

Services: Sunday School 9:45am

Sunday Evening Service 6:00pm

Worship Service 11:00am

Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

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Blessed Beacon

WORD FROM PASTOR RORRER.....

Seeking Souls and the Spirit-filled Church

In Matthew 6:33, our Savior instructs, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”



Christians are to always be growing. The immeasurable depth of God means that we are ever searching, learning, and growing. The joyful truth of God is that no one knows it all. Some have many more years of study and can serve as sources of teaching, but no one can claim to understand God. He is higher, wider, deeper, and richer than our understanding can grasp.

A successful church is a gathering of seeking souls. Every eye is searching. Every mind is studying. Every soul is seeking. We seek the kingdom of God each time we walk through the doors. We understand that God is the audience we seek, while sitting in the cushioned comfort of a warm building. We understand that He hears all, not just the pastor. We seek Him through the prayers we raise, the hymns we sing, and our presence in worship. We honor Him with work and service. We seek Him through fellowship with our brothers and sisters, as they also seek Him.

We seek God’s kingdom through prayer and meditation. Personal prayer and meditation are required when seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness. Focused time to commune with God, making requests and listening for His response, while acting on His instruction, develops our relationship with Him. Like all relationships, a neglected and poorly attended relationship with God is a weak relationship.

We seek God’s kingdom through the study of His Word. Reading is a start, but study is the key. No one understands the Bible simply by reading. Ask any student of the Bible – as more is learned, more is left to learn. It’s a beautifully layered and nuanced book. Each reading reveals new learning. People who want to understand math study the concepts. People who want to understand history study many sources. Those who want to understand God study His Word.

We seek God’s kingdom through humble fellowship with other believers. 1 John 4:21 tells us that he who loves God must love his brother also. Hebrews 10:25 speaks of assembling together and not neglecting fellowship. Philippians 2:2 reminds us that we are to be humble in this fellowship, seeking unity and peace, from a place of love born of God.



A warm-hearted church with a simple focus: Jesus, family, friends.



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Matthew 18:20 -
For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

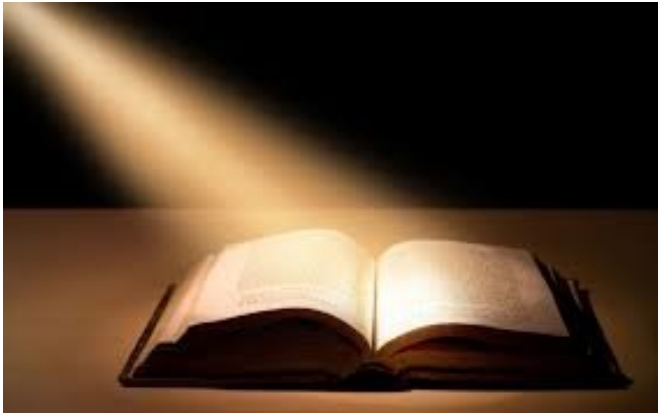


Seeking the kingdom of God therefore is both an individual and community pursuit. We seek through prayer and meditation individually. Study takes both an individual and community approach. Fellowship can only be done in community, bringing the gifts received through individual prayer, meditation, and study to enrich the worship of our fellow believers. Each believer is called to enrich the worship of the church community. Each person is a beautiful thread woven into this tapestry we call Old Lea Bethel Baptist church.

As we move forward at Old Lea Bethel, we realize that the strength of our fellowship is only as strong as our knowledge of God. Our communal journey will only be as great as the seeking we have done individually. All relationship with God is individual. It's only through individual relationship with God, through Jesus His Son, that we develop the humility, love, peace, and long suffering required to build a ministry with community impact. Seek first the kingdom of God and spiritual success beyond expectation will be added to each individual, as well as the church we all love and call home.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Our Sunday school is undergoing some exciting changes. While tradition remains strong, classes are given much freedom to choose materials and class style. With James Ball encouraging the teachers, we have achieved high attendance goals and continue to experience growth. Thanks to all the teachers for making this happen!!



DEACON'S CORNER

Serving the members of Old Lea Bethel is such a pleasure. Each member is encouraged to speak with any of the Deacons (James, Gene, Robin) when needs arise. Our attention is currently focused on upcoming events such as the Revival and the Car Show. In addition, we continue to work to address facility needs. We're excited with the Spiritual growth in the church. May God continue to richly bless.



SPRING REVIVAL!

MAY 5TH 9:45AM, 6:00 PM

**MAY 6TH—8TH 7:00PM (LIGHT
DINNER @ 6:00 PM)**

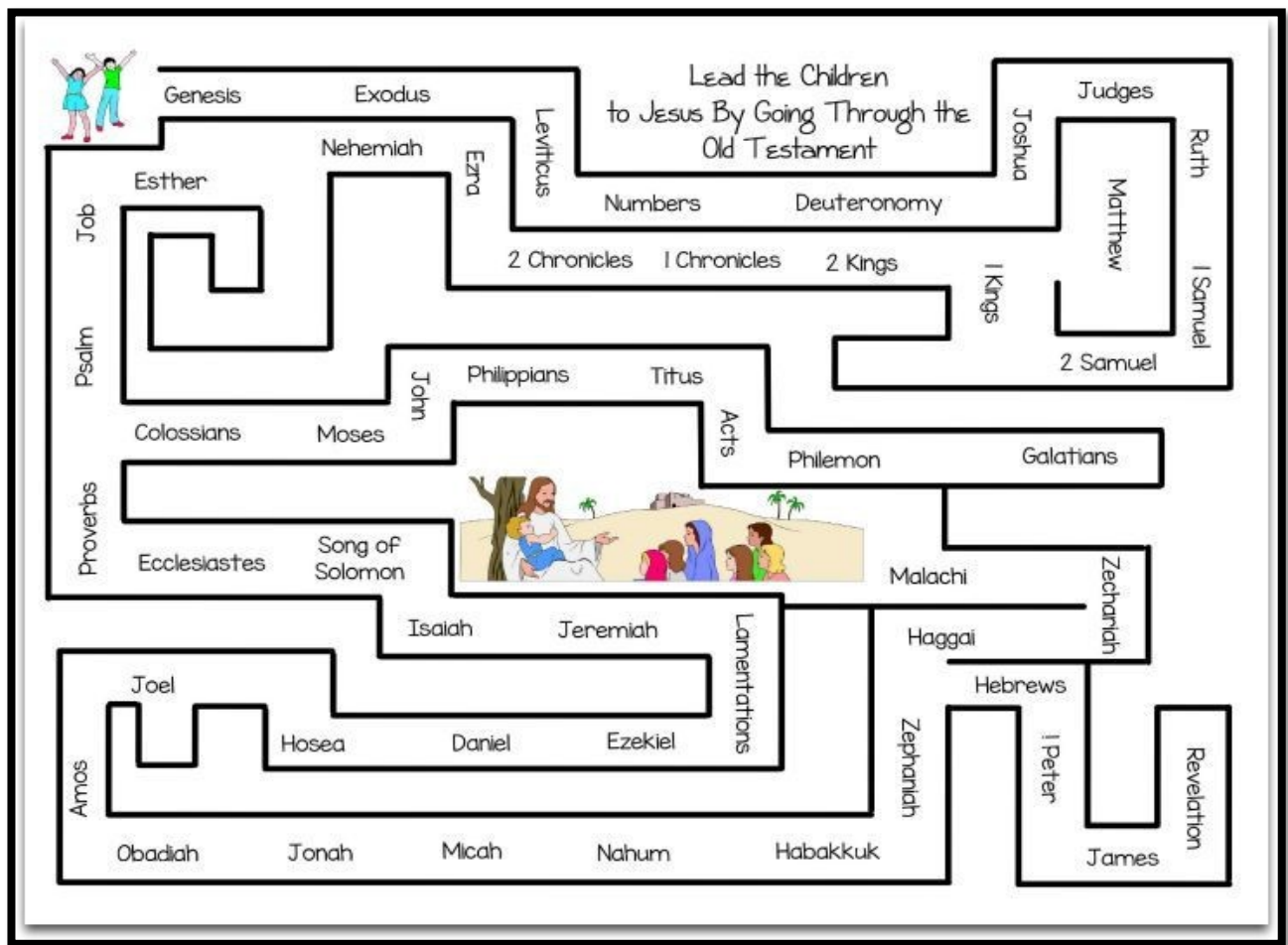
Ephesians 4:32

*³² Be kind and
compassionate to
one*

Another

*,forgiving each
other, just as in
Christ God forgave
you.*

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Because Jonah repented and prayed to God, he was delivered from the fish. Then he obeyed God by going on to Ninevah.



Angella Aiken, Member since 2018

TESTIMONY

The way my life was before I found Jesus Christ. I suffered from depression and anxiety. During that time in my life I believed in Jesus. Although I didn't know the impact that he had over my life. I was baptized but not saved.

During the time, I was dating my now husband. Every now and then a neighbor of ours would drop by Mrs. Lounelle Tally and invite me to attend her church. I would except the offer but sadly not attend, until the time came when I felt an overwhelming feeling to attend. I was attending regularly to a church again, a place where I felt excepted. I become a member and then I was baptized in, although I was not saved by the blood of the lamb. I would hear the preacher preach on different scriptures and he would say to the congregation "Who here accepts Jesus Christ as their personal savior?" At the end of each hour he would also say "If there is anyone that would like to come forward for prayer or commit yourself to Christ, please come at this time." At that moment I was say to myself "I believe in Jesus, walk up front and commit yourself." Although I wouldn't walk up front, fear held me back. Looking back on it now, I let fear take over me. It clearly states in the bible 365 times or more "Do not fear." James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

A wail went by I started to listen to a popular radio station KLOVE. I was introduced to this station by my brother Scott, he would listen to nothing but this station. At this particular time the radio host announced a challenge, to listen to nothing but Christian music for 30 days, "A challenge that would change my life forever, although I didn't know it at the time." I was up for the challenge.

TESTIMONY

I hope to never forget, the summer of 2013. I accepted Jesus in my heart fully and washed me clean. I prayed to God, one of the most powerful prayers that I have even prayed. The moment I said Amen, every sin was washed away, I accepted Him is my personal savior. Jesus filled me with beautiful peace. A moment I'll forever treasure between a father and a daughter. All of the depression that I was carrying throughout many years and anxiety was washed clean, I was a new person, a child of God. At that moment I knew God was with me the entire time, I just didn't fully let him in. All the times when I wanted to end my life, Jesus was the one that stepped in and didn't let those bad choices happen. He knew there was more for me in this life.

In the last few days of my brother's life, that devil tried so hard to get the best of me. Anxieties become overwhelming and depression started to creep in. This time I did what Jesus, told me to do "Go to him." For the first time in my life, I read the bible to my brother. Psalm 23:1-6 I didn't think he could hear me when I read to him. After reading to him I said to him "Scott I'd rather it be me in this bed dying of cancer instead of you, because you have so much to life for." I still didn't think he could hear me. I continued to read the bible to him, when I was finished he spoke, "I know you would Gee, this is my valley." He spoke with a smile. Scott spoke of things I've never told anyone, I asked "how do you of these things, Scott?" Scott smiled, and I said, "Jesus is in this room, isn't he?" Scott smiled, I smiled and leaned in to kiss him on the forehead. Again, my life had transformed once again. My faith in the Lord grew much stronger, you don't have to see him physically to believe that Jesus is real, GOD'S NOT DEAD!

Yes, I have moments... I am still learning to give it all to him. Though I still struggle, I am still a sinner, we all are. I am nowhere near perfect but he's perfectly in love with me. And since then I am a outspoken Christian, I will share his word, love and grace to anyone that'll listen. Although it's up to you to take that first step. Do you want to continue to go down this negative path in your life or do you want ever lasting life in Christ?

It's never too late to except Jesus Christ as your personal savior...

If my testimony can impact one person's life, like it did mine, then I would accomplish what he set out for me to do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5- Old Fashioned Day – Details soon!

May 5 – 8 – Spring Revival –Sunday 6:00 pm, Mon-Wed Dinner 6:00 pm & Worship 7:00 pm! Craig Willingham is our speaker.

May 11—Pearls & Memories - 12:30—all ladies welcome!

May 12—Mothers Day

May 25 – OLB Car Show – details coming soon!

June 23-27 – VBS!! Farm Fresh Faith is our theme!

Sept 8 – 3rd Annual Fellowship Day – details soon

GOD'S CHILD SPOTLIGHT

MEET YOUR CONGREGATION!

Name:

Patty Moore Carver

Member Since: **1979**

Originally From:

Washington, DC

Favorite Animal: **Dog**

Favorite Old Lea Memory:

So many memories to choose from. One would have to be when we had a new year celebration and painted the flags that now hang in the fellowship hall.



If you'd like to contribute to the Blessed Beacon or have an idea you'd like to see highlighted, please contact Angella Aiken or Jennifer Figgs.

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