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Bro. Marshall's Message

Ephesians 4:1-3

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Our theme for 2022, “peacefully unified in the spirit”, which is taken from this passage is such an important thing to keep in mind and strive for at all times, but most especially in the state of our current world. You may ask, “How can we possibly be unified?” It is so difficult when we are all unique individuals, seeking to serve the Lord but not all in the same ways and not all at the same time. Ephesians 5:15-21 tells us how.

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

So here is the “how”, we, as Christ followers, are to walk wisely and use our time effectively. In other words, do not let the media and social media pull you into controversies that you do not need to be involved in. He says “the days are evil”. There is evil all around. Things are not going to get better until they get worse. So do not get caught complaining about the evil, rather expect it, while living in the will of the Lord. Know His word and thus know His will. Be filled with the Spirit as if with wine, be intoxicated with the Spirit, overwhelmed, not acting as the world would expect, but as a different person, “a peculiar person”. Sing with one another, praise God together, talk about what the Lord is doing, about how good God is, and do this in front of other believers and unbelievers. Give thanks! Spread thankfulness on social media instead of divisiveness. Yes, the world is evil, but we have a God who has overcome the world and has given us so much. Show people we are thankful. Finally if we are to be “peacefully unified in the Spirit”, we must submit out of reverence to Christ. This does not mean to “roll over” or be stepped on by others, and certainly it does not mean to condone sin, rather it is the act of loving one another as Christ loved us and as we should love him. You see if He lives in every believer, then what you do to your neighbor, you do to Him. Whatever we do in our current climate, at work, at home, at church, anywhere, as believers, we must be “peacefully unified in the Spirit”.

Many, if not all of you have seen, read or at least heard about the Guide Post (not Guidestone) report that was a written description and recommendations from an investigation that was carried out at the request of the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention. We found many of the things in this report horrifying, as we should. However, as we talk about the report and the recommendations with our church family, others within the association, and most especially with unbelievers, we have to help them see a few things. First and foremost, we are all sinners and no one sin is greater than another. We must keep in mind that people are not to be put on pedestals, that makes them an idol. Second, that we as SBC messengers asked for this investigation to be done because we wanted all of this kind of thing to be out in the light. So we knew it was going to come to light. Third, we are autonomous. Churches and entities in the convention are not hierarchical. We do not “report” to a higher power except the highest power. Fourth, we must move forward, together. You see, we are the only denomination that still holds firmly to scripture and that means that Satan is going to double down on us, but, as is stated in Ephesians 6:13, we must stand strong. The only way to make it out on the other side of this as a Southern Baptist Convention is to walk unified in the Spirit. I believe we do, can and will as an association come out on the other side of this stronger and more unified, not weak and broken because we have a history of loving one another.

Here are some examples:

Since February, we have seen around 100 people from about 30 of our churches participate in trainings such as Disaster Relief, Sunday School Teacher, Music, Prayer and Deacon. As well as our first pastors' wives conference and various church planter meet and greets. We have also had 5 churches with over 100 people participate in the Claude King Return to Me book study as they seek to strengthen their churches. We had an outstanding mission trip to New Life Fellowship in Nashville as we built relationships with Pastor Ty's congregation and spent time sharing the gospel in the neighborhoods surrounding their church.

Beulah Baptist Association is strong, not because of the people, churches or what we do, but because of the God we serve! Let's continue moving forward for Christ's name and His glory in the days ahead!

Till all hear!

Bro. Marshall

JULY ACTIVITIES

- 4—7 OFFICE CLOSED—INDEPENDENCE DAY!**
- 11— Pst Conf—6 PM**
- 18— Pst Conf 10 AM & 6 PM**
Youth Ministry Training
- 25— Pst Conf - 6 PM**
- 27— 30 Mission Trip to Atlanta—Ever Love Church**
With NAMB Church Planter—Joseph Lee

Beulah Spotlight Church for July

Broadway Baptist Church—Martin, TN
Pastor Dennis Gardner

Things are booming at Broadway! January 2022 was the turning point for Broadway Baptist under the leadership of Rev Dennis Gardner. Many activities have been reinstated and others are brand new. Our Sunday school has 4 classes ranging from Kindergarten to Adult. Sunday night services continue weekly. Our attendance has doubled with the addition of 3 members and 11 visitors who are attending regularly. Five youth are in attendance most Sundays. A new flag pole has been added in front of the church proudly displaying the American and Christian flags. The sound system has been updated to improve the sound quality. In March 2022, Eric Horner from Nashville, TN. blessed us with an inspiring concert with approximately 70 people in attendance. July is bringing several activities, including a yard and bake sale on July 23, 7.00A.M. till 1.00P.M. The clothes ministry and food pantry will be re-opening soon. A new sign is being planned for the corner of Hwy 45 and Haygood Road. Our congregation is working in Christian love and unity to fulfill our responsibilities to God's church. We have a respect for the past, but a vision for the future. Everyone is invited to share in this journey for the worship and uplifting our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We stand on Isaiah 54: 17 , NO weapons formed against me (Us) shall prosper. Philippians 4:13 "I (We) can do all things through Christ who strengthen me." We preach " A Living Word for A Dying World".



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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 02—Herman & Linda DeBoard—Mt. Moriah & BBA**
04—Drew & Sarah Worley—Johnson Grove
05—Ron and Janette Cox—South Fulton
06—Darrell & Ann Morgan—New Salem
08—Mel & Darylon Poe—Calvary
17—Mike & Angela Sams— Martin
31—Dennis & Debbie Gardner—Broadway



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 01— Truitt Cockrell—Pleasant Hill—Rives**
02- Marcia Fields—Reelfoot
06— Heather White—Woodland Mills
07— Sarah Worley—Johnson Grove
09—Rick Roberts—Troy
11—Pat Murdock—Antioch
12— Linda DeBoard— Mt. Moriah
12—Randy Potts—New Home
13—John Troutman—Tiptonville
31—Chuck Graham—Willingham Memorial

