

Kindred Lines

Newsletter of the Alexandría Baptist Church September 2024

Hello Church family,

You wonder sometimes, don't you? Am I a good dad, mom, child, friend, person - Christian...

My daughter gave me this booklet last week. It's called "Letters to my Dad."

You follow a prompt with your own words.

From you I learned the importance of - "Being kind. Not a bone in your body screams hate. You care for people selflessly...."

I love that our family is - So compassionate. You are, besides God, the greatest example in our lives and we strive to be a little more like you every day."

One thing I Admire about you is - "The way you love mom... You really set the standards I see in men..."

In the future I hope we- "Are still best friends. I know we will be. Everyone knows that. Everyone, and I mean everyone, knows you're my best friend..."

What about Jesus. We fail Him every day. Does He still love us, desire us, care about us? Does He see us struggling? Does He notice our hurts, our trials, our hopes when they lie broken in the dirt? Do our efforts matter?

"For his eyes are on the ways of a man, and he sees all his steps. Job 34:

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"Do not look on his appearance...the Lord looks on the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

Fear not, for I am with you." Isaiah 41:10

No longer do I call you servants, but I have called you friends... John 15:15

There is therefore now no condemnation (disapproval) for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1 (Not once in my entire life has God failed on this promise to me)

I will never leave you nor forsake you." Hebrews 13:5.

Not on your best days nor on your worst days. Not when you are reading your Bible and not when you've messed up again for the hundredth time. Not when you're happy and not when you're sad. Not when you're compassionate and not when you're angry. Not when you've said the wrong thing and not when you've done the wrong thing. Not when you're awake and not when you're asleep.

Never - the most absolute negative adverb.

Forsake - Desert you. Abandon you.

You - all who have accepted Jesus as Lord and
Savior.

The LORD Himself goes before you; He will be with you. No one shall stand against you all the days of your life. Deuteronomy 31:8 and Joshua 1:5
Go forward in faith chosen of God. The world is watching...

Pastor Brian

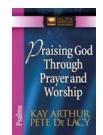


"Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

First practice September 11th at 7:00 pm.

Women's Bible Study Tuesday Night 6:30 P.M.

Starting September 10th



Kay Arthur's Psalm

Hi ladies. Hope everyone had a good break this summer and ready to get back into the book of Psalm. We will start meeting September 10th at 6:30 p.m. We finished up Week 12 of Psalm so work on Week 13 for discussion on the 10th. If you haven't joined us before and would like to, let Michelle know so we can get you a book.

Bible Study

Wednesday Morning 10:00 **Starting September 12**



Dr. David Jeremiah The Book of Signs

We're ready to get started back up on September 11th studying the rest of Dr. Jeremiah's 31 Undeniable Prophecies of the Apocalypse. We are starting Part 4 The Tribulation Signs. So study up and be ready to discuss Chapter 18- Four Riders. As of right now we plan to meet at the church. Even if you haven't met with us before you're welcome to join us. Let Michelle know so we can get you a book. It's a good read and easy to join in.



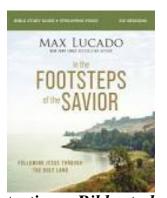
Charley has set aside one more date to do photos if you haven't already had your pictures taken – or if you want a re-take!

> September 15th right after worship September 22nd right after worship.

Charley will begin at 10:30 – and run until all photos have been taken.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall

NEW BIBLE STUDY COMING SOON!



I'll be starting a Bible study either Thursday evening or maybe Thursday or Saturday morning. Going to do a Max Lucado study on

Israel titled,

"In the Footsteps of the Savior; Following Jesus Through the Holy Land"

Let me know which times will work best with most! Sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Brian



QUARTER MISSION 2024 GIVING GOAL: \$1,000.00

Reaching the Next Generation with the Life Changing Message of Jesus Christ

It was great to see Adam and Amy last month, updating us on what they are working on and what they have accomplished this last year with Cru. Adam and Amy consider it a privilege to be in full-time ministry. They feel that the Lord has called them to influence young people through the ministry of Cru Coaching Center. They get to be a part of Jesus transforming lives as they mentor college and high school students in their walks with God and help enable them to build movements to reach their peers here and in Macedonia. The Burkey's were over in Macedonia for close to 20 years and then came back home to Alexandria to work here for the Cru Center in America. They still do a summer mission where they return to Macedonia in Croatia area to still help the centers there.

Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of ALL nations. Today's students will be leaders of the nation's tomorrow. That is why Cru focuses most of their energy on students, because students have so much potential to influence. Also, students are at a time in their lives where they are making decisions that set the course of the rest of their lives. High school and college is such a crucial time in the life of young people to have opportunities to put their faith in Jesus and learn to walk with Him. In light of these truths, Cru has strategies in place to help the body of Christ get to each school and every student.



September - October Mini Mission Baskets For Our Homebound

We have several members that due to health issues, not able to drive, or other issues are not able to join us Sunday mornings, but miss seeing us. We want them to know we miss them also and keep them in our prayers. So, September and October we'd like to do a collection of money where we can buy items or food collections to put together baskets for Thanksgiving time. If you'd like to make a monetary contribution, please mark check or cash in envelope "food baskets".

If you wish to contribute food (please check expiration dates to make sure the dates are several months away) or other supplies (personal items, notecards, postage stamps etc.) you can put them in the tub in the Fellowship Hall. Food items can be cans of soups , canned vegetables, individual packaged items, like granola bars, fruit, cups, snack cakes, Jell-O. pudding, cups, chips, candy bars, Ensure, Instant mashed potatoes, dressing/stuffing, etc. we can split up multi pack packages between the baskets. These are just a few suggestions but sure you can think of others. In November our youth will be taking Sunday School time to put the baskets together and deliver them to these members' homes close to Thanksgiving time. Have fun thinking of our homebound.



Results from fair week!

Ava Lycans - She placed 5th in class for hog showmanship, 2nd in class with her barrow

Olivia Lycans – She penned for hog showmanship but just out of ribbon contention, 5th in class with her barrow, 2nd in class with her gilt

Lyla Lycans – She placed honorable mention in hog showmanship, 3rd in class with her gilt, 3rd in class with her lamb.

Jaxson Lycans – He placed first year showing and got 5th in class with his lamb



Offering Information:

In keeping up with the changing times, we would like to let you know that you can donate to the Church electronically. The easiest and most secure way to give electronically to the church with no fees is to use your bank's bill pay system like you would do for all your household bills. We have looked at using several online apps for donations and have found that they charge for their service. For setting up your bank's online payments use the following information.

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You may pay weekly or monthly whichever way fits your budget.

ADULT Education Workshop



Please mark your calendar for Sunday, <u>September 22nd from 5:30 – 7:30</u>

for pizza, salad, and dessert and our next Adult Education Workshop. The topic is "Why is the Church Failing". It's hard to find a Bible-believing church anymore – instead, many churches are looking and sounding just like the world. So what's going on? We'll use scripture to analyze some current trends, headlines, and events, and try to connect some dots regarding:

- Challenges of our time and culture that are impacting the church.
- Some reasons why churches are failing.
- What we might expect as we near the return of Christ.
- How we can live faithfully and courageously in dark times.

This is a great time to be alive, and to have the ability to share Christ and impact our circles of influence with Biblical truth. Even though we face evil that's ramping up by the day, our great God is perfect in His timing and plans for His people. Come and be encouraged by the fellowship of church family as we learn together. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we know how many to prepare for.