

LIBERTY RINGS

PASTOR'S PARAGRAPH

NEWSLETTER - AUGUST 2023

Growing in Holiness

Hello dear friends,

I want to address the subject of "Growing in Holiness." Scripture clearly commands all believers to be holy:

"But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, *Be holy, for I am holy*" (1 Peter 1:15-16).

God is holy and He calls us to be holy as well. To be sure, God's holiness and ours is not the same. He is absolutely, perfectly, uniquely, and unchangeably holy. We are imperfectly, partially, and progressively holy. Growing in holiness is a matter of direction rather than perfection. Believers are expected to make progress toward personal holiness until we get to heaven, and only then will we be perfectly holy.

Growing in holiness is a lifelong process of becoming more like Christ. This process begins at our conversion to Christ and continues until our glorification in heaven. The process of growing in holiness is called sanctification, a biblical word. It's a process that requires God's grace and our willing cooperation. Perhaps the text that best describes our sanctification process is Philippians 2:12-13, "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out

your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure." In this text we find a command ("work out your own salvation"), a motivation ("with fear and trembling"), an assurance ("God who works in you"), and a goal ("both to will and to do for His good pleasure"). Putting this all together, we learn that growing in holiness involves cooperation and dependence on God. We can't do it without Him, and He will not do it without us.

Are you growing in holiness? Are you working out your own salvation? Are you depending on God to work in you to accomplish His purpose? Are you cooperating with God in this process? In next month's newsletter I look forward to writing on the means of grace that God gives us to grow in holiness. May the Lord continue to bless and use you for His glory!

With love and gratitude,
Pastor Stan



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THIS MONTH IN CHURCH HISTORY

According to a tradition that goes back at least to the fifth century, Herod Antipas beheaded John the Baptist on this day, 29 August ca. 30 at the request of Salome. John's disciples took his body and buried it. Tradition also says that later some of his remains were carried to Alexandria, Egypt where Christians placed them in a church specially built to honor the forerunner of Jesus.

1647

The Westminster Confession of Faith went to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, which adopted it without amendment on August 29.

1778

Augustus Montague Toplady, the writer of "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me", died in England on August 11, 1778 from tuberculosis at 37 years old.

1792

August 25, 1792 – John Thomas writes a letter to Rev. John Rippon in which he raises the possibility of English Baptists missionizing the Indian people. This letter originated upon Thomas's return to London from years of secular work in India. Later, on January 9, 1793, the "Particular Baptist Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Amongst the Heathen" (i.e. Baptist Missionary Society) agreed to send John Thomas and William Carey to India as its first two missionaries.

1821

Reverend William C. Blair, the first Sunday school missionary of the United States, begins his work. In his first year, he will travel twenty-five hundred miles, mostly on horseback, visiting six states, founding sixty-one Sunday schools, inspecting thirty-five others, establishing four adult schools and six tract societies. When later giving his report, he will apologize that illness hindered him from doing more. The Sunday and Adult School Union will be so impressed, however, that they will hire additional missionaries.



RECOMMENDED READING:

- ♦ **THE CHRISTIAN WARRIOR; ISAAC AMBROSE (1614-1664)**
- ♦ **THE PRECIOUS PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL BY JOSEPH ALLEINE**
- ♦ **THE PREEMINENT CHRIST BY PAUL WASHER**
- ♦ **A PRACTICAL THEOLOGY OF FAMILY WORSHIP: RICHARD BAXTER'S TIMELESS ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TODAY'S HOME**

WARNING! FALSE TEACHER - ANDY STANLEY

Romans 16:17-18

AVOID

In March 7, 2022 Andy Stanley preached a sermon in which he argued that the Bible is not needed for the advancement of the gospel. He states that Christianity does not hinge on whether or not the Bible is true. He explicitly teaches that Christians are not expected to believe in the Bible. He argues that only one of the four gospels in the New Testament needs to be reliable for Christianity to be worth pursuing.

Andy Stanley is fervently against the Old Testament and believes in "unhitching" the Old Testament from the New Testament. This was the primary teaching of his book, "Unhitched". Andy Stanley has most recently been vocal about promoting the idea of homosexual Christians, even claiming that they love Jesus more than Bible believing Christians.

Source: Answers in Genesis, G3 Ministries, (anybody, everybody, lol)

Liberty Baptist Church Bulletin Board



BACK TO
SCHOOL
BASH

Wednesday, August 16th

"Salvation is not verified by a past act, but by present fruitfulness."
John MacArthur

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TRAINING STUDENTS TO KNOW,
LOVE, AND SERVE THE LORD!

LBC FOOD PANTRY

August 7th - @ 12:30 pm

Volunteers please arrive @ 11:45 am



Haven of Rest Ministry

Tuesday, August 22nd, at 7:30 PM

Speaker: Matt Darby

TAX FREE
On All Food Products
Tennessee
August 1 - October 31st

Back To School time is here. Don't forget to pick up school items (Color Pencils, Coloring Books, Notepads, etc. and Clothing items) for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes we will be making very soon. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnne Hughes 423-534-8053



THANK YOU!

TO EVERYONE THAT BROUGHT FOOD,
SERVED, AND PRAYED FOR THE
HOSPICE HOUSE MINISTRY DURING THE
MONTH OF JULY. WHAT A BLESSING!
THE FAMILIES GREATLY APPRECIATED IT!



YTD Budget Giving	\$ 181,425
YTD Budget Needs	\$ 227,726
YTD Building Fund	\$ 7,482



WEEKLY FAMILY MEMORY VERSES - JULY

07/02/2023 - Psalm 105:1-3
 07/09/2023 - Psalm 63:1-2
 07/16/2023 - Jeremiah 15:16
 07/23/2023 - Isaiah 26:3-4
 07/30/2023 - Psalm 103:1-2

Baby Dedication



Parent-Baby Dedication - Sunday, August 20, 2023

PLEASE provide the following info to the church office by Wednesday, August 16th CHILD'S FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, Names of: PARENT'S, GRANDPARENT'S, GREAT GRANDPARENT'S, & SIBLINGS to be included in announcement.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 6th - Communion AM Service

August 7th- LBC Food Pantry

August 16th - Back To School Bash

August 20th - Baby Dedication

August 22nd- Haven of Rest Service

September 1st — LBC Food Pantry for September



Gracie Casey	08/01
Keith Hughes (Deirdre)	08/01
Patsy Fowler	08/03
Stewart Blair	08/04
Sarah Jones	08/05
Wayne Feathers	08/07
Caylee Bowman	08/08
Jerry Cannon	08/08



Tina Johnson	08/08
Wanda Hayter	08/10
Robert Horne	08/10
Brandon Daugherty	08/13
Fred Carroll	08/15
Justin Bourne	08/16
Mabry Johnson	08/17

Luther Arwood	08/22
Shelby Hughes	08/22
Bruce Osborne	08/22
Allen Tate	08/23
Dustin Daugherty	08/24
Penni Glass	08/25
Charley Campbell	08/26
Jennifer Darby	08/27
Margaret Moss	08/28

