

Monthly Newsletter of
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
| November 2018

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**AGAPE
FEAST**

Sun, Nov 18 6:00pm
Hallsville High School Cafetorium

Please bring a side
dish or dessert



**HillToppers
Fall Banquet**

Tue, Nov 6
11:00am
Grand Hall
Traditional Thanksgiving
Feast

Special Guests
Jim Bob & Louverl Griffin
Jim & Kelly Walsh



**4 NOVEMBER 2018
FALL BACK
ONE HOUR**
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

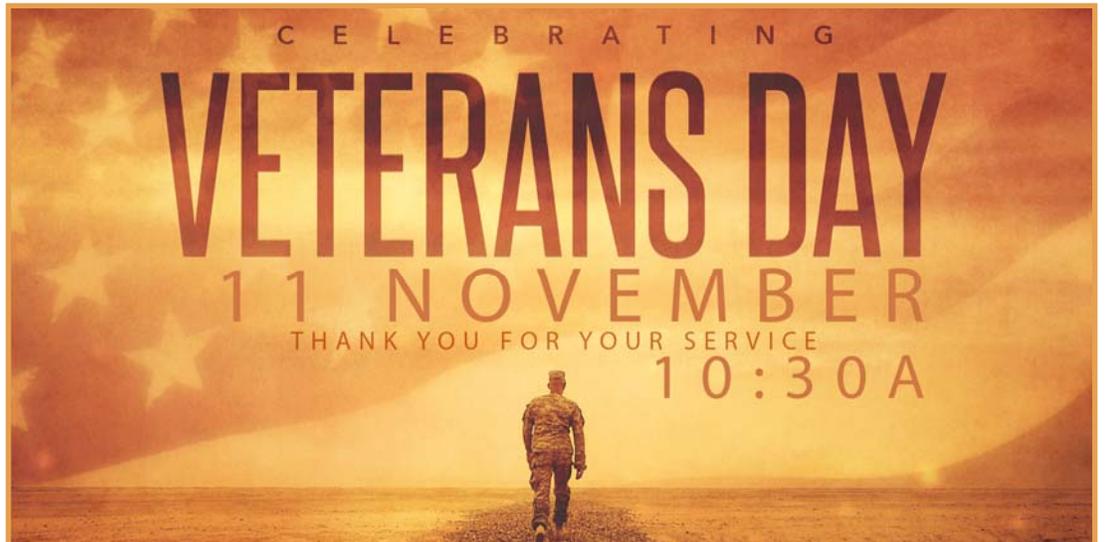


Building for Eternity 2
November 1-30, 2018

Chest of Joash
Sunday Night, November 18



thanks giving God Give good
thanks Lord
sing among people thank praise faithful love
endures forever



CELEBRATING
VETERANS DAY
11 NOVEMBER
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
10:30A



from my heart
Bro. Charles Hunt

Psalm 103:1-5

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's."

What an account of blessings these verses contain! Any one of them is worth more than all the pleasures money can buy.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities...

If we're not forgiven, we are forever doomed in bondage and we carry around a great weight that no one can carry! God forgives and he forgives all our sins and He forgives freely, fully, and forever.

Who healeth all our diseases...

If we're not healed we would be sick forever. We're not just talking physical, but spiritual. The plague of sin would always be with us. But God heals completely!

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction...

If we are not saved from the dangers of this ensnaring world—we never can reach heaven! But God keeps, rescues, and saves our life from all impending destructions!

Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies...

The crowns on earth are

made of thorns and the leaves will wither and not last. But God's crowns are with love and compassion. They are real and shall never fade.

This world cannot **satisfy** our heart's deepest cravings. Its possessions only make our hunger more intense! But God satisfies the souls of His people, and meets all their cravings and hungers with truly good and eternal realities!

Be sure and invite all your family to join us at our annual AGAPE FEAST on Sunday, November 18. It's going to be fantastic!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,

Bro Charles



THE Gift OF CHRISTMAS
FEATURING THE LIVING NATIVITY
Prestonwood Baptist Church Saturday, December 8
Bus leaves church at 10:00am. Tickets available on a first come, first serve basis by calling the Church Office at 903.757.3110

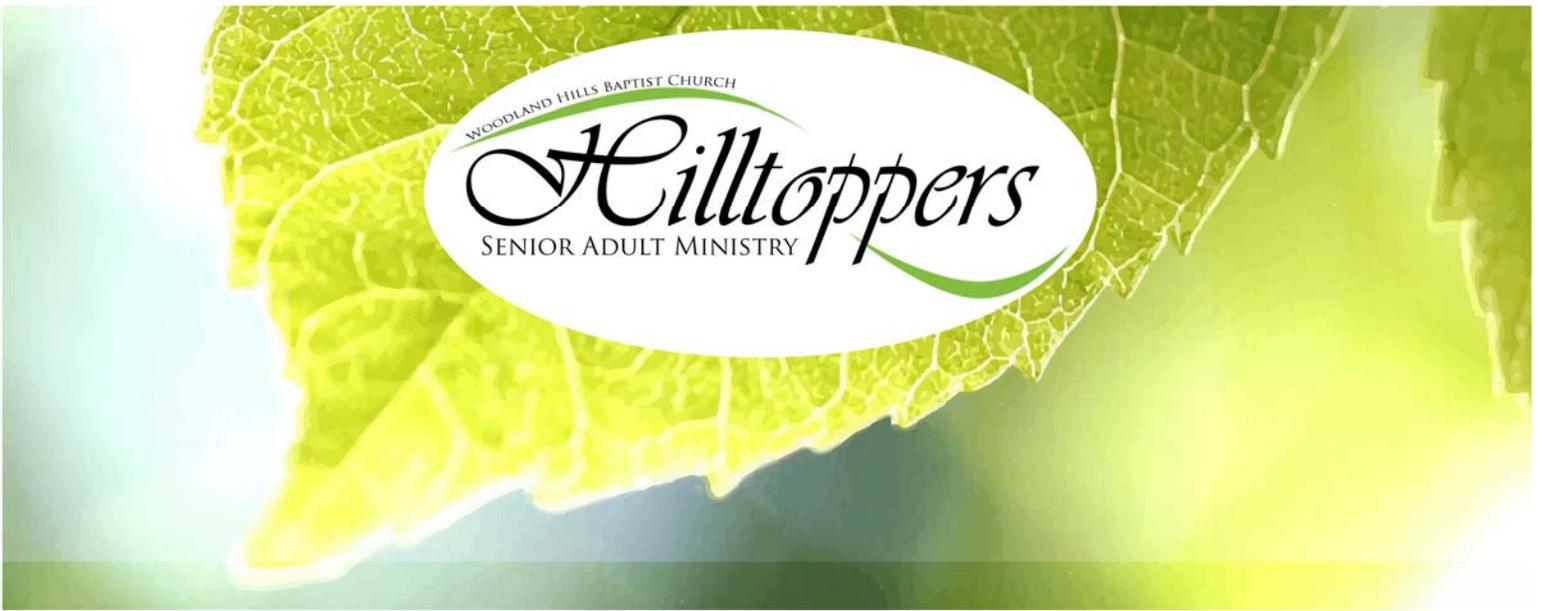


Baptismal Service
November 11
10:30am
Please contact Bro. Kase for more details.



Samaritan's Purse OPERATION Christmas Child
Deadline to bring your completed box in is Sunday, November 18





Religion or Relationship: The Choice is Yours

For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. - Romans 3:28

The famous British music conductor, Sir Thomas Beecham, didn't particularly care for the music of composer Ralph Vaughan Williams. Charged with conducting a Williams symphony, Beecham found himself completely bored during rehearsals. At one point, he began mindlessly beating time while his mind went elsewhere.

Once he noticed the orchestra had stopped playing, he asked the first violinist, "Why aren't you playing?" to which the he replied, "It's finished, Sir Thomas."

Beecham looked down at his score. Embarrassed he sighed, "So it is."

Many times in the Christian life, it can be easy to simply 'go through the motions.' You go to church, you pray, you read your Bible a few times a week, and you're left thinking, "Is that it?"

But the answer is "No." That's not it! In fact, God has so much more for you in the Christian life than simply a list full of tasks you need to complete. He wants you to have a deep, intimate faith relationship with Him!

Instead of living a task-focused Christian life, which will inevitably lead to boredom, focus your faith on having a vibrant faith relationship with your Savior. When you go from religion to relationship, you'll experience joy and excitement in your spiritual life!



Thanks Mrs. Sheila Roberts for sharing some of your testimony with us!

2019 ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD DATES

Dates and deadlines you need to know

		
OCT. 15, 2018	DEC. 7, 2018	JAN. 1, 2019
<small>ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD BEGINS</small>	<small>ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD ENDS</small>	<small>FIRST DATE COVERAGE CAN START</small>
<small>This is the first day you can enroll for 2019 health coverage.</small>	<small>This is the last day you can enroll for 2019 health coverage.</small>	<small>Even if you enroll in December 2018, your new Medicare plan won't go into effect until Jan. 1, 2019.</small>

SAVE THE *Date*

HillToppers Thanksgiving Feast

Tuesday, November 6 · 11:00am
Grand Hall

Join us for a time of worship and fellowship. We will have special guests Jim Bob and Louverl Griffin and Jim Walsh with us. You won't want to miss this! No sides or desserts needed. Just come and bring a friend!

November 2018



WHBC Kids Children's Ministry



We'd like to say thanks to you...children's ministry volunteer. Thank you...for loving the child who doesn't fit in. Thank you...for serving behind the scenes. Thank you...for every craft you prepare. Thank you...for every snack you serve. Thank you...for every take home paper you pass out. Thank you...for welcoming new children with open arms. Thank you...for speaking words of encouragement to parents. Thank you...for showing up when you are tired. Thank you...for planting seeds of the Gospel in the heart of children. Thank you...for making the Bible come alive for the kids in your class. Thank you...for smiling for the kids even when you've had a rough week. Thank you...for being Jesus

arms of love reaching out to the kids. Thank you...for really caring for the kids. Thank you...for stepping in and being a role model for kids who don't have one. Thank you...for praying big prayers for the kids in your small group. Thank you...for leading kids into Jesus's presence through worship. Thank you...for calming the separation anxiety a child is feeling. Thank you...for the time you spend each week preparing your lesson. Thank you...for getting down on the floor to make crafts, teach, or play. Thank you...for making church the best hour of a child's life. Thank you...for speaking words of life and encouragement to the child who doesn't hear it anywhere else. Thank you...for serving instead of sitting. Thank you...for helping kids memorize God's Word. Thank you...for investing in the next generation. Thank you...for giving your life to what really matters. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Without you there would be no children's ministry.

Angel Tree Angels This year the WHBC Angel Tree will sponsor hopeful "Angels" who are children in foster care or are involved in our weekly Bus Ministry. Christmas for some can be a very hard, or heartbreaking time, however through your sponsor of an Angel, you can share the love of Christ and provide a wonderful, happy Christmas for a child! If your family would like to provide Christmas for an angel this year, simply take an angel from the angel tree in the foyer, and return it with the unwrapped gifts by December 9. Legacy Closet will be receiving the gifts for the children in Foster Care, and our teams will be able to visit and minister to the families of our bus ministry. Angels will be available on Sunday, November 18. Thank you for helping to share the love of Christ through blessing other families this Christmas Season!

Children's Choir Sunday Evenings 6:00

Agage Feast Performance November 18

Bible Drill Sunday Evenings at 5:00

Grades 4th - 6th



Sunday School Preview

- Nov 4 - Tower of Babel
- Nov 11 - The Suffering of Job
- Nov 18 - God's Covenant with Abraham
- Nov 25- Abraham & Isaac



Primetime

Primetime meets every Wednesday at 6:00 on the second floor of the main sanctuary building. Children are working each week to memorize scripture, and are learning how to navigate the Bible. They rotate through a time of small group, large group and game time. This is for grades K-5th grade. We will NOT be meeting November 24 for Thanksgiving Break.

Wednesdays

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Christy Mayfield

Children's Director

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**Sunday School
November Preview**

November 4

The Tower of Babel

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Abraham & Isaac

**PREsCHOOL
PRAISE**

Nov 4, 11, 25 -

Preschool Praise Practice

Nov 18-

Sunday Evening

Agape Feast Performance
at Hallsville High School

YIPPEEE!!!

Fun Friday with Mommy

Ministry for mommies to fellowship with other mothers, and activities for their little ones. **November 2 & 9 · 9:30-11:00**

Location: Main Campus

NOVEMBER, 2018

sprouts
Preschool Ministry



Wednesday Nights (2's-PreK)

Scripture memorization, crafts, story, rec, & snack

Nov 7, 14, 28 - Normal Activities

Nov 21 - No Wednesday Night Services

Theme night: Nov 28-Bring family picture

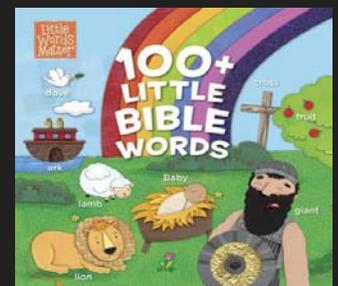
COOL!



FYI...

**November 21
No Midweek
Services**

Items Needed:
Gently used children's clothing sizes newborn-5T and baby wipes.
Drop off items at church office or with Rosio.



Nursery and Crawlers: Through out the year infants-crawlers will be read 100 little Bible words with monthly crafts. They may also participate in Wednesday Night themes.

Rosio Newton
Preschool Director
903-930-2220



NOV, 2018
 WHBC Student
 Ministries
 Newsletter
 "You are the light
 of the world."
 Matt 5:14

5th Quarter

November 2

First Baptist Hallsville

Join us for our last 5th quarter of the season. Must have ride home by midnight.

Jr Hi Retreat

November 9-10

Lakeview Baptist Assembly

No Illuminate Wednesday

November 21

Happy Thanksgiving!

A Hawaiian Christmas

December 9

Illuminate Student Christmas Bash - more details to come.

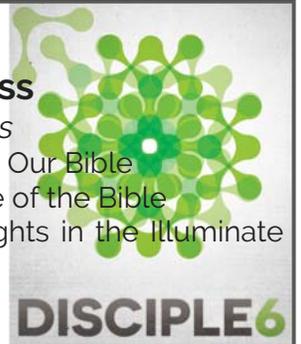
Discipleship Class

November Highlights

Nov 4 - How We Got Our Bible

Nov 11 - The Timeline of the Bible

We meet Sunday nights in the Illuminate Building



Putting The "Thanks" Back Into Thanksgiving

Doug Fields - Author of Intentional Parenting

Most of us are sentimental when it comes to Thanksgiving -- and its cherished traditions -- at least during the weeks leading up to the holiday. The truth is that for many, Thanksgiving boils down to a lot of work! From making travel arrangements, and getting the family packed and ready to go, to planning the dinner menu and shopping, and coordinating who is responsible for what... it's easy for families to get cranky and frustrated in the run-up to Thanksgiving. Too often, it seems a celebration of giving thanks is the last thing on our minds as T-Day arrives.

Don't forget that if it's Thanksgiving season, then "Murphy's Law" is in effect. You can count on something not going as planned. As I've heard it said, "Stuffing happens." It's no wonder we can so easily ignore the "giving thanks" part of this holiday.

So, allow me to simply remind you that there is always at least one good reason to give thanks, whatever your circumstances this Thanksgiving season, and it is this: God is good.

Here are three of my favorite ways that God displays His goodness:

- 1) God is good because He gives us free and amazing gifts! Do we deserve God's kindness, mercy, and forgiveness? No. But God loves us and gives us these three free gifts! This is a reason to be thankful!
- 2) God is good because He loves us unconditionally! His love comes with no strings attached. He loves us not for what we've done but for who we are. This is a core truth about God, and a reason to be thankful!
- 3) God is good because He offers us life forever. He offers us life to the full---here and now (see John 10:10,) and someday, life in heaven. This too is a great reason to be thankful!

As parents, we set the pace for our families as to whether or not Thanksgiving Day will only be a day of family, friends, food, football, and fun or whether the bar will be raised to a holiday where giving thanks is at the focus of the celebration, and not only an afterthought.

God is always good, so what are you waiting for? Thanksgiving Day? There's no need to wait. Make November a season for your family to give thanks!

Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His faithful love endures forever. ---Psalm 106:1 (NLT)

How Do I Find The Will of God?

Kason Kuykendall

It's a question that I have been asked more times than I can remember; it's a question that I have often asked myself in times of self reflection: "How do I know the will of God for my life?" We all understand the importance of the issue! If I am not in the will of God I will very well waste my life, but if I am in the will of God then my life will count on so many levels. Therefore,

I want to be in God's will. I want to lead my family in the will of God. I want our church to be in the will of God. Despite these intentions I have found that it is at times difficult to know what His will is for my life.

When you face a life changing decision, I'm talking about a decision that is so big that you cannot get it wrong then how do you know which way to go? When you face a job opportunity and you really have no idea if you should take this new position or stay where you are currently then how do you respond so that your life stays in accordance to the Will of God? When you are making decisions concerning your family, and the decision you make will have life changing altercations what do you do?

The journey God has set before us isn't a freeway; we are constantly encountering forks and junctions and crossroads. Which way will we go when we meet them? Life is filled with decisions, and we can't avoid them. But others are major (even if we don't realize it at the time) and can literally change our lives.

How can we discover God's will when we face a major decision? Let me give you *six guidelines* from Billy Graham that I have found helpful:

First, commit your decision to God. Make it a matter of regular prayer, asking God to guide you and make His will known to you.

Second, read the Scriptures. Does the Bible give any direct guidance about the decision you are facing? Does any principle in the Bible apply to your situation? Did anyone in the Bible ever face a similar decision, and, if so, how did they deal with it? (We can even learn from the wrong decisions some of them made.)

Third, understand your circumstances. God isn't only working in us; He also is working around us. Often God guides us through our circumstances.

Fourth, seek godly advice. God has given some people a special gift of wisdom, and when we face a decision, it's often helpful to seek their counsel.

Fifth, trust the Holy Spirit's guidance. When we honestly seek His will, God often gives us an inner conviction or prompting to confirm which way He wants us to go. The Bible says, "Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear the voice behind you saying, 'This is the way; walk in it' (Isaiah 30:21).

Finally, trust God for the outcome. Once God leads you to make a decision, don't draw back. Instead, trust His leading, and believe He goes before you – for He does. The Bible says, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Remember: God loves you, and He *wants* you to know His will. Seek it . . . discover it . . . and then do it. His way is always best.

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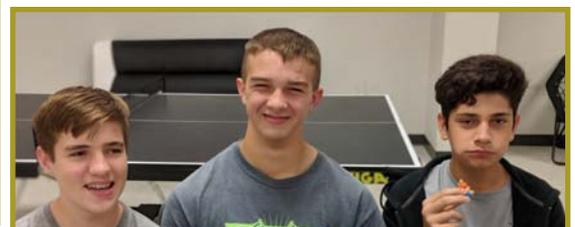
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Students had a great night at our LifeGroup Connect! Thanks to Bro. Greg Stewart for cooking us an amazing meal!

November 1-30, 2018

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you can be a part.



November 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Kindermusik Schedule (except Nov 19-23) Mondays 10:00am Thursdays 10:00am Fridays 11:00am Playdate: Nov 10 10:00am </div>				1 Eden Place Meal/Service Koinonia Class Hosting 6:00pm	2 Fun Friday with Mommy 9:30 Adult Game Night 6:00pm Youth 5th Quarter	3
4 Daylight Savings Time Ends Deacon's Meeting Fellowship Hall 12:00pm	5	6 HillToppers Fall Banquet 11:00am Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	7 Arabella Service 10:00am Joy Class 11:00am	8 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	9 Fun Friday with Mommy 9:30	10 Men's Breakfast 8:00am
11 Veteran's Day Service 10:30am Baptismal Service 10:30am	12 SBTC Annual Meeting	13 SBTC Annual Meeting Shamgar 8:30am Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	14 Arabella Service 10:00am	15 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	16	17 Soulcon 9:00am
18 Agape Feast 6:00pm Chest of Joash During Agape Feast	19	20 Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	21 Church Office Closed Arabella Service 10:00am No Midweek Services	22 Church Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving	23 Church Office Closed	24
25	26	27 Shamgar 8:30am Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	28 Arabella Service 10:00am	29 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Women's Ministry 6:00pm Page Place II 6:30pm	30	

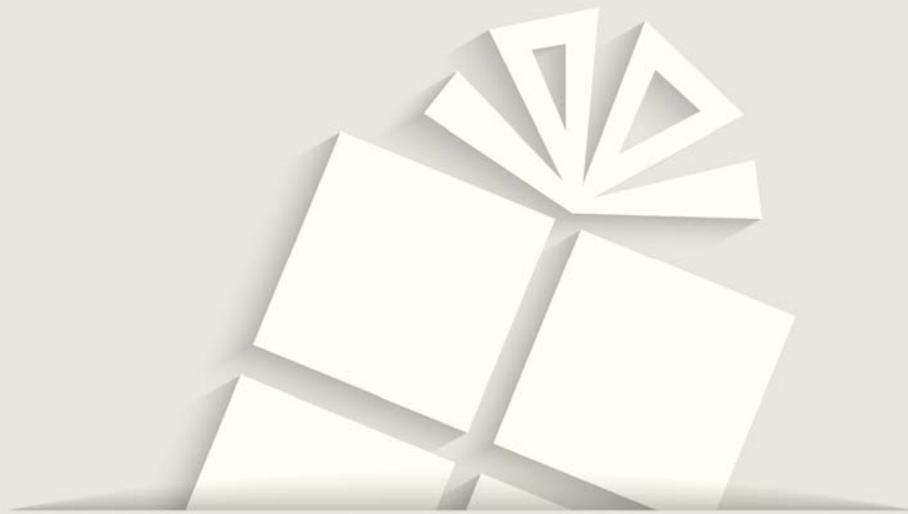
← Jr Hi Retreat →



Woodland Hills Women's Ministry 1ST ANNUAL SNOWMAN PARTY

Thursday, November 29 at 6:00-8:00pm
 WtBC Grand Hall
 Please RSVP to Church Office 903-757-3110

- *Taco Soup will be provided. Please bring a dessert.
- *Gift Exchange: Bring a snowman themed gift of \$15 or less



November Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-Gayle Beams	8-Rachel Davis	14-Jim Huckaby	20-Nisha Burks
2-Brooklyn Townsend	9-Steven Ritchey	15-Lauren Milton	20-Joyce Lummus
2-Lauren Burton	10-Cameron Johnson	15-Beverly White	22-Linda Riddick
3-Rick Merrell	10-LaRhonda Lee	15-Bill Rodgers	22-Lanette Burks
3-Martha Canfield	10-Cassie Sullivan	16-Janelle Brown	22-Barbara Martin
3-Carolyn Nelson	10-Cheri Golden	16-Emily Hurst	22-Jerrie Dunn
3-Lauren Gibson	11-Tanner Koenig	16-Cathy Shumaker	24-Sheila Conner
4-Ricky Linn	11-Alisha Green	17-Kay Glass	25-Lakin McClung
4-Phil Townsend	12-Debby Liles	18-Wayne Overholt	25-Renae Purifoy
4-Blake Hudson	12-Pam Priestly	18-Jeff Davis	25-Zach Warren
4-Rebecka Barnett	12-Layna Williamson	18-Wendy Davis	26-Randy Modisette
4-Asher Miller	13-Lisa Townsend	18-Jennifer Hargett	26-Amanda Fried
5-Kaden Downey	13-Rosio Newton	18-Rob Walker	27-Cari Sanders
5-Wes Stewart	13-Shelby Pevey	18-Al McNeal	28-Harry Evans
5-Cynthia Daniels	13-Pirom Pruski	18-Boyd Golden	28-Jeff Thomas
7-Joshua Dillard	13-Mickey White	19-Mike Ambern	28-Krista Foster
7-Brandie Hobden	13-Jason Hunt	19-Wes McEntire	29-Betty Wilson
7-Julie Edwards	13-Emilyn Wheeler	19-Robert Crawley	29-Diane McAfee
8-Connor Dykes	13-Mike Taylor	19-Tina Clark	29-Jade Huckaby
8-Jan Frith	13-Michelle Stewart	19-David Floyd	30-John Zenter

3-Mark & Nancy Hancock	15-Wes & Julie Markum	25-Jerry & Vicki Gann
6-Toby & Kim Mullikin	16-Weldon & Gloria Richie	25-Dale & Melissa Dodson
11-Mike & Nancy Stallcup	16-Jamey & Alisha Green	28-George & Janelle Brown
13-Johnny & Joyce Lummus	19-Gordon & Brenda Bevis	28-John & Nancy Fenton
13-Derrill & Joni Davis	19-Marcus & Kristin Byrd	29-Trevor & Kelsey Mehrens

How Your People Can Make A Difference In Your Community

By Thom S. Rainer

So how do we go? How do we become that kind of church member who makes a difference in our Jerusalem?

Let's first go back to the issue of belief and motivation. Do you really believe that Christ is the only way of salvation? Are you then more motivated to share the gospel than anything else? Look at two men who were indeed highly motivated. About 2,000 years ago, Peter and John were in prison. Their crime? They had been telling people about Jesus. These two rabble-rousers appeared next before Jewish leadership to present their case. After hearing them, the leaders made a decision. They would let Peter and John go free if they would just keep their mouths shut about Jesus.

So what was their response? Here are their words directly from Acts 4:19-20: "Whether it's right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide, for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Did you get that? They were unable to stop speaking about Jesus. They couldn't stop speaking then, but many Christians today won't start speaking.

So let's go from theory to action. What are you to do? Specifically, in the context of your church trying to reach your community, how do you get serious about reaching Jerusalem? Let me offer some concrete action steps.

1...Pray for opportunities. It's so simple, but it is rarely a step taken by church members. Before you go to bed tonight, pray that God will give you opportunities to share the love of Christ in word or deed. It is absolutely amazing how God responds.

I have many stories, but one of my favorites was after I prayed the simple prayer that morning for God to give me opportunities to share my faith. Before the

afternoon was over, I got a call from a former boss (I was a banker before I became a vocational minister). He wanted to get together with me. I would soon find out that he sought me out because he had questions about Jesus. Wow.

And here's another amazing part of the story. I had not heard from him for twenty-seven years! But the day I prayed for an opportunity, the call came.

2...Invite people to church. Again, this concept is so incredibly simple. When you invite someone to church, you are bringing him or her into fellowship with Christians. When you invite someone to church, he or she may have the opportunity to hear the gospel. I have seen the simple act of inviting have profound and eternal impact on entire families.

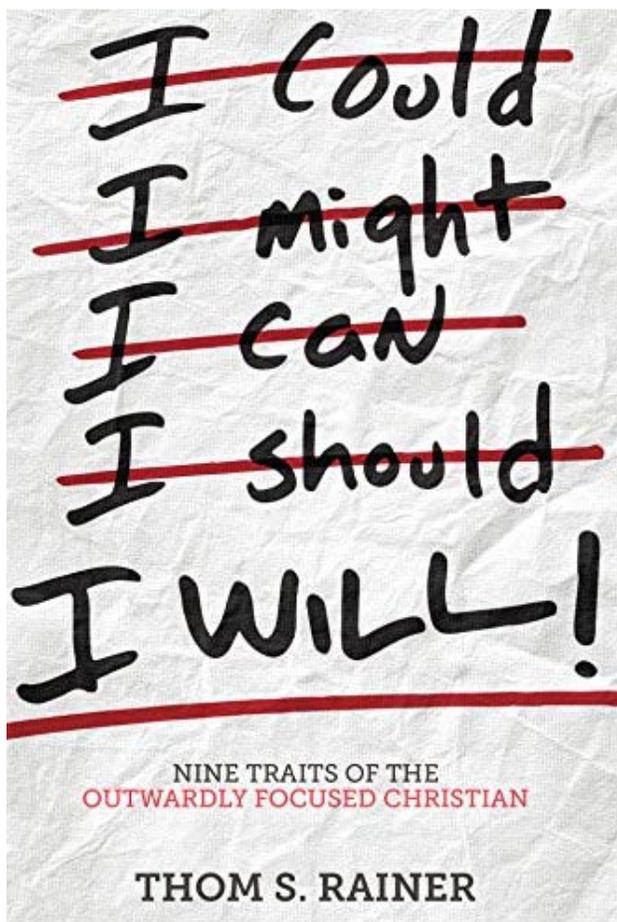
So, will people really come to church if we invite them? My research team and I did such a study several years ago. The results surprised all of us on the team. Eight out of ten people who do not attend church will come to church if someone invites them. That one statistic may be one of the most amazing we have uncovered in my twenty-five years of research. If you invite them, they will come.

3...Intentionally look for opportunities. You are shopping for a car. The old faithful you have driven for fifteen years is no longer faithful. The repairs are more costly than the value of the car. You decide what your next car will be. Have you noticed what happens next? You begin to see that same model all over the place. You had not noticed

it until now. Your framework had changed.

The same framework should take place with us spiritually. We should be viewing people and opportunities through the lens of evangelism. Because we are spiritually alert to such opportunities, we will see them more frequently.

4...Be prepared to speak when the opportunity to arises. You need to know what to say at that divine appointment. I have participated in many evangelism training programs, and they have all helped me to share my faith more cogently and consistently. One of my favorites today is "Three Circles." You can download the free app, "Life Conversation Guide." It is very simple and very helpful.



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weekly schedule

SUNDAY

- 8:45am Coffee & Donuts
- 9:15am LifeGroups
- 10:30am Worship
- 5:00pm Bible Drill/4-6th graders
- 6:00pm Children & Preschool
Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Worship

MONDAY

- 5:30pm CR Meal
- 6:15pm Celebration Place
- 6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAY

- 5:15pm Fellowship Meal
- 6:00pm AWANA
- 6:00pm HillsPraise Choir Practice
- 6:00pm Youth
- 6:15pm Adult Bible Study

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TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY

ENTRUSTED

SBTC ANNUAL MEETING 2 TIMOTHY 2:2

NOVEMBER 12-13

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH CAMPUS, KINGWOOD

Pray as we meet there will be unity and no compromise.