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# From Where I Sit . . .

# **"FEAR PREVENTS A CASUAL RELATIONSHIP"**

**BROAD STREET** 

**BANNER** 

We are living in a time in which men are trying to bring God down to the level of a friend or a companion. The writer of Proverbs wrote in Proverbs 9: 10, "[10] "The

fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." He says our knowledge of God and our understanding of God comes from a fear of God. The scriptures use the phrase "fear of God" to mean awe, respect and reverence for God. The "fear of God" terrified the disciples at the transfiguration in Matthew 17:5 - 6, "[5] While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" [6] And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid." Isaiah was overwhelmed by the "fear of God" in Isaiah 6: 5, "[5] So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips. And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: For my eyes have seen the King, The LORD of hosts." John was driven to the ground by the "fear of God" in Revelation 1: 17, "[17] And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last." Saul fell to the ground in the presence of the light of Christ in Acts 9: 3 - 6, "[3] As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. [4] Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" [5] And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." [6] So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

All of these incidents demonstrate that we do not have a casual relationship with the One who created us. Our relationship with God will never be an equal relationship. Isaiah put it this way in Isaiah 55: 8 - 9, *"[8] "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. [9] "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."* A mere casual relationship with God would lead us to not take Him seriously enough. A mere casual relationship with God would remove the thought that one day He will judge us by the deeds that we have done. That He and He alone has our eternal destiny in His hands. Notice what Jesus says about this in Matthew 10: 28 - 31, *"[28] "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. [29] "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. [30] "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. [31] "Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."* 

Jesus in this passage reminds us that there is not a casual relationship with God. God is creator; God is the one that controls our eternal destiny; and God will always be way above us in all things. Jesus also reminds us that because of the greatness and the goodness and the mercy of God that we do not have to fear judgment. For this loving, good, all powerful God has loved us enough to save us through the death of His Son Jesus Christ. This alone should lead us to never have a casual relationship with God, but to have a relationship that is built upon awe, respect and reverence for the One who loved us so much.



Please pray for our sick and remember them with cards, calls and visits.

**Gary Poole** had knee replacement on Wednesday, July  $12^{th}$ . He was transferred to Encompass Rehab on Friday, July  $14^{th}$  and will be there for several days. They ask for

no visitors at this time due to his therapy schedule. Prayers for a quick recovery would be appreciated.

**Bree Morton**, stepdaughter of Melba Crawford, had complications during childbirth on June 28<sup>th</sup> and had to have an emergency c section and hysterectomy. The baby, Walker Brooks, passed away during the procedure. Bree developed an infection after the surgery and was discharged on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for Bree and her husband, Justin, as she recovers from surgery and the grief of losing their baby. 11937 Hons Drive, Fairhope AL, 36532.

Gerald Helton has been having health problems lately. Prayers are appreciated.

**Joan Little** will be having right knee replacement on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her in your prayers.

**Hudson Colwell,** 17 year old grandson of Martha Pendley, had surgery on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> to replace the rods in his back at Vanderbilt Hospital. Please keep him in your prayers during his long recovery. 2509 Co. Rd. 209, Bridgeport, 35740.

## LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST

Clarence Potter, 3034 Dupree Dr. SW., Huntsville, AL 35801.

Tammy McGuire

**Bob Rice** 

Chanda Dunaway

**Buddy Pace** 

Joe Manning

Steve McWilliams, father of Josh McWilliams (friend of many in congregation).

Jay Fullum, close friend of Ted and Libby Crona, 39 McCullock Ave., Revena, NY 12143.

**Cory and Kara Caouette**, Chuck and Cindy Davis' nephew and his wife.

Buster Phillips, friend to many in the congregation.

**Mildred Lasater**, from the Skyline and East Huntsville Coc. **Cissi Britt**, sister of Buddy Holt.

Melanie Lanier, daughter of Ron Graham.

**Lana Jones**, grand daughter of Doyle and Cathy Lemaster. **Don Thornton**, Mickey Thornton's brother.

Anne Lovd, member at the Gonce CoC.

Olivia Lemaster, daughter of Darshell Lemaster.

Mark Hastings, Joyce Hastings' son.

Hillary Broome, Terry's brother, 2151 Alexander Blvd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

Nettie Murrah, Tracy Brumley's mother.

**Pam Devenport**, Scott Grant's mother, 93 Lorelei Dr., Fayetteville, OH 45118.

Viola Manning, aunt of Vicki Shelton & Arlene Allen, 1930 Co. Rd 107, Scottsboro, AL 35768. Bob Milk, brother-in-law of Robin Shelton. Lyndal Brumley, daughter-in-law of Jo Reed & Tracy. Shep Knight, child of Jo Reed Brumley's cousin. Trent McCormack, US Navy Jordan Holt, US Navy-Reserve Abigail Holt, US Navy-Reserve Abigail Holt, US Navy Nathan Bridges, US Air Force-Reserve Paige Chrisman, US Air Force Nathaniel Doan, US Marine Corps Anthony Worst, US Marine Corps Noah Linville, US Navy Caleb Baker, US Navy

## NURSING HOME RESIDENTS & HOMEBOUND

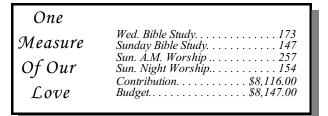
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# Calendar of Upcoming Events—

July 19	- Hostess Meeting for Hannah Langley Shower
	after evening services in chapel

- July 23 Elders and Deacon Meeting @ 4:30 PM
- July 26 Summer Series Guest Speaker: Matt Choates, "Anger"
- July 29 Back to School Bash, @ Cornelison's Farm, ALL AGES, sign up on bulletin board
- July 30 Diaper and Wipes Shower Honoring Hannah (Poole) Langley, 1 PM to 3PM in the MPR





Broad Street expresses our condolences to Steve and Melba Crawford and family for the sudden passing of their grandson, Walker Brooks Morton, on June 28, 2023. The funeral was held on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> in Fairhope, AL.



- July 23 Youth Devo after evening services at Will & Chantel's home (bring lawn chairs) July 26 - Youth Dinner @ 5:30 PM
- July 29 Back to School Bash, @ Cornelison's Farm, ALL AGES.
- Aug 26 SWAT Youth Rally @ Meridianville



TOthe Cornelison Farm (1670 Co. Rd. 28) on Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to join us. There will be a slip & slide, Kona Ice, games, dinner

and devotional. The slip & slide will begin at 2:00 PM (Kona Ice will be with us from 2:45 PM to 4:30 PM). Remember to wear T-shirts and shorts that are not white and can get dirty. Bring lawn chairs, sticks for cooking s' mores, and bug spray. Supper will be provided (Holy Smokes BBQ). Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin for desserts & drinks and for if you plan to attend.



Please join us in honoring Hannah (Poole) Langley on Sunday, July hower 30<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 3 PM in the MPR with a diapers and wipes baby

shower. Hannah is expecting a baby boy. Sign up sheet for hostess' is on the bulletin board.

Broad Street will be collecting school supplies for our area foster children. Please place donated items in tote located in the east foyer.



#### 3 Prong Plastic Folder 3 Ring Binder: 1 & 1.5 Wide Rule Paper College Rule Paper Composition Books Card Stock:White/Color

Pencil Box/Pouch Crayola Crayons 24 Pens Markers Highlighters Expo Markers Glue Sticks Scissors

Lysol Wipes Kleenex Band-Aids Paper Towels Ziploc: Quart & Gallon

## NO PUPPET PROGRAM - July 23, 2023

## **Stay Hungry**

Jesus once said, "Blessed are ye that hunger now..." (Luke 6:21). In America today, it seems strange to speak of hunger as a blessing. One of the goals of modern life is to insure against hunger. For us, security means food on the table and the knowledge that there is plenty more in the cupboard! But Jesus taught that appetite is destiny! Our hungers can either exalt us or degrade us. The things we hunger for in this life will determine the things we are filled with in the next life. Man's great problem is his hunger for the wrong things!

Note some things which the Bible teaches us to hunger for:

**Hunger for God.** It was Augustine who wrote of God: "Thou hast created us for thyself, and our heart cannot be satisfied until it finds rest in thee." It is true that we have been made by the Creator to seek Him. He has placed a hunger in each of us which only He Himself can satisfy (cf. Psalm 42:1-2). We have an urgent need for communion with our Maker. Life turns to tragedy when we suppress this God-hunger within us. Many mixed up people are experiencing this hunger, but they don't recognize it for what it is! So they wander aimlessly through life, trying one desperate thing after another hoping to satisfy their need. But it is God they hunger for, and they will never be satisfied until they are satisfied in Him.

**Hunger for Truth.** Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). One of the acute spiritual problems in our time is the widespread loss of appetite for revealed truth! There is little commitment to Bible study; little hunger for the word of God. But Jesus insisted that the truly spiritual man is a truth-seeking man. And then He said, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). How sad that many Christians find it difficult to attend Bible classes or read the Bible daily. They are surrounded by opportunities to increase their knowledge of the truth, but their appetites are defective! They need to develop a hunger for the pure milk of the word in order to grow in respect to salvation (1 Peter 2:2-3).

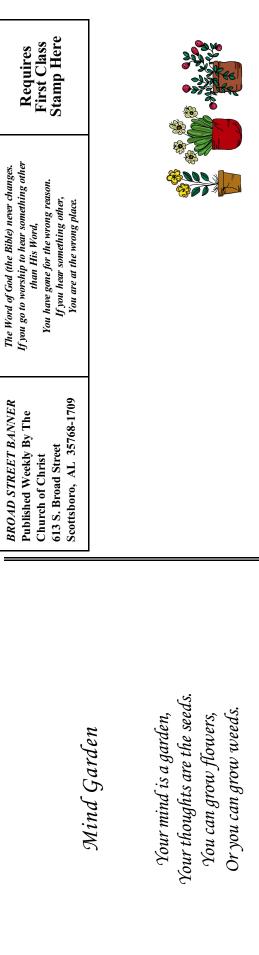
**Hunger for Heaven.** Read Hebrews 11:8-16. Here we have a portrait of men and women of faith, driven by hunger for the heavenly city which God has promised to those who love Him. An old song proclaims, "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passin' through..." Tragically, many are living as if they intend to stay here forever. Their lives are so taken up with earth and its pleasures that they have not time to think of heaven. But the people of God can never be satisfied here; they have a hunger for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

Spiritual progress is possible only if we stay hungry. Life is defined by our hungers. The things we crave are a reflection of what we are. Appetite is destiny!

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6)

Bobby Dockery Campbellsville, KY

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WORSHIP Sunday 9:55 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY Sunday 9:00 A.M. and Wednesday 6:30 P.M.				
	_ASS	Tuesday 10:00 A.M.		
2W- C.B. Laney 3W- Robin Shelt 4W- Will Shelto 5W- Grady Gatti 6- F 7W- Chuck Davi Speaker: Randy Closing Prayer:	SUNDAY, July 23, 2023 Trey Russell infred Russell inaway P's Table: y Holt ford 1E - Vince Lar 2E - Ryan Dun on 3E - D.L. Little n 4E - Tripp Led s 5E - Major Lee Kyle Price s 7E - Nelson Pa Brown	ney naway better ibetter		
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<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u> : July 26, 2023 Scripture: Joseph Gardner Song Leader: Kenneth Beard Prayer: David Precise				
CO	NTACT ELDER: David Pi	recise		
OPEN & CLOSE BUILDING FOR THE MONTH: Scott Roberts				
If you are unable to serve, please call: Dave Precise 256-599-6668				



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