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BAPTIST CHURCH

sharing Jesus, one person at a time!

March 2021 Newsletter

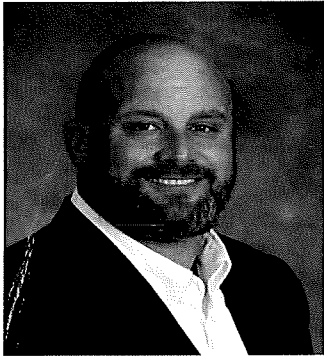
The Law of Averages

*"He who walks with wise men will be wise,
but the companion of fools will suffer harm" (Proverbs 13:20).*

"A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough" (Galatians 5:9).

"Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals'" (1 Corinthians 15:33).

*"Do not associate with a man given to anger; or go with a hot-tempered man,
or you will learn his ways and find a snare for yourself" (Proverbs 22:24-25).*



Greeting Church,

The "Law of Averages" is a popular theory stating that "the result of any given situation will be the average of all outcomes." When this principle is boiled down and used within the realm of our relationships, it means that we are the average of the five people that we spend the most time with. Think about that for just a moment. Who are the five people that you spend the most time with? Your spouse, your co-workers, your children, your "best" friend? Hopefully, it is someone you would like to emulate! The "Law of Averages" says that you are very likely a lot like them... and likely in more ways than you think.

When it comes to relationships, we are greatly influenced — whether we like it or not — by those closest to us. It affects our way of thinking, our way of speaking, our self-esteem, and our decisions... just to name a few. Of course, everyone is their own person, but research has shown that we are often more affected by our environment than we like to think or admit. This theory actually has some scriptural precedent behind it too. As you can see in the passages above, who we do life with will give us a good idea of who we really are – or who we are becoming.

So, I ask you, in light of your five closest companions, who are you? Is it someone you can be proud of? Is Jesus one of the people you spend most of your time with? If so, just know that the more time you spend with Him, the more likely you are to emulate Him! Maybe it is time that we evaluate our relationships and give more time to those who are truly worthy of it!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Darren A. Jones

WMU Newsletter

The Mission Moves Forward

On March 7, 2021, our Season of North America Mission begins. We begin with our prayer for the missionaries in the United States working together to share Christ to the lost in North America. It is estimated there are more than 275 million without Christ in North America. Our offering goal to the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering is \$800.00. The Bible verse, we will focus on is "Therefore, my dear brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the Lord's work, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58) What is Paul trying to say to the church in Corinth, keep the gospel moving forward, even when it is hard? We must remain steadfast and immovable in sharing the gospel of Christ. We need to remember lives are at stake.

Have you ever been involved in ministry to the homeless, drug addicts or gang members? What makes this type of ministry hard? Some people don't want to change, people think the church looks down on them, some return to their old lifestyles, and some take advantage. Sometimes it is just hard for the church to know how to help. Then, there are ways these ministries are fruitful and rewarding. There are changed lives, those who work hard to make things better for their children and conversions can be dramatic.

Perhaps you have heard the expression, "Turn your mess into your ministry." We all have a story to tell, some are more dramatic than others, but each of our stories can make an impact on someone's life. Life stories can shape our passions and inspire us to help others, even if it is only one person at a time.

Have you ever questioned why God would allow bad things to happen in our lives or even allow us to make unwise life-changing decisions? I know I have. We may not know the answer to that question until we get to heaven, and I have a feeling we will not care at that time, because we will be praising God. We can rest assured though that God will take every mess we make and work it for his good. He really does turn our messes into ministries to reach others for Him. Praise God for that. Please pray for our missionaries, and your offering to the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering, every penny donated goes to our missionaries.

A Women's Retreat has been scheduled for May 14th and 15th, 2021 at Camp Jackson. If God willing M&M will be speaking to us. Please pray for the retreat as plans are being made. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the vestibule.

In Christ Love, Jenny Durham.

"Words"

Only when I see Your face
will I know words worthy of You.
For in this life there are no words
worthy of what You do.
You never lied while walking
through this world of sinners nest.
True to Your word You harbored peace
to all that You have blessed.
I long to speak those worthy words.
I think it won't be long that I will be
speaking worthy words to whom I belong.



Thank you, Jesus my Savior

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—Anthony C. Settles



March Birthdays

03/03	Kyle Harmon
03/09	Tony Settles
03/13	Louise Brant
03/14	Tom Roney
03/14	Jacob Daniels
03/20	Robert Daniels
03/23	Lisa K. Daniels

Church Information

03/02	Church Council/Deacons Meeting, 7pm
03/13	Daylight Savings Time Begins
03/28	Palm Sunday

**Season of North American Missions and
the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
March 7—14
Church Goal--\$800**

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