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The Beacon



September 2010



One Hour On Sunday: Making it Count!

Training for
 Sunday School & Bible Study Leaders
 Sponsored by the WRBA Church Development Team

To be held at
 First Baptist Church, Mountain Home
 400 Club Blvd.

Sunday, September 19, 2010

Lunch by reservation: 12:30 pm

[Call the WRBA or FBC at 425-6961 by September 13]

Seminars: 1:00-3:30



Our Annual Fish Fry will
 be September 26th at 6:30 pm.
 Bring your favorite sides and/or dessert
 for some good fellowship with church friends.



The children's choir will have
 their kickoff party on September 8th
 at 5:00 pm. Look forward to
 seeing you then.



SEPTEMBER RECORDS



	<u>August 1</u>	<u>August 8</u>	<u>August 15</u>	<u>August 22</u>	<u>August 29</u>
Sunday School:	97	118	114	96	118
9:00 am Worship:	86	64	60	77	81
11:00 am Worship:	108	87	88	132	84
Evening Worship:	51	70	42	52	41
Offering:	\$4253.00	\$3572.40	\$5162.90	\$5258.22	\$3688.50



"Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on that I may lay hold of that which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you."

Philippans 3: 12-15 (NKJV)

What are we to do after a long time of service? Are we to retire? Do we quit? Do we need to reinvent ourselves? Paul, toward the close of his life, gave us an example to follow. He had worked tirelessly for many years in sharing the gospel of Jesus, planting churches and writing scripture. He had, for all this labor of love, been beaten, jailed, shipwrecked, stoned and ran out of town on several occasions. What did he do? He kept pressing on.

If we are to be found faithful and if we are to hear Jesus say "well done" we too must keep going. But how? Paul tells us how in these verses.

First he says remember why Jesus saved you. God has a divine purpose and plan for our lives. In a nutshell, it is for us to fill our place in furthering his kingdom and thus bringing him glory.

In order to do that, we must forget our past. Both the failures and the victories can immobilize us for the present and the future.

Finally he tells us to keep looking to the future. The prize is before us, not behind. The upward call of God in Christ Jesus helps keep us focused on living life and liking it. We must not be distracted. Our gaze must be fixed upon Jesus. Our walk must be with him and our priority must be his kingdom and his righteousness. Peace and contentment come from living for him not from living for ourselves. Join us as a church as we pursue God's call upon us as a body of believers. Recommit yourself to giving of your time, your talents and your tithe in service to our Savior.

Your Pastor,

Bro. Gary