

FIRST NOTES 🎵

Sing in Your Home! *Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:5-7*

Back in the 17th century Puritan men who did not pray and sing in the home had the potential to be denied communion. That would be a scary thought for many men today. Nonetheless, we should not only talk and read about God in our homes, but we should sing about Him as well. This can be a meaningful practice in every household, but especially important in homes with children. Looking back to my childhood, I can still remember and cherish the sound of my mom's and grandma's voice sing hymns and worship songs to me. And I'm sorry men this is not just a job for the ladies. Guys, we must direct our singing to God before our families! This is about spiritual leadership, not musical ability. Children need to see and hear their fathers singing. The reason many boys are ashamed or embarrassed to worship through singing is because the people they look up to do not. If we truly love God, we won't be ashamed to sing about Him.

Brothers and Sisters, I would encourage all families to start singing and learning God songs in your home. Hopefully, many of you already have family times of discussion and prayer. But if not, start simple. Take few moments in the morning or before bed to read a Bible verse, pray, and sing a familiar hymn or chorus. You can work your way into learning deeper songs down the road. It may seem awkward at first, and you may encounter some resistance. Strive to make it fun and relevant. But regardless, determine your home to be built on the Rock. In closing, songs have a way of sticking when nothing else does. As our children grow up, it may be those God songs they cling to in difficult days that remind them of the hope we have in God.

- **Sanctuary Choir:** Be a part of this wonderful ministry to our church! Join us for our weekly worship-filled meetings on Wednesdays at 7:00pm as we prepare powerful anthems of praise and work on our dramatic musical, **Never to Old for Christmas!**

- **This Hope** will lead us in worship on September 8th in our 9:00AM worship service. You will be amazed and led to worship God through this very talented men's vocal band. Check out their music online @thishope.org, you tube, or just about any music app. You certainly don't want to miss this event. Help spread the word.

- **Jubilation Jazz** will be leading us in worship in the morning service of September 22nd. They are a very talented jazz orchestra. Our former minister of music, Greg Bennett plays in this group.

- Reminder: Don't forget we post our upcoming worship set mid-week on the **Spotify** app. Search for **FBC Rayville-Sunday Worship** playlist, it's great to be familiar with the songs we sing each Sunday.

Raymond

IGNITE NEWS

Do as I do!

I am often reminded that God's ways are often not my ways. The following is a devotion that I read last week that opened my eyes to this fact, again. Will you accept the challenge to live out your faith in front of your children?

Colossians 3:16
Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God

Music is second only to television in influencing and shaping the values of our children. How can you help your kids recognize the subtle seduction to evil in some contemporary music and encourage them to make wise choices about what they listen to? Here are some practical suggestions: Avoid the "do as I say, not as I do" syndrome. Before you can help your child evaluate his music, you'd better evaluate your own (Matthew 7:4-5). The lyrics of some soft rock, easy listening, and country-western tunes are as suggestive and immoral as those performed by heavy metal groups. One of the best ways to teach your child to avoid harmful lyrics is by modeling the same behavior.

Be willing to find middle ground. Your personal taste in music should not be the determining factor for what you allow your children to listen to. Nor should your child's taste determine what you listen to. Try to find some middle ground with your child when it comes to the kinds of music you will

The family of Nellie Henry would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, and food. We are grateful to all the ladies who prepared the delicious food for the luncheon. Thank you to the wonderful ladies who graciously served the luncheon. We want to especially thank the members of the Esther Sunday School class for the food, love and support shown to our family. Thank you,
The Nellie Henry Family

IMPACT

Jesus confronted by two opposing sides was asked a question which seemed impossible to answer. A question so difficult that He seemingly had no way out. Answer one way and be in trouble with Roman authority. Answer the other way be in trouble with the conservative sects of the Jews. The question was this, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" His answer was so profound it left both groups scratching their heads. "Give to Cesar what is Cesar's and give to God what is God's."

Today we do not question whether or not to it is lawful to pay taxes, while many wish we didn't. The question is are we giving to God, what is God's? The image on the coin was that of Tiberius Cesar. Jesus then say's that is who's image is on it give it to him. Jesus says give to God, what is God's. What God wants is you! Genesis 1:27, "27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them."

Today are you giving God all of yourself? The government is not satisfied when it comes to giving them just some of your taxes. They want and demand the taxes be paid in full. God wants all of us our life, our possessions, everything has been made for Him and through Him. Let it not be said of us I could have given God more.

In Christ,
Randy

UPCOMING ADULT TRIP

Dec. 9-11, The Singing Christmas Tree at Bellevue Baptist Church and other sites in Memphis. The cost is \$367 which includes 2 nights hotel (double occupancy), continental breakfast at hotel, BBQ Dinner, and tickets to the events. \$100 non-refundable deposit due by September 20.

Please call Betty Jo Gray 805-8874 or the church office 728-3231 for more information.

FIRST THOUGHTS

We are living in a day of shamelessness. We are living in a day when people from all walks of life publicize all their doings on social media regardless of what it is. Recently I read an article on Fox News about a daughter who sent her mom a picture of her bedroom. The mom had been asking to see the renovated room for months. Finally, the daughter sent the picture. In the picture the mom noticed evidence of activity she did not desire her daughter to be involved in. Oh well, the daughter laughed it off as she sent the picture and story to all her friends and it ended up going viral and as I said even ended up on Fox News. The woman expressed no shame when evidence of sin was displayed before her mother, friends or an ever watching world.

Isaiah wrote, "The expression of their faces bears witness against them, and they display their sin like Sodom; they do not even conceal it, woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves" (Is. 3:9).

The story sounds "far-off." But its not. Social media displays the sins of our young people and adults alike. But participation in activities that once were frowned upon is now celebrated and "liked." As we look at the pictures on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or Snap-Chat "The expression of their faces bears witness against them and they display their sin like Sodom."

Wow. Let's remember we serve a Holy, Holy, Holy God. He is perfectly holy and calls His children to be holy as He is holy. Instead of flaunting sin and counting the "likes" of publicized sin, let us humbly ask God to forgive us for the blatant disregard of His Son's precious blood and repent of our sins. Instead of taking God's grace for granted, let us determine to show gratitude to God for the blood of Jesus by pursuing His righteousness instead of our sinfulness. Woe to the one who revels in sinfulness! **Hebrews 10:26-29** reads, "For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. Anyone who has set aside the Law of Moses dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace?"

Followers of Christ, let us not be like the world (Sodom), let us determine to be like Christ! Treasure the blood of Christ and show that you treasure His blood by honoring Him with your life.

I love you all,
Dr. EW

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY

9:00am Morning Praise and Worship
 10:10am Sunday School
 6:00pm Evening Gathering
 6:00pm Joy Explosion

MONDAY

1:30pm Helping Hands Ministry

TUESDAY

8:00am-12Noon Care & Share

WEDNESDAY

5:20pm Praise Team
 5:00pm Supper
 5:45pm Adult Bible Studies
 5:45pm IGNITE-Children's Activities
 5:45pm REFUGE-Student Worship
 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY

6:00am Men's Prayer
 9:30am Ladies' Prayer Group
 5:30pm Richland Celebrate Recovery

FRIDAY

8:00am-Noon Care & Share

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

4th Wed. Suppers Begin
 8th Deacons' Meeting
 14th Second Helpings
 15th Men's Prayer Breakfast
 15-22th Week of Prayer for State Missions -
 Georgia Barnette Offering
 18th LifeShare Blood Drive
 22nd Jubilation Jazz (am service)

SAVE THE DATE
Nov. 5, 6 & 7
Church Directory Update



RICHLAND CELEBRATE RECOVERY
A Parish Wide Ministry - Thursdays, FBC Rayville Gym
 Dealing with HURTS, HABITS, HANG-UPS? Do you know someone else who is? Join us on Thursday nights as we grow in the knowledge of God's mercy and grace in our lives.
 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner,
 6:30pm Large Group Meeting
 7:30pm Open Share Groups
Life Issues & Chemical Dependency
 8:30pm Solid Rock Café
 Nursery Provided - Birth to 4 Years
 Everyone is welcome to attend Large Group Worship at 6:30pm in the Gym.

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DEACONS' MEETING
 Sept. 8th

SECOND HELPINGS
 Sept. 14th

8:00am Begin set-up & cooking
 9:00am Serve up food trays
 10:00am Begin delivery routes

If you are interested in helping with this ministry and would like more information, please contact Barry Collins at 680-5818 or Lori Morris at 366-1571.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
 Sept. 15th
 8:00am in the Gym

CARE & SHARE MINISTRY
 Tuesdays & Fridays:
 8:00am-12Noon

THRIFT STORE
 (Open to the public-
 Everything 1/2 off)
First Saturday of each month:
 8:00am-12Noon

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IMPART. TRUTH. TODAY.
 "... we will tell the next generation ...
 even the children not yet born ..."
Ps 78:4,6 NLT
WEEK OF PRAYER
SEPTEMBER 15-22, 2019
Georgia Barnette State Goal: **\$ 1,700,000**
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 GeorgiaBarnette.org

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This month we are collecting bars of soap, erasers, crayons, colored pencils, small stuffed animals, hair combs & pencil sharpeners for the shoeboxes. You can drop them in any of the collection boxes located in the front lobby, the Sunday school building and the church office.



LIFESHARE BLOOD DRIVE
 Wed., Sept. 18th, 5:00pm
 In the Family Life Center Parking Lot

LADIES 1ST PETER BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Nights, beginning Sept. 4 at 5:45pm
 For information or to sign up text Susan Hoychick at 318-547-8080

September Birthdays			
Kenny Holubec	1	Landry Morris	19
Ann Morris	2	Josie Bell	19
Beth Haynes	2	LeAnn Thomason	19
Evelyn Pettit	5	Joy Walters	20
James Sullivan	5	Joseph Michael	20
Erick Cherene	5	Phyllis Temple	21
Corey Clark	5	Patricia Thompson	23
Luke Barras	6	Orie Morris	23
Carlton Clark	6	Victoria Thames	24
Connie Simpson	6	David Head	25
Braedyn Brown	7	Buddy McCartney	25
David Doughty	8	Teresa Barton	26
Julie Cooper	10	Jessica Dumas	28
Alan Thompson	10	Javier Leija	30