CHURCH on the BLUFF

Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

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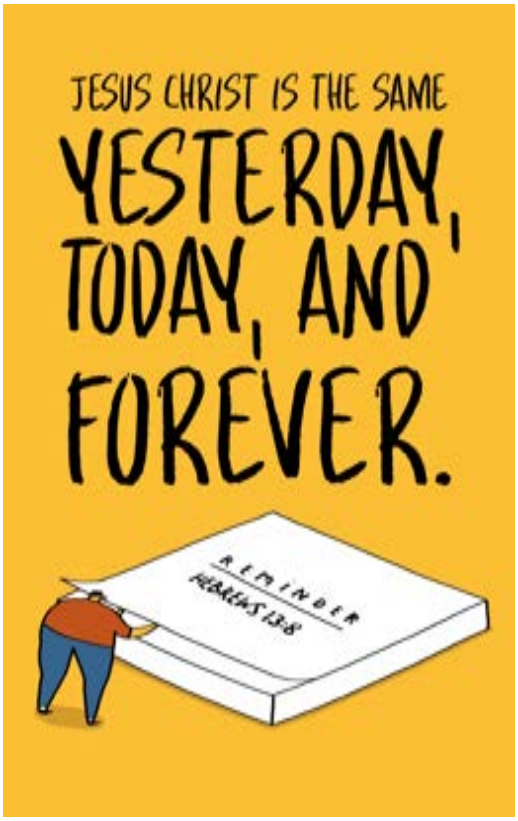

I've seen a lot of changes over my lifetime and will undoubtedly see many more. We are much smarter than we used to be. Well, most are. I remember black and white television sets (that weighed a ton), phones hooked to the wall and sharing a "party line" with neighbors. Now I can watch a television program in full color…on my phone (that I always carry with me).

When I think of all the advances in the medical field, engineering, manufacturing, and agriculture, it truly boggles my mind (I mean…driverless automobiles?) . And I ask "what's next? What new thing will come along and change the way we do things or allow us to do things faster or better?" There is no telling.

We are indeed smarter than the generations before us and the next generations will be even smarter. But, and this is important, we are not any wiser. Not one bit. People ask how the Bible, written thousands of years ago, could possibly be relevant to people as intelligent and knowledgeable as we are. The answer is this: The Bible wasn't written to give us information about medicine, or engineering, or manufacturing. It was written to human beings by the God who created them. It addresses the carnal nature of mankind. And that has not and will not change. The brilliant scientists, hard-working manufacturers, and technological geniuses are, to their core, human beings.

They still experience greed, lust, selfishness, sexual confusion, hate, and anger. They still lie, cheat, steal, gossip, and slander. No matter how brilliant the chemist, computer whiz, rocket scientist, or physician is, he or she is still driven by the things that ultimately bring about pain, heartache, broken homes, and loneliness. The sins we face today are the exact sins with which our ancestors struggled and the ones that will plague our descendants. Hebrews 13:8 tells us "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." The reason? Because humankind does not change. We thus need Him more than ever. Read, study, and learn your Bible: it is the most relevant book ever written!

Say good things about your Savior and His Church on the Bluff

Bro. Tony

August:

- ◊ 30th: Ladies Bible Study 5:00 PM

September:

- ◊ 2nd: Card Making Class
- ◊ 6th: T-Shirt Sunday
- ◊ 6th: Deacon's Meeting 8:30 AM
- ◊ 7th: Labor Day Office Closed
- ◊ 9th: Business Meeting 6:30 PM

Weekly:

Sundays
Bible Study - 9:00 AM
Worship - 10:00 AM
Wednesdays
Bible Study & Prayer - 6:30 PM
Choir Practice - 7:15 PM
Office Hours 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

Prayer & Bible Study
Wednesdays

Happy Birthday!

AUGUST

27 Jack Farmer
28 Karen Jones

SEPTEMBER

4 Wanda Chancellor
4 Kerry Foley
5 Kathy Tyson
5 Lynn Kurtts
6 Cornelius Yelling
7 Maressa Colin
8 Kaci Loftus
16 Pat McGraw
17 Roger Boothe
21 Holly Burford

Woven Together

Please wear your Church on the Bluff T-shirt to service on Sunday, Sept. 6.

We will take a group photo in the sanctuary following the conclusion of service.

We need just under $600 to have the funds needed to purchase the blinds for the back side of the church. Please make any donation to the "Maintenance" fund.

Join us to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our

Pastor Tony Barber

Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m.

Church on the Bluff
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Hoover, Alabama

The Nominating Committee would like to know you better!! There is a Skills/Interests Survey they would like for every member to complete after prayerfully reflecting on what gifts you have that van be used to further His kingdom. Please turn these this Sunday, August 30th.

The Ministry Center at Green Springs is in need of soup and cereal at this time. Please pick up some and bring them to church. There is a donation bin in the Sanctuary and the back entrance. Thank you for helping relieve food insecurity!

Note: Please select items of your choice. The cereal picture was selected simply because it is almost Boo Berry, Franken Berry, and Count Chocula season and as a kid, that was always exciting! -Teresa