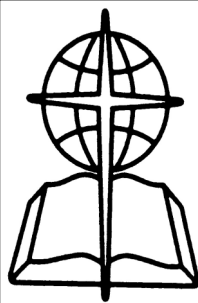


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"I have the daily burden of how the churches are getting along."

2 Cor. 11: 28b

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Dangers of Our Day

Blessed is the one who stays awake.

Revelation 16: 15

"I die every day," (1 Corinthians 15: 31) said the apostle. This was the life of the early Christians; they went everywhere with their lives in their hands. We are not at this time being called to pass through the same fearful persecutions: if we were, the Lord would give us grace to bear the test. But the tests of Christian life, at the present moment, though outwardly not so terrible, are still more likely to overcome us than even those of the fiery age.

We have to bear the sneer of the world—that is small; its flatteries, its soft words, its oily speeches, its fawning, its hypocrisy are far worse. Our danger is that we might grow rich and become proud; we might give ourselves up to the fashions of this present evil world and lose our faith. Or if wealth does not test us, worldly care is quite as mischievous. If we cannot be torn in pieces by the roaring lion, we may be hugged to death by the bear.

The devil cares very little which it is, as long as he destroys our love for Christ and our confidence in Him. I am afraid that the Christian church is far more likely to lose her integrity in these soft and easy days than in those rougher times. We must stay awake now, for we are crossing enchanted ground and are most likely to fall asleep to our own ruin, unless our easy-believism are likely to prove to be tares, and not wheat; hypocrites with attractive masks on their faces, but not the true-born children of the living God.

Christian, do not think that these are times in which you can dispense with watchfulness or with holy ardor; you need these things more than ever, and may God the eternal Spirit display His omnipotence in you, that you may be able to say, in all these softer things as well as in the rougher, "We are more than conquerors through him who loved us," (Romans 8:37)

These words from Charles Haddon Spurgeon (19 June 1834-31 January 1892). He was an English Particular Baptist preacher. His words are still relevant today or maybe more so. Here is the challenge from Romans 13: 11-14 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. 12) The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. 13) Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

To this let me add the admonition of God's Spirit found in Colossians 4: 5 "Be wise in the way you act toward those who are outside the-Christian faith. Make the most of your opportunities."

Annual Bibb Spring Revival

May 22-24 @

Bethel Baptist Church

Sunday @ 6:00 PM

Monday & Tuesday @ 7:00 PM

Preaching Sunday: John Nicholson, Siloam

Music: Four Points Praise Team

Preaching Monday: Tony Reynolds, Randolph

Music: Centreville Baptist's,

Christian Dellinger

Preaching Tuesday: Ken Blake, New Life

Music: Community Baptist's,

Gary Smitherman



2021-2022

<u>Church Contributions</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Yearly Total</u>
Antioch	103.00	737.00
Ashby		3,947.03
Bethel	100.00	800.00
Bethlehem	94.35	536.70
Bibbville	517.20	2,160.54
Blocton Third	75.00	525.00
Braehead	66.25	637.96
Brent	631.78	6,127.76
Cahaba Valley		116.08
Calvary		600.00
Camp Branch		
Centreville	1,233.65	9,362.83
Community		
Eoline		200.00
FBC Woodstock	1,270.07	8,426.91
Four Points	524.25	5,000.61
Haysop	463.38	1,784.51
Johntown	77.05	608.25
Lowerytown	1,294.05	3,778.40
Lucile		694.00
Marvel		
Mt. Carmel	119.28	1,752.10
Mt. Moriah		
Mt. Zion		
New Hebron	99.20	1,057.58
Old Union		
Pineview	469.00	4,409.00
Pondville	146.50	1,929.80
Randolph	738.57	5,054.17
Rehobeth	194.25	790.23
Schultz Creek	711.80	3,956.54
Shady Grove		2,422.00
Shady Grove 2		
Six Mile	221.71	2,122.51
Smith Hill		600.00
Thomas Mill	230.52	1,036.33
West Blocton 1st	200.00	800.00
Anonymous	150.00	990.00
TOTALS	\$ 9,730.86	\$ 63,335.98
ALSBOM	443.08	4,430.80
OTHER		1,538.00
MORTGAGE PAYMENT	500.00	4,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 10,673.94	\$ 83,035.64