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It's been said that "the safest place to be is in the center of God's will."

You've probably heard that phrase or something like it in sermons over the years. Usually when we preachers say it we get enthusiastic "Amen's!" from the room. However, consider this:

Noah was in the center of God's will when people ridiculed him for building the ark.

Moses was in the center of God's will when Pharaoh mocked him and the children of Israel rejected his leadership

Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel were in the center of God's will when their prophecies were rejected by Israel.

John the Baptist was in the center of God's will when he was beheaded.

Jesus was in the center of God's will when he was rejected, scourged and crucified.

Stephen was in the center of God's will when he was stoned to death.

Paul was in the center of God's will when he received "forty stripes save one," beaten with rods, suffered shipwreck and beheaded by Caesar.

William Carey was in the center of God's will when his wife Dorothy died while missionaries in India.

Adoniram Judson was in the center of God's will when he was imprisoned for 17 months as a missionary to Berma.

Hudson Taylor was in the center of God's will when his wife and five of his children died while missionaries to China

Here's my point: You can be in the absolute center of God's will and it will not guarantee you a life without pain, sorrow or distress. You can be relentlessly and faithfully obedient to God in every area of your life and still have people reject you, belittle you, criticize you and ignore you. We cannot judge the favor of God by the reactions of other people. While we should never be purposefully offensive, we should not be surprised when sinful people take offense at the message of the Gospel.

Author and Pastor David Miller put it this way: "When you turn over a rock and let the sun shine on the critters that live in darkness, they never thank you for the light. They burrow for more darkness."

In times of distress, listen anew for the voice of the Lord saying, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

The shepherd loves the sheep!
Pastor Brian

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS
SEPTEMBER 16-23, 2012

**AWAKEN
TO JOY**

STATE GOAL: **\$2,000,000** CHURCH GOAL: **\$750**

"Those who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy." ~ PSALM 126:5
GEORGIA BARNETTE STATE MISSIONS OFFERING
LOUISIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION
www.GeorgiaBarnette.org

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Dillon	1st
Billy Lockey	5th
Lacey Clement	7th
Dennis Patrick	9th
Peggy Grice	10th
Katie Hay	12th
Dennis Young	16th
Gene Clement	17th
Eli Gonzales	21st
Kayla Fondren	24th
Madison Patrick	27th

ANNIVERSARIES

Denny & Kelli Spearman	15th
Sam & Nell Sparks	15th

SENIOR ADULTS:

**Fellowship Friday,
September 7th
from 4 to 7 p.m.**

**Branson at Bethany
Tuesday, October 2nd**



**Men's Fish Fry at
Camp Bethany
Monday, Sept. 10th
5:30 p.m.**

WELCOME

New Member

Ruby Wood

**John & Christine Fox
Nathan, John John &
Noah**



**Fall Food
Roundup**

Sept. 1st - 16th

**A list of needed items available
in the Foyer**

**Church Office
will be closed**

**Monday, September 3rd
in observance of**



Labor Day

CHARLIE'S CHATS

We've started working on the Christmas Musical *Silent Night, Holy Night*. It is a musical that the Praise Choir will present on Sunday night before Christmas. We would love for you to join us...now would be a great time!



**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

Join us

September 16, 2012



**A GREAT PLACE
TO BE
THIS SUNDAY
AT 9:30 A.M.**



**Beginning Sept. 16th
during A.M. Worship
for Pre-K - 3rd Grade**



**See Andrea McAdams if
interested in helping!**

**Join us Wednesday night at
5:30 for our
Fellowship Dinner**



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.