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A Word from the Pastor

“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart” (Galatians 6:9).

When a mountain is in your way what do you do? Just ask Ramchandra Das, 53, who lives in Bihar, India. In order to access nearby fields for food and work, Das and his fellow villagers had to take a 4.3-mile trek around a mountain.

Fed up with the obstacle, Das did something about it. With just a hammer and chisel, he cut a 33-foot-long, 13-foot-wide tunnel through a narrow area of the mountain. It took Das fourteen years to complete the task. Imagine such dedication and perseverance to a task!

Das isn't the first person to do such a thing. He was inspired by another villager who cut a 393 feet-long, 33 feet-wide, 26 feet-high passage through another mountain so that villagers could reach a local hospital. That man was motivated to do so when his wife died because he was unable

to get her to the hospital by going around the mountain.

Our world is a better place because there are those who did what needed to be done without giving up. They endured hardship and suffered pain all for the chance to make their little corner of the world a better place.

In the church there are those who labor long and hard; many in unseen ways. Our church is a better place to worship and serve because we have such a dedicated group of volunteers who serve God with humility and grace. My message to them is found in the verse above: Do not grow weary! Do not lose heart! The Lord knows how to reward those who persevere in faithful service.

While I appreciate and honor those who faithfully serve, I also want to invite others to serve alongside them. I invite all who read this article to ask themselves one question: What am I doing to help my church fulfill its mission of helping people encounter the grace of God?

God has called and gifted each of us for service in and through His church. God has called us to be more than “pew warmers.” God has a place for you to serve. It may not be fancy; it may not be glamorous; it may not receive much recognition or many accolades. However, the Bible tells us giving a cup of cold water to someone in Jesus’ name is honored by Christ.

The shepherd loves the sheep!
Pastor Brian



DON'T MISS OUT!
Fifth Sunday Lunch
After Morning Worship
September 30th
Bring your favorite covered dish

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Erin Lemoine	1st
Charles Anderson	2nd
Doug Elston	2nd
Bob Gilligan	5th
Lindsey Hampton	9th
Heather Gonzales	9th
Jordan Humphrey	11th
Donnie Harrell	11th
Kay Harrell	11th
Glen Barnes	13th
Kerri Ponder	13th
Jessi Humphrey	24th
Tiffany Thornton	24th
Taylor Talley	27th
Marie Gilligan	28th
Sammy Collins	29th
Russ Merriott	29th

ANNIVERSARIES

Jere & Peggy Grice	17th
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Lord's Supper
 Sunday, October 7th
 During Morning Worship



Branson at Bethany
Tuesday, October 9th

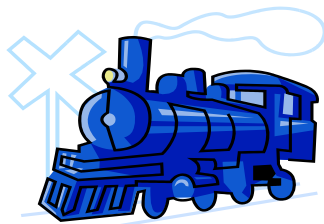
Monthly Fellowship
Friday, October 12th
From 4-7 in the Fellowship Hall



October 31st
5 to 7 p.m.

Join us for
FUN ■ FOOD ■ FELLOWSHIP

NEEDED: EZ-Up Canopies,
candy & volunteers to work the
booths!



Charlie's Chats

We are really excited about the music we're working on for Christmas... *Silent Night, Holy Night*. PLEASE FEEL FREE to join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 for choir practice – we'd love to have you!

The Family Fall Festival is on October 31st – we'll be needing candy and treats to give to the children. Let's make this the **BEST** Fall Festival yet!!



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Join the us as we seek to share the perfect treasure of God's love through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry!

Collection begins in October as we focus on a specific treasure each week.

Oct. 1-6: School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, etc.)

Oct. 7-13: Clothing (socks, t-shirts, underwear, etc.)

Oct. 14-20: Hygiene (soap, washcloth, travel containers, etc.)

Oct. 21-27: Toys (cars, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, small games, etc.)

Oct. 28: Sweet Treats (individually wrapped gum, hard candy)

Also needed: clear boxes



Spaghetti Dinner

Fundraiser

Sunday, October 14th
After Morning Worship
for Shoe Box Shipping



WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday

Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.

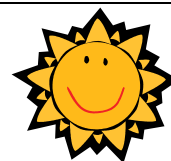
Wednesday

Fellowship Supper	5:30 p.m.
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.

Northwest Louisiana Baptist Association
Annual Meeting
 Sunday, October 14th at
 Summer Grove Baptist Church
 beginning at 5:30 p.m.



See Andrea McAdams to help!



Kid's

End of Summer Bash
Saturday, September 29th
 from 2 to 4 p.m.
 for Pre-K to 5th Graders



Volunteer

Studies show good deeds boost immunoglobulin A, a key component of the body's defense system. What's more, a recent survey showed people who regularly help others live longer and healthier lives.