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“If you have a pulse you have a purpose.” ~Unknown

I came across that little quote while doing some research for a sermon. I think I might include it as one of my “power phrases.” That phrase speaks volumes to those who falsely believe that God has abandoned them or that God can’t use them.

We’ve all been there from time to time. We become discouraged, disheartened or disillusioned. Our life hasn’t turned out the way we once thought it would. Perhaps we’ve had a failure, setback or other crisis that shook our confidence in a God who promises to work all things together for our good and His glory. God has not abandoned you. If you have a pulse you have a purpose. God can still use you no matter what you’ve done or what you’ve been through. That’s the wonderful power of God’s redemptive grace.

That quote also speaks to those

who think they have nothing to contribute to the work of the Kingdom. Maybe you think you’re too old, too sick, too young, too busy, too uneducated, too inexperienced, too ordinary or any number of other excuses we use to keep us from serving God. If you have a pulse you have a purpose. God wants to use you. He has created you as a special person with a special purpose. The Bible says it this way: “The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me” (Psalm 138:8 NIV).

Perhaps that quote can speak to those who falsely believe that Christian service and ministry is the job of others. You’ve got your life, your interests, your work, your hobbies, and your family. Unfortunately, there are many in the church who want to enjoy the ministries and services of the church, but do not want to contribute their time and talents. They are happy for others to contribute, but church work is always for others, not for them. Allow me to be blunt and say these folks are selfish. They are takers. They enjoy the benefits of the labor of others without giving

of their own labor. They often are quick to point out how the church is lacking in a certain ministry area, but are themselves unwilling to be the solution to the problem.

Those whom God has saved, He has also gifted to serve in ministry through the church.

If you have a pulse, you have a purpose at Elm Grove Baptist Church. You were made on purpose, for a purpose; now fulfill your purpose. Your church needs everyone to exercise their special giftedness to the glory of the Father and for the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God has chosen to use frail, faulty and frustrating humans to accomplish His heavenly purposes. Sometimes ministry gets messy, but God is able to work all things together for our good and His glory. Have you found your purpose at Elm Grove Baptist Church?

Your pastor loves you!

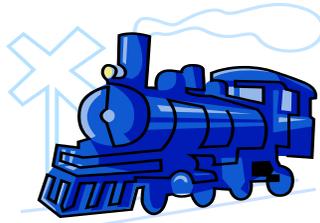
Bro. Brian

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Erin Lemoine 1st
- Charles Anderson 2nd
- Doug Elston 2nd
- Bob Gilligan 5th
- Mikey Vargas 8th
- Lindsey Henderson 9th
- Jordan Humphrey 11th
- Donnie Harrell 11th
- Glen Barnes 13th
- Kerri Ponder 13th
- Flo Tyler 23rd
- Jessi Humphrey 24th
- 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 trinkets 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.



**OCTOBER 31ST
6 TO 8 P.M.**

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

DON'T MISS OUT!



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. Our goal for 2015 - 78 Boxes

- Sept. 27-Oct. 3:** School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, small notebooks, markers)
- Oct. 4-10:** Clothing (socks, t-shirts, underwear)
- Oct. 11-17:** Hygiene (soap, washcloth, toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Oct. 18-23:** Toys (cars, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, small games)
- Oct. 24-30:** 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
45th Annual Meeting*

October 12, 2015
Emmanuel Baptist Church
Shreveport, LA

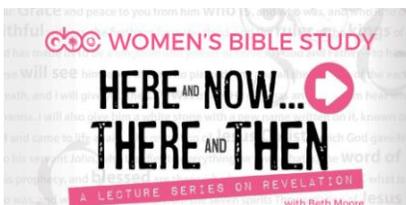
Supper 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.
Meeting 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.



**Thank you Bro. Brian,
we appreciate all you do!**



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17
12 TO 2 P.M.



**Each Friday at Noon
in the Fellowship Hall**

