

The Challenges We Face

By Phil Sanders

“But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24).

Paul faced many challenges in preaching the gospel to the Gentiles. Paul wrote that when he came to Macedonia, “our flesh had no rest, but we were afflicted on every side: conflicts without, fears within” (2 Corinthians 7:5). “I have been in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. Apart from such external things, there is the daily pressure on me of concern for all the churches” (2 Corinthians 11:27-29).

While I cannot claim to have suffered as did the apostle Paul, I do know about sleepless nights far from home and the daily pressure of concern for all the churches. My travels and connections keep me in constant contact with many brethren far and near. I mourn when I hear of church closures or church splits. I mourn churches falling away from the truth into lawless ways.

Batsell Barrett Baxter wrote, “The challenges which face us are enormous. But when we consider that one life is saved for Christ is worth all the efforts, all the heartbreak, all the trials that make our task difficult, then we cheerfully take up these challenges.”

We must return to and focus on Scripture. The word of God is the truth that sanctifies us (John 17:17). It is our standard and pattern for the Christian life. Paul wrote, “Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1:13).



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

8/10/25

Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers

Opening prayer- Lyle Russell

Communion- Wayne Fowler

Closing Prayer- Ed Haltom

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Lyle Russell

Opening prayer- John Chisley

Communion- Paul Simpson

Closing Prayer- Damien Miller

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

— Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

— **Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

— **Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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IN DOING GOOD,
FOR AT THE PROPER TIME
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Galatians 6:9

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BLUE CHAIR BLESSING

Please Pray For:

Billy Granger, Gracie Aaron, Sandy VanLoon & Jacob Blondin, Matthew, Mina, & Mae Fricke, Mary Wyatt, Lynn Urban, Debbie Grice, Carolyn Jones, Samuel Costello, Mary Taylor, Luella & Kendle Jacobs, Pam Few, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Martha Maxwell, Glenda Wells.

Bereaved: Family of Martha Hodge, Virginia Chisley, Barbara Boyer.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garriss, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



August Birthdays

2 - Larry Silmon
3 - Branson Wells
4 - Brenda Fricke
6 - Sandy Van Loon
8 - Kaylen Hill
8 - Mandy Magee
8 - Travis Rodgers
20 - Leo Goodwin
26 - Brandon Rogers
30 - David Garriss

August Anniversaries

3 - Paul & Wanda Simpson
13 - Jerry & Joyce McDonald

