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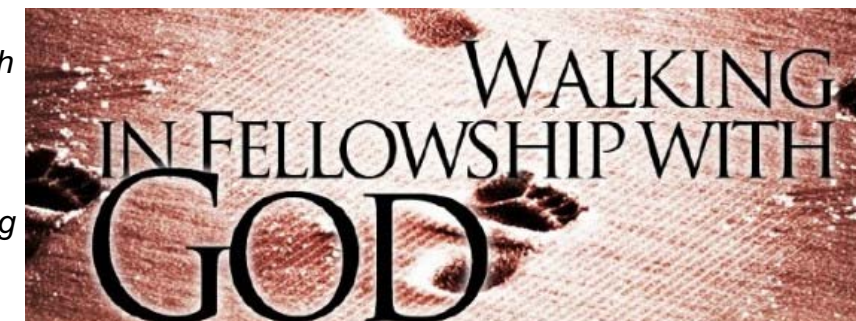
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Words of Encouragement...

Genesis 6:9— *Noah was a righteous man, the only blameless person living on earth at the time, and he walked in close fellowship with God.* [NLT]

Genesis 6:22— *So Noah did everything exactly as God had commanded him.* [NLT]



2022, like all years... like all of life, will require endurance. The steady resolve, the unwavering commitment, the settled determination to keep moving forward on the right path.

Following Jesus requires a long, enduring obedience in the same direction.

Living in a depraved culture saturated with the dark evils of violence, manipulation, and godlessness, Noah's life shined like a bright lighthouse in the darkness. Noah was a righteous man... the only one! And he maintained close fellowship with God. Like in Noah's time, we too, live in a depraved culture saturated with the dark evils of violence, manipulation, and godlessness. Will our lives shine like a bright lighthouse in the darkness?

God called on faithful Noah to build an ark so that humanity and other created life might be preserved once God sent His flood waters of judgment. Just imagine the ridicule Noah must have received. And yet, decade after decade after decade he constructed the ark. Through it all, Noah did everything just like God told him to.

An enduring obedience walks at God's pace and holds tightly to God's Word... what He has said.

Noah's long-term faithfulness provides great encouragement. His example of integrity in the midst of adversity reminds us that days of *maintenance* far exceed the days of *magnificence*... and that the praise of God matters far more than the praise of others.

We're in constant need of such biblical reminders, aren't we? They help us walk in close fellowship with God – and to endure in our obedience to Him.

So, dear believer, maintain... endure in your resolve, your commitment, and your determination to obey the Lord and walk with Him.

Blessings to you in your journey of enduring obedience.

Bro. Pepper

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER! Any and all dates are subject to change.

Feb. 9th: Children-Make Valentines for Bangs Nursing Home, Business Meeting, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Feb. 12th: Valentine's Banquet

Feb. 13th: The Lord's Supper

Feb. 14th: Valentine's Day

Feb. 16th: Youth Ministry Team/Parent Meeting, Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Feb. 21st: Mobile Food Pantry@Cannon Courts Apts.

Feb. 22nd: Mobile Food Pantry@Bangs Housing Authority

March: Support Staff Appreciation Month

March 2nd: Deacons' Meeting

March 6th-12th: Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 6th: No Children's Church, Women's Ministry Meeting

March 7th-11th: Bangs ISD Spring Break

March 9th: Business Meeting, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

March 13th: Daylight Savings Time begins, Staff Recognition

March 16th: Children's Ministry Team Meeting

March 18th: Spring Night of Worship

March 20th-23rd: REVIVAL!

March 21st: Mobile Food Pantry@Cannon Courts Apts.

March 22nd: Mobile Food Pantry@Bangs Housing Authority

March 27th: Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

April 3rd: Women's Ministry Meeting, Youth Ministry Team Meeting

April 6th: Deacons' Meeting

April 13th: Business Meeting, Building & Grounds Committee Meeting

April 15th: Good Friday, Church Office closed

April 16th: Easter Egg Outreach

April 17th: Easter Sunday, The Lord's Supper, No Children's Church, No evening services

April 18th: Mobile Food Pantry@Cannon Courts Apts.

April 20th: Children's Ministry Team/Vacation Bible School Training Meeting

April 26th: Mobile Food Pantry@Bangs Housing Authority



Sunday, April 17th!

Join us as we worship our Risen Savior!



Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 13th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 12th or you will be late for Church!

CHILDREN'S Ministry NEWS



2022! Whew! We all love the promise of a New Year and all its possibilities: resolutions, new habits, lots of planning. In the children's department we are excited about the New Year as well! We are focusing on prioritizing our time with the Lord this year-encouraging the kids to a choose your own adventure Bible reading plan, and making daily choices like listening to praise and worship while getting ready, or saying a quick prayer before getting out of bed- these are daily choices and habits we can all implement to make God our top priority! The often quoted Jeremiah 29:11 says "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." If we continue reading, verses 12&13 tell us how to truly get our plans in alignment with the Lord's "Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." I pray that we are all praying and seeking God with all our heart in 2022 and beyond!

UPCOMING EVENTS!

- Feb. 9th: Valentine making for Bangs Nursing Home
- March 7th-11th: Bangs ISD Spring Break
- March 20th-23rd: Churchwide Revival
- April 16th: Easter Egg Outreach

Shine for Jesus! Sarah

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Hello church family!

The FBC Bangs youth group is very active! To end 2021, the youth teamed up with the children's ministry to fill boxes for Operation Christmas Child, where together, with the generous donations from our church family, we were able to pack over 50 boxes! We also joined the children's ministry to help put on a fantastic Christmas program. We had our annual white elephant gift exchange before Christmas, and then rang in the New Year together in the youth room.

Camp registration is currently under way. We are going to Highland Lakes in July of 2022 and have reserved the spots to take 20 campers and 5 sponsors. We are working on setting up some camp fundraisers, so keep an eye out for those opportunities. Sunday school is currently going through the book "Not a Fan" by Kyle Idleman. On Wednesday night, we are currently working through Paul's writings in the books of 1 & 2 Timothy.

The FBC Bangs youth group is active and thriving. We encourage all the church family to come take a look at what God is doing and will continue to do through the lives of our youth.

FBC Bangs Youth Ministry Team

YOUTH PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I want to bring you up to date concerning the ongoing search for our next full-time youth pastor. As of this writing, we have received 15 resumes – several from out-of-state, some from in state, and even a couple from out of the country. After several months of work, the committee had narrowed its search to the candidate we felt led to pursue. But due to some complications, he withdrew from the process. Consequently, we have begun "Search 2.0" and have re-advertised the position.

As we press forward toward the goal of identifying and selecting a qualified candidate, please continue to be in prayer for us. I want to assure that every committee member is seeking the Lord's guidance concerning the right candidate for our church, and for our youth. If you have any questions or concerns about the search process, please feel free to visit with me in person or by phone. Our church has been blessed with an amazing group of youth. Please pray that God will bless them with the leadership that will help them grow spiritually and to be productive for His kingdom.

With Christ's love,
Russell Beasley, Chairman of the Youth Pastor Search Committee

WORSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

*He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.
Psalm 40:3 (ESV)*

When David wrote these lines, he may have been referring to an actual *new song* since he wrote so many of them. Or he could have been referring to a new revelation of God's work in his life. Either way, the end result was that the song praised God and pointed people to putting their trust in Him.

Each of the great hymns of our faith was at one time a *new song* when it was first introduced to congregations. According to crosswalk.com, most of the Top 15 Favorite Hymns are centuries old. The newest, *Because He Lives*, was written in the 1960's. Many of us learned these songs by being in church Sunday morning, Sunday night and Wednesday night where hymn singing was part of most services.

God is still moving through the pens and instruments of men and women today to create *new songs* pointing to what He is doing in and through this generation. Our time together in corporate worship services is much shorter than a generation ago. The Christian community often learns *new songs* through Christian radio or the different streaming platforms. If you have ever felt that everyone around you in church knew the words to a song but you didn't, it's likely that they had already heard it in one of these ways.

Locally, radio stations like KPSM (99.3), KGNZ (88.1) and KBUB (90.3) offer Christian music. SiriusXM Radio offers three Christian channels: The Message (Contemporary Christian), Enlighten (Southern Gospel) and Kirk Franklin's Praise (Traditional Gospel). SiriusXM comes, at least, as a trial in many vehicles and is included in most satellite television subscriptions.

Christian music of all genres can be accessed through streaming services on your phone, tablet or computer. Some of the most popular are Spotify, Pandora, and Apple Music. YouTube has the Billboard Top 50 Christian Songs available each week. It is easier than ever to add Christian music to your daily devotion time, driving time, workout time and recreational time. You don't have to wait until Sunday morning to sing praises to God!

We encourage you to let 2022 be the year that you sing a *new song* of praise to God. We hope that you will take advantage of some of the ways to bring Christian music into your home, your car and your day.

Deo gratias

Leesa & Stacy

MISSIONS NEWS

Bangs Food Pantry OPEN! First and Third Thursdays from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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Week of Prayer: March 6th-12th
Special Offering: Sunday, March 27th

