scripture from Daniel 5.
Follow along in the Bible app!

Wednesday Worship

With Pastor David out of town, we will be posting throwback Wednesday worship services for the next two Wednesdays. You can find these on our public Facebook page!

THROWBACKS

Shred-A-Thon

500 W Jefferson St, Monroe

Friday, October 6th 10:30 AM-1 PM

Everyone is welcome to this FREE community event.

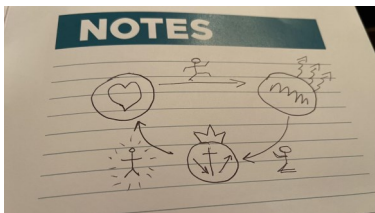
- Drive thru service
- Bring documents such as bank statements, old tax returns, bills, credit card applications, outdated medical records, etc.
- 5 box/plastic bag limit

For questions or more info,
please call 704-282-4657.



Momentum Tour

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



1. How to pray your friends to Christ.
2. Share Jesus without fear.
3. Momentum tour rally.

Thank you for praying
for these youth events!

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Sunday, September 17 2023

Speak Truth Boldly

Daniel 5:13-17, 22-28

The Point: Being a bold witness for God sometimes means speaking hard truth.

The Bible Meets Life: On June 4, 1940, Winston Churchill had been the prime minister for about a month and stood before the House of Commons, delivering what became the best-known speech of his life. He declared: "We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender."

What we tend to forget is that this speech was delivered after France had fallen to the Nazis, and over 300,000 Allied soldiers were evacuated from Dunkirk. Churchill knew that morale in Britain was at an all-time low, and that the population was celebrating because of the success of the retreat. He had to help the nation remember that they had not experienced victory, and there was still much pain, suffering, and discouragement on the horizon. He had the task of delivering truth when truth was not necessarily what the people wanted to hear.

In a similar way, Christians are called to stand for truth not just in practice but verbally. We are called to speak, and many times what we have to say will go against the popular notions of the day. Nevertheless, this is what witnesses for Jesus do. We testify about who God is and what He has said, regardless of how popular that message is.

Live It Out: Check your ego. Examine to see if there are areas in which you have become over-confident in your own abilities and resources. Evaluate what's led to this elevated sense of security. Pray that God will help you have a right attitude about depending on Him.

Spend time alone with God. Set aside a couple of secluded hours, taking only a Bible, pen, and paper. Spend time in Scripture and prayer. Ask God to speak any messages He may have for you. Take time to listen silently; take notes on any impressions He gives.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

Staying True in a World Far From God

Sunday, September 24 Live Courageously
(Daniel 6:6-13, 16-17, 21-23)

Sunday, October 1 Confess Wholeheartedly
(Daniel 9:3-10, 17-19)



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

Litter Sweep



September 30th

8-10:30 AM

Meet at 8 AM at

912 N. Sutherland.

Service Attendance

Sunday, September 10

Indoor: 47

Online: 100



Wednesday, September 13

Online: 52

Youth: 12

Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$17,787.33

September Offering

To Date:

\$8,099.00



Prayer Requests

Candy Anderson

Nancy Chapman

Gary Clontz

Christine Hinson

Lillian Lewis

Rich Majewski

Linnet Price's Family

Richie Raines

Global Missions

Local Ministries

National Missions (NAMB)

Area Schools/Admin

The Sick & Elderly

Backpacks of Hope Students



Save the Date

The Building and Grounds Team will be hosting a
Fall Workday Event on

Saturday, October 14th from 8am – 12 noon

Hot dog lunch to follow the event.



We will focus on indoor and outdoor tasks to prepare our facilities for the upcoming holiday season. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend! More details to follow as we get closer to the date.