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SEPTEMBER 27, SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM Worship Service 10:00 - 10:45 AM

SEPTEMBER 30, WEDNESDAY

- No meal
- Prayer meeting will be in the sanctuary (6:00 6:45 PM)
- Youth worship (6:00 7:00 PM)
- Kid's WOW (6:00 6:45 PM) Children's choir will resume on October 7.
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 6:45 PM

REMEMBER WE WILL PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ARE ENCOURAGING OUR **CONGREGATION TO WEAR A MASK**

COMING UP WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7! Wednesday Night Suppers Resume! Things you need to know:

- 1. The menu will be Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert, Children's Menu: Chicken Nuggets and Chips and will be served in carryout containers with individually wrapped plastic utensils, napkin, salt and pepper.
- 2. Drinks will no longer be self-serve.
- 3. Payment Options: deposit your check or cash (EXACT CHANGE ONLY) in the box provided, or use the Shelby app (select Wednesday Night Supper Fund). Youth-Adults-\$5.00, Children-\$3.00 Family Maximum—\$20.00
- 4. Please call the church office to make your reservations.
- 5. Seating will be limited to allow for social distancing.
- Servers are needed. Please contact Sarah to volunteer.

FROM OUR MINISTER TO STUDENTS:

This comes as very little surprise for most of you reading but I am a big fan of Star Wars. I remember, as a child not much older than my daughter is now, my dad introducing me to the original Star Wars movie that came out in 1977. I was probably around 5 or 6 and, obviously, I didn't understand certain parts of it. I didn't understand the technical jargon used to describe the flying ships or laser swords. I didn't understand how much of the movie was grossly in violation of many of the laws of physics. All I knew was Luke Skywalker was the good guy, Darth Vader was the bad guy, the good guys won, and I loved it. I knew that for 121 minutes, I was able to get lost in a world that was not my own. I remember watching the movie then going outside and pretending that I was Luke Skywalker blowing up the Death Star or that some random stick I picked up out of the yard was my light sa-

As I've gotten older, I've found my imagination getting smaller and smaller. I cannot remember the last time I went to my backyard, picked up a stick, and pretended it was a light saber. I cannot remember the last time I poured myself an imaginary glass of drink and had a party with my imaginary friends. Adults don't do things like that and rightfully so. If an adult offered me an imaginary glass of tea rather than something real to drink, I'd assume they were either joking with me or possibly needed to be institutionalized. As we get older and mature, we no longer allow ourselves to become immersed fully in fictitious worlds. Our imagination diminishes and we become entrenched in ourselves. We might allow ourselves temporarily to get wrapped up in a movie, book, or even sporting event but we quickly find ourselves back in our world because our world is too important to abandon for long.

Don't get me wrong, we need to remain fully locked into reality. It's ok to enjoy fiction works of art but it shouldn't go any further than that. John 10:10 says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Within the context of this passage, Jesus is reminding us to flee from sin and the Enemy because all that offers is pain and death while he offers life to the fullest. As we grow, we get fully locked into our own life, our own reality, what is important to us. This is not necessarily a bad thing but within our own world, we must constantly remind ourselves that it is not our world. Your family is not yours. Your job is not yours. Your health and wealth and successes and victories are not yours. These are all gifts from God and should be used for His glory. "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." Because of this beautiful truth, we are called to give our life back to Him. Everything about who we are is to be used to point back to Christ, to give Him glory.

OTHNIEL: ISRAEL'S FIRST JUDGE

Judges 3:7-11

- 1. The Irony of God's <u>Judgement</u>. (7-8).
- 2. The Mercy of God's **Salvation**. (9-11).



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TEXT GIVING. The number for text giving is 601-340-9409.

Budget Receipts to date

Type HBC in the message. Contact Rick Snowden (<u>rick@highlandbaptist.net</u>, 601.917.6335).

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Ray Jenkins, Phil Jenkins and Barry Gough in the death of their brother-in-law and uncle.

...Mrs. Mary McDonald in the death of her son.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIAL

IN MEMORY OF MRS. JERRY HEBLON BY: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayer.



THE ARK TRIP

If you are interested in The Ark Trip (October 29-31, 2020), please contact Dr. Willie Greer, 601.486.3027 or Bobbie Vick, 601.483.4082. Anyone is welcome to go!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

Budget	16,393.75	CDC Req. to date	883,814.26
Child Development Center	.00	(38@23.258.27)	005,014.20
Designated	939.00	CDC Receipts to date	702,016.50
Total	17,332.75	CDC Reccipts to date	702,010.30
Budget Reg. to date (38@22,740.93)	864,155.34	SS ATTENDANCE	220

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

241

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