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“Do not quench the Spirit.”
 (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

Psychiatrist Dr. Stephen Grosz points to research that shows we usually don't respond when a fire alarm rings. Instead, of leaving the building immediately, people stand around and wait for more clues.

But then even with more information, we still won't make a move—and sometimes that proves deadly. For instance, in 1985, 56 people were killed when a fire broke out in the stands of a soccer match in England. Close examination of television footage later showed that fans did not react immediately and continued to watch both the fire and the game, failing to move towards the exits.

Research has also shown that when we do move, we follow old habits. We don't trust emergency exits. We almost always try to exit a room through the same door we entered. After a fire in the Beverly Hills Supper Club in Kentucky left 177 people dead, forensic experts

confirmed that many of the victims sought to pay before leaving, and so died waiting in a line.

Grosz concludes:

After 25 years as a psychoanalyst, I can't say that this surprises me. We resist change. Committing ourselves to a small change, even one that is unmistakably in our best interest, is often more frightening than ignoring a dangerous situation. We don't want an exit if we don't know exactly where it is going to take us, even—or perhaps especially—in an emergency ... We want to know what new story we're stepping into before we exit the old one.

How true that is in the spiritual realm, too.

For some people, they are hesitant to turn from their old life to a new life in Jesus Christ. I witnessed to one guy who knew that he needed to receive Christ as Savior. He knew he was a sinner and his life

was messed up. However, he didn't want to make that one last step toward God and away from his old life.

He heard the alarm bells of the Holy Spirit ringing in his soul, yet refused to move because he didn't know how his life might change. I can only pray that one day he would turn from his old life and receive Jesus.

Others who have trusted Christ as Savior are hesitant to change certain aspects of their lives that the Holy Spirit has pointed out as sinful.

God wants to do a wonderful work in your life. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “Do not quench the Spirit” (1 Thess 5:19). Allow Him to do His wonderful work of convicting and cleansing.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Erin Lemoine 1st
- Charles Anderson 2nd
- Doug Elston 2nd
- Bob Gilligan 5th
- Mikey Vargas 8th
- Lindsey Henderson 9th
- Heather Gonzales 9th
- Jordan Humphrey 11th
- Donnie Harrell 11th
- Glen Barnes 13th
- Kerri Ponder 13th
- Aiden Rideout 21st
- Sage Todaro 22nd
- Flo Tyler 23rd
- Jessi Humphrey 24th
- Taylor Talley 27th
- Marie Gilligan 28th
- Sammy Collins 29th
- Russ Merriott 29th

ANNIVERSARIES

- Jere & Peggy Grice 17th
- Kevin & Beth Rice 19th
- Brady & Lindsey Henderson 27th



Charlie's Chats

We are really excited about the music we're working on for Christmas. 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 will be needing candy and treats to give to the children. Let's make this the BEST Fall Festival yet!!



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.



**Branson at Bethany
Tuesday, October 28th**



**Family Fall
FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 31ST
6 TO 8 P.M.**

**JOIN US FOR
FUN ■ FOOD ■ FELLOWSHIP**
Needed: Candy & Volunteer
Workers

DON'T MISS OUT!



**Welcome
to Our
Church
Family
Chester Simmons**



**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. 1-5: School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, crayons, markers, etc.)

Oct. 6-12: Clothing (socks, t-shirts, underwear, etc.)

Oct. 13-19: Hygiene (soap, washcloth, travel containers, etc.)

Oct. 20-26: Toys (cars, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, small games, etc.)

Oct. 27-31: Sweet Treats (individually wrapped gum, hard candy)



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.

**Northwest Louisiana
Baptist Association
Annual Meeting**

October 19, 2014
Summer Grove Baptist Church
Shreveport, LA

Supper 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

