THE DUDLEY MESSENGER



SEPTEMBER 2023

SENIOR ADULT WEEKEND

Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24

Theme: "Why Senior Adults Matter"

Senior Adults, We would like for you to join us on Saturday evening at 5:30 for a meal followed by guest speaker Dr. Larry McCall. Please sign up, for the meal, in the foyer or your Sunday School class.

Sunday, September 24 our guest speaker will be Dr. Larry McCall. You do not want to miss this special weekend in honor of our Senior Adults!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry Kickoff on Saturday, September 16, 9am-12noon

Paint and Prayer Workshop

Join us for a fun fellowship with a guided floral painting and scripture calligraphy workshop. Discover opportunities for the women of DBC in the 2023-2024 church year.

Reservations \$15 covering all materials. Scholarships available, if needed. Sign up at the table in the foyer.

AWANA CLUBS AT DBC

Join us at Awana because Kids matter to God!

Approved workmen are not ashamed. - 2 Timothy 2:25

Ages: 3 years old - Grade 4.

Check-in begins at 6:30pm and Club starts at 6:45pm.

Pickup is 8:00pm.

Kids, We hope to see YOU Wednesday!

FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Each Wednesday evening at 5:30pm

Cost: Adults \$8, Big Kid Meal \$8 and Kid Meal \$5 with a \$30 cap per family.

Look for the menu in your Sunday bulletin. Please remember to make your reservation or cancelation by noon Tuesday. You will enjoy great fellowship and a delicious meal.

PASTOR'S PEN

By Pastor Matt

BY <u>GEORGE HERBERT</u>
A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy
servant rears,
Made of a heart and cemented
with tears:

The Altar

Whose parts are as thy hand did frame;

No workman's tool hath touch'd the same.

A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy pow'r doth cut.
Wherefore each part
Of my hard heart
Meets in this frame,
To praise thy name:
That if I chance to hold my

These stones to praise thee may not cease.

peace,

Oh, let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,

And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.

The Alter is a place of communion with God and a place of confession to God. May we come to the alter and use it well.

Pastor Matt



DBC KIDS

By Pastor Paul

INVEST

Who should we invest in? The easy answer is "everyone we know." The problem is that this easy answer is also easy to ignore and dismiss. No one is going to invest in everyone's life that they know and invite every single person they meet to church. That's just not realistic. So let's begin much smaller.

Make a list of 3 unchurched people you would like to invite to Dudley Baptist Church, and 3 people you have met in church who you could begin to include in other activities. Begin now to pray for these people, and then look for ways to be a better friend, or to begin a friendship. Then begin to look for opportunities to invite those people to worship or Connection Class or some event in the life of our church.

Faith Hope & Love

Tuesday, September 19th

Let's have lunch at the **Swanson House in Perry**.

Meet at the church at 10:30am.



STUDENT LIFE MINISTRY

By Pastor Clint

"So Much More"

As humans, we can, at times, become nearsighted in our view of God. We are consumed by what is right in front of us, and we forget that there is a God who is eternal. Our world is only as big as conversations happening on the screen in our hands, and we lose sight of God's plan for us and the world, a sweeping arc that cuts through time and space. Our future shrinks down to the next most pressing decision, and we miss the "way-more-than-we-could-possibly-imagine" future God has for us.

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But it doesn't have to be this way. The truth is that God, the eternal, unchanging, all-powerful, gracious, loving God makes Himself known to us. And when we respond by meeting Him in faith, our lives are opened up to the "so much more" that God has in store for us. At Fall Retreat, students will explore all that God has for the world and themselves.



Student Ministry Upcoming Dates

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept. 11, 18, 25 Prayer Breakfast

Sept. 13, 20, 27 Middle School D2 Groups @ McDonalds

Sept. 14, 21, 28 High School D2 Groups @ Chick-fil-A

Sept. 16-17 Fall Retreat



MUSIC MINSTRY

By Pastor Myles

Greeting Church family,

Psalm 47:6 commands us to "Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our King, sing praise!" Now is your opportunity to join a choir and sing praise. Adult Choir rehearsals meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in the worship center. Our pre-school choir meets on Wednesday evenings during the scheduled AWANA time and our Children's choir meets on Wednesday's from 6:00-6:25 in the Choir room of Building A. Students interested in assisting with our youth praise band can meet me at 5:30 in the Student center. We look forward to worshiping with you each week. Thank you for allowing me to serve.



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