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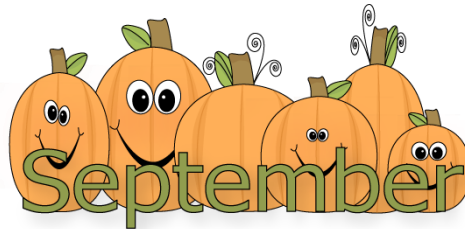
White Steeple Banner

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I know many believers who are afraid to give a verbal witness and tell me that they witness with their life and deeds instead. However, consider this:

Let's say I have a neighbor and I want to "preach Christ" to him using my deeds. I greet him over the fence. I invite him and his wife round for dinner, where I show them the best hospitality of which I am capable; I explain that I am a Christian, but make no attempt to shove the gospel down his throat.

Noticing that his lawn could use a bit of work, I offer him my lawnmower, which he accepts, and eventually, through repeated usage, the lawnmower breaks. I do not complain, or ask him to replace it; I replace it myself, and continue to allow him to use it whenever he sees fit.

I help whenever I can. In all things, I seek to display unconditional kindness towards him, and to love him as I love myself. Eventually, he dies.

Now what have my actions preached to him? They have preached that Christians are kind people who do good things for their neighbor. They have preached that niceness, and kindness, and morally upright behavior are what make you a Christian.

In short, the good deeds have preached salvation by works. But that it isn't the gospel.

The Bible says, "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). At some point a person needs to hear the truth of what Christ has done and be called to make a decision regarding that truth.

The Bible says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But how will they call upon Him in who they have not believed? And

how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?" (Romans 10:13-14).

At some point, people need to hear the gospel so the Holy Spirit can do His job of convicting concerning sin, righteousness and judgment. God has brought certain people into your life that you might be the one who shares Jesus with them.

Don't let your good deeds be your only witness. God has done a wonderful work in you through Jesus Christ. Tell people about Him.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bill Dillon	1st
Billy Lockey	5th
Michael Vargas	5th
Lacey Clement	7th
Haley Byrd	10th
Peggy Grice	10th
Shelby Merritt	10th
Katie Hay	12th
Dennis Young	16th
Gene Clement	17th
Edna Black	18th
Eli Gonzales	21st
Kayla Fondren	24th
Nate Cash	25th
Nick Cash	25th
Madison Patrick	27th

ANNIVERSARIES

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

CHARLIE'S CHATS

We've started working on the Christmas Musical *God Is With Us*. It is a musical that the Praise Choir will present on Sunday before Christmas. We would love for you to join us...now would be a great time!

A special thanks to Nancy, Ricky, John & Jere who help make Sunday Worship happen!

SENIOR ADULTS:

**Fellowship Friday,
September 12th
from 5 to 8 p.m.**

The Children are beginning work on **THE CHRISTMAS CAROL...**

SPECIAL REPORT

to be presented at Christmas.

Come join in the fun
Wednesday
at 6:30 p.m.

***Ridgecrest
On the Red***

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
TRAINING
CONFERENCE**

**Woodridge Baptist
Church**

**Saturday,
September 27**

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

***Sunday School Teachers
make plans to attend!***

Refresher

**Women's Retreat
September 19-20
Camp Bethany
with Pam East,
Dramatic Signing**



**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 2014 - 78 Boxes

- Oct. 1-5:** School supplies (pens, pencils, paper, small notebooks, markers)
- Oct. 6-12:** Clothing (socks, t-shirts, underwear)
- Oct. 13-19:** Hygiene (soap, washcloth, toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Oct. 20-26:** Toys (cars, yo-yos, dolls, stuffed animals, small games)
- Oct. 31:** Sweet Treats (individually wrapped gum, hard candy)

Church Council Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 3
at 5:30 p.m.

Monthly Business Meeting
Sunday, Sept. 21
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.

**WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR STATE MISSIONS**
SEPTEMBER 14-21, 2014



OUR PEOPLE MUST LEARN TO DEVOTE
THEMSELVES TO DOING WHAT IS
GOOD ... TITUS 3:14

**STATE GOAL:
\$1,945,000**

**CHURCH GOAL:
\$750**

**Men's
Fellowship**



**Monday, September 8
Camp Bethany
Serving Time: 5:30
Cost: \$10.00**