

Liberty Rings

Pastor's Paragraph

Liberty Baptist Newsletter September 2023

Holy Scripture and a Holy Life

Hello dear friends,

Last month I wrote on the subject of "Growing in Holiness," and as promised, I want to continue to address this subject further as we consider the important role of the Bible in making us more like Christ. Perhaps the clearest text on this is found in the prayer of Christ for His people (including you and me): "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). There is no question that the Word of God is absolutely essential for holy living. Of course, that means much more than just having a Bible or bringing a Bible to church. We can only be sanctified or set apart for God by reading, studying, and applying the Bible to every area of life.

Christ knew the important role of Scripture in our lives, so He prayed that we would be sanctified by the truth. Sanctification or becoming more like Christ doesn't come by accident. It will not take place merely by hoping or wishing for it. God makes us holy as we read and study Scripture. There is no

shortcut or other option.

Here's how the Scripture makes us holy. When we read and study the Bible, God renews our mind so that we think like we should. We think clearly and accurately about what really matters in life: God, family, character, relationships, decisions, priorities, and eternity. We learn how to think differently than the world thinks, and therefore, we act differently than the world acts. This is practical sanctification. This is how Paul describes sanctification through God's Word:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. - Romans 12:1-2

We are not to be conformed to this world, but rather we are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind through Scripture. We are on a

lifelong journey of seeking to know God and His will and doing it each day. How much time do you devote each day to careful, thoughtful reading and study of the Bible? Dedicate yourself to the Scriptures and you will find that your life will become more dedicated to Christ.

Thankful for you,

Pastor Stan



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LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH -

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Wedding Shower

We invite everyone to join us
for a special
Wedding Shower for
Russell Shortt & Julie Chaffee

SUNDAY, September 3rd from
2:00-4:00pm in the MPC



Together with their Families

Russell Shortt & Julie Chaffee

Invite their LBC Church family to their wedding

Saturday September 16, 2023 – 1:00 PM

Reception to Follow in the MPC

**Please RSVP by September 6th
using the Bulletin Response Form**

RECOMMENDED READING/RESOURCES:

- www.apuritansmind.com (library and commentaries)
- Download the “Ligonier” app for daily devotionals, articles, teaching, sermons, Q&A

Baby Dedication

What a Special Dedication Service on *August 20, 2023*
Pray for these little ones and their families!

Jubilee Orlene Darby - May 23, 2023

Parent's: Daniel & Jennifer

Charlotte May Honeycutt - July 28, 2023

Parent's: Carter & Rebeka

Margaret Rose Moss - August 28, 2022

Parent's: Creighton & Amber Moss

Easton Lee Stout - January 4, 2023

Parent's: Cody & Tori Stout





LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

35th Anniversary Sunday
& Pastor Appreciation Celebration

Sunday, October 15, 2023

**Mark your calendar and make plans to join us for
a Fellowship Meal - Sunday, October 15th
Immediately following Worship Service**

LBC will provide the meat, mashed potatoes, vegetable & drinks!
Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We look forward to
this time of fellowship!



STUDENT MINISTRY

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**Adventure Club:
Systematic Theology
Students Program**

We invite all parents, students,
and anyone interested in

helping/teaching in **Adventure Club** to attend a very
important luncheon Sunday, September 10th

immediately following the morning worship service.

Please RSVP using the bulletin response form.

We ask that you prayerfully consider helping in this
wonderful **Adventure Club** for students. If you have
any questions, please contact Josh & Mary Bowman

Adventure Club Kickoff

Sunday, September 24th



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

THIS MONTH IN CHURCH HISTORY

1770 (September 29) Facing Death, George Whitefield Preached One Last Sermon. Whitefield, worn out from many evangelistic tours and suffering from asthma, was headed for Newburyport, Massachusetts, where he was scheduled to preach in the morning. "I would rather wear out than rust out," answered Whitefield. The evangelist then prayed that the Lord would bless the preaching he had already done and what he was about to do. Indicating that he would speak, he was helped onto a large barrel. There he stood, shaky and weak. "I will wait for the gracious assistance of God, for He will, I am certain, assist me once more to speak in his name," he said. Miraculously, it was so. Witnesses said that the Holy Spirit seemed to descend upon him and he grew strong enough to preach for two hours on the text "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith." He spoke also of going to Christ. He died the next day. Hundreds of thousands of in America and Britain, both pastors and laypeople, owed their spiritual awakening to him.



1871 - Death of Charlotte Elliott, English devotional writer and author of the poignant hymn, "Just As I Am."

1897 - The idea for the Christian flag emerges when a speaker fails to show up for a rally at Brighton Chapel on Coney Island. Sunday school superintendent Charles C. Overton thinks quickly and turns an American flag into an object lesson. A Christian flag, he says, should have white for purity, innocence and peace. Its blue panel would symbolize faith, trust and sincerity. It would have a red cross, to remind us of our Savior's sacrifice.

1931 "When we set out, I did not believe that Jesus is the Son of God and when we reached the zoo I did." So wrote C.S. Lewis, describing his conversion to Christianity in the sidecar of his brother Warnie's motorbike, which took place on September 22nd. **1947** - C. S. Lewis appears on the cover of Time magazine.

1906 - Conversion of Bentley Deforest Ackley, an alcoholic, who will write almost four thousand hymns, and become Billy Sunday's organist and secretary. Among his hymns is "I Would Be Like Jesus." Coincidentally, he dies on this same day in **1958**.

1936- Death of Lewis E. Jones, YMCA leader. He wrote the hymn tune POWER IN THE BLOOD ("Would You Be Free from Your Burden of Sin?")

1957 - At a massive rally in Times Square, Billy Graham concludes his sixteen-week New York City evangelistic crusade in New York City, attended by nearly two million people.



"I wouldn't trust the best fifteen minutes I ever lived to get me into heaven."

Adrian Rogers 1931-2005

WARNING! FALSE TEACHER -

John Hagee: False Prophet, Uber-Pentecostal, Ultra-Dispensationalist. Denies Jesus claimed to be the Messiah.


Jen Hatmaker: believes in "works" righteousness, progressive, affirms same-sex marriage

BULLETIN BOARD




Update on Church Finances

A few months ago, we made everyone aware of Liberty's financial needs and the possibility of reducing the budget unless our giving increased. Sadly, the time has come when we need to make some budget cuts in order to remain in a sound financial position. Please pray for me and our leadership team as we seek God's will in this matter. Pray that our weekly giving will soon increase so that these budget cuts are temporary. Remember that we are all responsible to honor God by giving our tithes (10% of income) and offerings to the Lord for the ministry of His church. This is God's only prescribed plan for church finances. If possible, please consider an extra offering in the month of September to help us at this time. Thank you for being faithful and generous. Pastor Stan



YTD Budget Giving	\$206,461.
YTD Budget Needs	\$267,015.
YTD Building Fund	\$ 8,281.



Haven of Rest Service

Tuesday, September 26th 7:30pm

Speaker - Dustin Daugherty



Operation Christmas Child

It's time to really start gathering up those goodies for
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Liberty Baptist continues to serve as a drop-off location in our area. JoAnne Hughes will be coordinating the collection week **November 13th-20th**

Volunteers will be needed to help! Please let JoAnne know if you're interested in helping.

If you're interested in attending the Kick-off on September 9th in Kingsport please let me know!



Way of The Master Fall Semester Tuesday September 12, 2023

Join us on Tuesdays @ 6:00PM
Evangelism Training & Visitation.

- John 6:28-29 -

Then they said unto Him, What shall we do that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, ***This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent.***

***Beginner Class begins Sunday,
September 10th @ 9:45 am***

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

Julie Chaffee

Carter & Rebeka Honeycutt



SPECIAL MOVIE PRESENTATION

& WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Join us on **Wednesday, September 6th @ 5:30 pm**
in the MPC

as we present the Living Waters documentary:

“What Is It?” The One Question to End Abortion!

This movie will equip Christians to answer difficult questions and share the gospel biblically.

Please bring a snack to share!

Church will provide water, lemonade, and coffee.
Wednesday evening service will follow the movie at 7:00pm in the MPC building.

****This movie may not be appropriate for young children, an alternative movie for children will be shown.**



Happy Birthday

Becky Jackson	09/04
Russell Shortt	09/04
Ryan Tate	09/05
Nancy Anderson	09/06
Wilma Grindstaff	09/06
Denise Bourne	09/07
Amber Moss	09/09

Matt Musick	09/10
Roscoe Phillips	09/10
Shawn Graham	09/12
Autumn Bowman	09/13
Janet Chaney	09/13
Brenda Chappell	09/15
Aileen Frazier	09/15

Lucy Justus	09/18
Carol Moore	09/19
Jameson Leonard	09/21
Faith Darby	09/22
David Anderson	09/23
Xavier Hughes	09/26
Mary-Kate Musick	09/26
Phillip (P-nut) Branson	09/27
Gary McCracken	09/27