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# White Steeple Banner

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I dislike August. Not only is August in Louisiana unbearably hot, it is the only month with no holiday. What's up with that? August is one of those months that you want over quickly but seems to drag on and on.

August is a month of endurance.

We know that once August is over, autumn is just around the corner. Until then, we need to endure.

There is much about life that requires endurance. We have to endure through sickness and suffering. We have to endure through doubts and depression. We have to endure through faults and failures. We have to endure through loss and loneliness. We have to endure through trial and tribulations.

The Bible encourages endurance.

Hebrews 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance

and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Marathon runners and other endurance athletes talk about "hitting the wall." The phrase describes the condition of extreme exhaustion caused by depletion of glycogen stores in the liver and muscles. Those who hit the wall are tempted to quit while others run on.

The condition can often be avoided by properly preparing the body before the race.

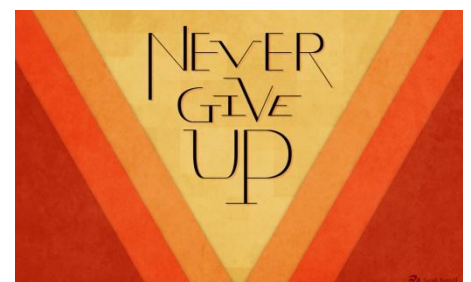
Similarly, we can hit the wall spiritually. We become spiritually exhausted and we want to quit and let other carry on with the work. However, that kind of spiritual fatigue can be avoided with proper preparation.

We spiritually prepare ourselves by first accepting that life can be hard. Second, we prepare by fixing our eyes on Jesus and not our problems. Third, we prepare by surrounding ourselves with a great crowd of fellow believers who encourage us, support us and run alongside of us. Finally, we prepare by not making things more difficult for ourselves than they already are. We must lay aside every encumbrance and sin that holds us back from peak spiritual performance.

Never give up!

The shepherd loves the sheep

Pastor Brian



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Jonathan Lee	7th
Danny Jones	12th
Jack Killen	12th
Lisa Phipps	13th
Michael Wood	20th
Debbie Blanchette	22nd
Kay Sockrider	25th
Mary Kees	26th
Rachel Kirby	27th
Charlotte Lindy	29th
Olivia Lott	30th
Sam Sparks	30th
Shannon Betzing	31st

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Charles & Loyce Anderson 13th

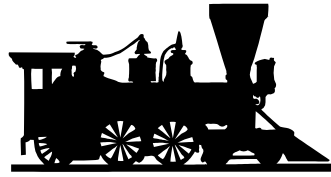


School starts soon.  
Be in prayer for our students, teachers and support personnel as they begin a new school year!

**DAW Senior Adult Ministry**  
**DAW**  
**Fellowship**  
**Friday, August 9th**  
**from 5 to 8 in**  
**the Fellowship Hall**



Saturday,  
August 10th  
from 12 to 4 p.m.  
for K to 5th Grade



**CHARLIE'S CHATS**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...we've started working on *A Smoky Mountain Christmas*. I am really excited about what the Praise Choir is going to do this year!! Come join in the fun every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

I would like to thank all of you who unselfishly give of your time to teach, sing, play or serve at EGBC! What a great church family we have!



TO ALL WHO HELPED  
MAKE VBS SUCH A  
SUCCESS!



**94TH BIRTHDAY**  
**LUNCH FOR**  
**JACK KILLEN**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH**  
**AFTER MORNING**  
**WORSHIP**

Donations for  
Hope for Bossier Food  
Bank



**Welcome**  
**to Our**  
**Church**  
**Family**

Daniel, Courtney &  
Aiden Rideout

Austin Lorich



**Church Council Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 7th**  
**at 5:30 p.m.**

**Monthly Business Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 18th**  
**After Morning Worship**

**WEEKLY EVENTS**

**Sunday**  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**  
Children's Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Youth Worship 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Praise Choir 6:30 p.m.

**Ridgecrest**  
**On the Red**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
**TRAINING**  
**CONFERENCE**  
**Broadmoor Baptist**  
**Saturday, September 14**  
**from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**  
Sunday School Teachers  
make plans to attend!

