

SEPTEMBER 2023

BELL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH JOURNAL

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MONTHLY EVENTS

-9-9 Church Family Picnic

-9-16 Church Work Day

-9-23 Union Gospel Mission-
Dinner at the Rosenau home at
5:30 pm. Leave/carpool at 6:30
pm Service at UGM from 7:30-
8:30 pm

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LONGING FOR GOD

PASTOR DAVE TUCKER

A FEW SUNDAYS AGO, WHILE DRIVING DOWN FORESTHILL ROAD TO CHURCH, I PASSED BY THE TURNOUT FOR UPPER CLEMENTINE LAKE. AT LEAST 20-30 CARS LINED UP WAITING FOR THE GATE TO OPEN FOR THE DAY. I MENTIONED AT THAT MOMENT TO MY FAMILY, WHAT IF THE CHURCH WAS LIKE THIS?

ON A TYPICAL SUNDAY HERE AT BRBC, THE WORSHIP TEAM SHOWS UP AT 7:45 FOR PRACTICE, AND THE LEADERSHIP TEAM ARRIVES AT 9 SO THAT WE CAN PRAY FOR THE MORNING. I AM AN ETERNAL OPTIMIST, SO I AM ALWAYS LOOKING TO SEE IF OUR CHURCH PEOPLE ARE LINING UP READY TO COME IN AND WORSHIP.

I HAVE THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT THIS SCENARIO AS I COMPARE THE ANTICIPATION OF THOSE WHO WILL RELAX, SWIM, FISH, OR WHATEVER ELSE AT THE LAKE—TO WHAT TAKES PLACE HERE ON ANY GIVEN SUNDAY. THE TWO-PART QUESTION THAT NEEDS TO BE ANSWERED IS FIRST, WHAT ARE THE PEOPLE AT THE LAKE SO EXCITED ABOUT THAT THEY WOULD GET UP EARLY ON A SUNDAY MORNING TO GET TO THE LAKE? SECONDLY, AS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST, WHAT ARE WE EXCITED ABOUT?

PSALM 84:2, DAVID CRIES OUT TO GOD AND SAYS, “MY SOUL YEARNS, EVEN FAINTS, FOR THE COURTS OF THE LORD; MY HEART AND MY FLESH CRY OUT FOR THE LIVING GOD.”

AS THE CHURCH BODY, WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO JOIN TOGETHER EVERY SUNDAY MORNING TO MEET WITH THE MOST HIGH GOD! HE TORE THE CURTAIN IN THE TEMPLE WHEN JESUS WAS CRUCIFIED, SINGLING THAT WE CAN NOW ENTER THE HOLY OF HOLY PLACE. DO WE SEE THIS EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AS WE GET UP AND HEAD TO CHURCH? DO YOU ANTICIPATE MEETING WITH THE KING? IS THERE EXCITEMENT SATURDAY NIGHT AS YOU BEGIN TO PREPARE?

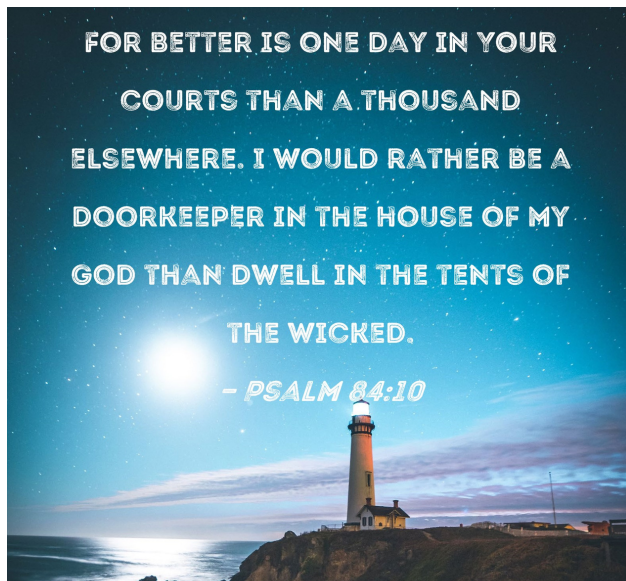
THESE ARE DIFFICULT QUESTIONS TO ANSWER. TO BE HONEST, I SOMETIMES STRUGGLE WITH THESE AS I HAVE BEEN TO CHURCH ALMOST EVERY WEEK OF MY 50 YEARS OF LIFE! BUT WHEN I STEP BACK, READ THE SCRIPTURES, AND UNDERSTAND THE ABSOLUTE HONOR OF MEETING TOGETHER, I CAN'T WAIT EACH WEEK TO GATHER!

I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU, CHURCH, TO BEGIN SATURDAY NIGHT AND PREPARE TO MEET WITH GOD AND HIS SAINTS. GET GOOD SLEEP, SET OUT YOUR CLOTHES, OR DO WHATEVER YOU MUST TO GET TO CHURCH ON TIME. DON'T BE LATE! YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE LATE TO MEET ONE OF YOUR HEROES, SO MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO BE ON TIME TO MEET WITH THE ALMIGHTY GOD! WE BEGIN AT 10 A.M., SO I ENCOURAGE YOU TO ARRIVE EARLY, GRAB SOME COFFEE, AND ENTER THE SANCTUARY WITH SUCH ANTICIPATION THAT THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE WILL SPEAK TO YOU.

HOW AWESOME IS THAT! HOW AMAZING IS THAT? IT MAY BE THROUGH A SONG, PRAYER, OR SERMON, BUT HE WILL MEET YOU HERE. WE HAVE THE MOST FANTASTIC PRIVILEGE EACH AND EVERY WEEK, SO COME EARLY AND PREPARE YOURSELF!

FOR BETTER IS ONE DAY IN YOUR
COURTS THAN A THOUSAND
ELSEWHERE. I WOULD RATHER BE A
DOORKEEPER IN THE HOUSE OF MY
GOD THAN DWELL IN THE TENTS OF
THE WICKED.

- PSALM 84:10



ALL CHURCH BIBLE STUDY AND DINNER

**SEPTEMBER
13TH AT
5:30 P.M.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, FAMILY DINNER, AND BIBLE STUDY WILL BEGIN AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 13TH. WE WILL BEGIN OUR NEXT 10-WEEK SESSION OF STUDY. WE OFFER CLASSES FOR ALL AGES, AND DURING THE FALL SESSION, PASTOR MARK WILL BE TEACHING OUR ADULT CLASS USING THE BOOK OF MARK.

WE BEGIN AT 5:30 WITH A MEAL TO SHARE TOGETHER, FOLLOWED BY A COUPLE OF WORSHIP SONGS WITH A SHORT DEVOTION BEFORE HEADING OFF TO OUR CLASSES AT 6:30.

JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND AS WE EAT, WORSHIP AND STUDY GOD'S WORD TOGETHER.

**CHURCH WORK
DAY
SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16TH
FROM 8-12PM.**

**CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH
GREENHORN PICNIC AREA
SIGN UP IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND
SO WE CAN HAVE ENOUGH FOOD.
[HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/OSLPZ](https://signup.com/go/OSLPZ)**

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WE WILL GATHER AT PICNIC AREA #2 AND ENJOY LUNCH TOGETHER. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND SNACKS! WE WILL SWIM, BOAT, PLAY, FISH, KAYAK, VISIT, PADDLEBOARD, PLAY VOLLEYBALL...

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PICNIC



BAPTISM

SEPTEMBER 24TH, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING BAPTISM! LET ONE OF THE PASTORS KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE BAPTIZED!