

# Capitol Baptist CAPTIONS

Church Activities

JANUARY 2, 2026

- › **LADIES' WINTER TEA - SAT., JANUARY 10**
  - › At 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall
  - › For ladies 7th grade and above
  - › Bring your own teacup and a finger food to share!
  - › Sign up at the Welcome Center.
- › **VISITING MISSIONARY - SUN., JANUARY 11**
  - › Missionary Chad Pape (to the Dominican Republic)
  - › Presenting & preaching in the evening service
- › **SEMINARY CLASSES BEGIN - TUE., JANUARY 20**
  - › First day of spring semester classes
- › **MEN'S RETREAT - FRI.-SAT., JANUARY 23-24**
  - › At The Promised Land Camp in Conestoga, Pennsylvania
  - › \$60 per person (non-CBC members)
  - › CBC Member Cost: \$50 per adult, \$30 per young man ages 12-17
- › **GUEST SPEAKER - SUN., JANUARY 25**
  - › Dr. Mike Edwards (all day)

## Weekly Events

### SUNDAYS

Sunday School at 9:45 AM  
Morning Service at 11:00 AM  
Evening Service at 6:00 PM

### TUESDAYS

Seminary Class at 6:15 PM

### WEDNESDAYS

Prayer Meeting at 7:00 PM  
King's Kids (age 3 to 6th grade) at 7:00 PM

### THURSDAYS

Seminary First Class at 6:15 PM  
Seminary Second Class at 7:35 PM

### SATURDAYS

Soul-Winning & Visitation at 10:00 AM

## WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE - PART 2

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 | Pastor T. H. Moore

In our last newsletter, we began to look at this passage in 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, and in this passage, we read a phrase that the apostle Paul used when he was penning this epistle to the church at Thessalonica. The phrase is found in verse 13, where we read, "To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints." The phrase is, "To the end..." Paul desired of these church members that they would remain faithful to the end. This is speaking of the end of their earthly journey.

The Bible is very clear, and our experience viewing the lives of others confirms, that all of us are going to die one day. Hebrews 9:27 says, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment." For the believer, what will matter most at the end of this life is what we have done for the cause of Christ in this world. When the apostle Paul was about to leave this world, he penned in 2 Timothy 4:6-8, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." Would to God that be the testimony of all of us!

Last week, we began to look at some truths from our text and from the life of the apostle Paul that would help us all finish well. We began by looking at:

### I. Paul's Delight (vs. 9)

From this verse, we learned

that the apostle Paul delighted in seeing others advance and grow spiritually. His life was not about himself. His life was about the Lord and about others. This week, let's consider:

### II. Paul's Desire (vs. 10-12)

We read in these verses, "Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith? Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you. And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you." Paul had a great desire to be

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to be used of God?*

used for the work of God. Paul's overwhelming desire was to be used of God! This was evident immediately after he got saved. We read of Paul's conversion in Acts 9:1-6, and immediately after he got saved, he asked the Lord in verse 6, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" His greatest fear was that the Lord would make him "a castaway" or put him on a shelf. We read in 1 Corinthians 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection; lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." To the apostle Paul, serving the Lord was not something he took lightly. He did not see it as a hobby, or something he did just on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Paul believed that serving the Lord was all of life!

Paul's desire to be used of God is seen in two ways in this passage:

### A. In His Prayer for Them (vs. 10)

Verse 10 tells us, "Night and day praying exceedingly ...." Paul was unable to be there with them physically, so he knew that the next best thing was to pray for them. He prayed for them night and day. While some believers, particularly senior saints, may not be able to do some of the physical things that they used to do for the Lord, they can pray! They may not be physically able to serve in the bus ministry, go to a foreign mission field, knock on doors to witness, or stand up and preach a sermon—but they can pray for those who do! A person that desires to be used of God will pray for others!

### B. In His Passion for Them (vs. 12-13a)

To Paul, these converts were not just statistics to be reported of in his next prayer letter. They were not notches on his belt that showed the converts that he had. These were people for which Paul had a passion. He cared for them! In verse 12, we read that he desired for them to grow spiritually, abound in love one toward another, and abound in love toward all men. In verse 13, we read that his desire was for their hearts to be "stablished." That word *stablished* means *to be set or fixed firmly*. He wanted to see them again so that he could be a blessing to them even more. His passion was to be used of God in any way possible! What is your passion?

## Join us in prayer for...

- EASTON BAPTIST CHURCH
- FIRST STATE BAPTIST CHURCH: *wisdom for transfer of property*
- GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH IN SMYRNA: *God's leadership for new pastor & pulpit fill*
- FUTURE CHURCH PLANT: *Haitian church plant*
- LABORERS FOR THE HARVEST (MATT. 9:38)
- PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT: *financial need to be met; approval for additional paving*
- JESSICA BARANOWSKI: *home recovering from respiratory issues*
- BOBBY BIBLE: *upcoming medical test for pinched nerves in back*
- NOEL BUCKLEY: *treatment of cancer*
- ROSA CARTER: *health, encouragement, & treatment of recurring cancer*
- DAKU FAMILY: *ministry direction; Scot—two aneurysms, angiogram on Tuesday, January 13*
- PETER EILERT: *upcoming surgical procedure*
- ESTER FOXX: *recovery from a fall & hip repair surgery*
- ROBINSON & SELAM GRESSEAU: *paperwork, safe travels, & eventual move*
- LAURA LUCKENBACH: *back surgery recovery*
- DOT MEGONIGAL: *health concerns; surgery recovery*
- BESSIE MORRIS: *recovery from a fall & blood clots*
- DR. JOHN O'MALLEY: *treatment of CRPS*
- PERKUCHIN FAMILY: *bereavement—homegoing of Amanda's father; funeral service on Saturday, January 3*
- HEATHER REECE: *cochlear implant surgery (January 6)*
- MARK REECE: *diagnosed with cancer in advanced stages*
- CHRISTINE REEVES: *bereavement—sudden passing of her son*
- JENNIFER WHEELER: *healing from uterine cancer*
- BARBARA: *breast cancer, surgery recovery (V.Gail Myers' sister)*



**CHRISTINE REEVES**  
**Bereavement**

135 Quail Landing Circle  
Magnolia, DE 19962

Please pray for Christine this week, as her son suddenly passed away about a week before Christmas. Consider sending her a note of encouragement!



**SOULWINNING/DISCIPLESHIP**  
*Praise the Lord for faithful bus ministry workers!*

**CHURCH SERVICES**  
9 visitors



**Ladies' Winter Tea**

Saturday, January 10 • 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

7th grade & above \* Bring your own teacup & a finger food to share! \* Please sign up if you plan to attend!

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## From the Mission Field / Help Ministry

NATHAN & JEWELL LEIERER - PORTLAND, OREGON

December 2025 (Excerpts)

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

As we look back over this year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the goodness of God and for each of you who have stood with us in prayer, encouragement, and sacrificial support. It has been a year of changes, trials, and wonderful victories. ... The Lord has continually proven Himself faithful to our family and to Arise Baptist Church here in Portland, Oregon.

**Growth in Our Church Family:** Arise Baptist Church continues to move forward one step at a time. While we have not seen a large increase in visitors this year, we have witnessed spiritual growth among our regular attenders. In a city like Portland, where many people have little to no spiritual background, the steady growth of believers is a victory in which to rejoice.

One tremendous blessing this year was the Lord providing a meeting space to lease on Barbur Blvd. The Lord also provided new chairs to fill this space through generous giving of several churches. The shipment arrived on September 19, and our church family has been enjoying them ever since. We are grateful beyond words ... to see God provide so specifically.

We have also expanded our outreach efforts at Portland State University. Being present on campus has allowed us to have meaningful conversations with students. Our desire is to build a long-term presence at PSU and eventually in other colleges in our area. Please continue praying that God would open doors, soften hearts, and lead us to students who are searching for truth.

**Steady Progress in Ministry:** This year has been full of preaching, teaching, discipleship, and counseling. Our church family, though small, continues to grow in unity and purpose. We are currently working through teaching on the Lord's Supper, church membership, and baptism in preparation for observing our first Lord's Table as a church family. It is our desire to build strong biblical footing in every area so that this body grows the way God wants. These are small steps, but they are meaningful ones.

**A Year Marked by God's Provision:** Perhaps the greatest reminder of God's faithfulness came through allowing us to purchase a home this fall. A sudden waterline break in July in our rental home caused us to look at houses for sale in our area with more interest. The Lord led us to the perfect home for our family and opened every door necessary at just the right time. Within weeks, the Lord provided the house for us to purchase, and by early September, we were able to move in. The rental company graciously waived all lease-break fees and kept only a very small portion of the deposit. It has been a tremendous blessing and a perfect provision for our growing family. We are so thankful for God's kindness in this season of change.

**Family Update:** Jewell is now in her third trimester, and we are prayerfully expecting the arrival of our newest little one between Christmas and the New Year. This pregnancy has been more challenging than previous ones, particularly with the added load of gestational diabetes and caring for six children at home while balancing homeschooling and ministry. Yet the Lord has given her the strength needed each day. We covet your prayers for a healthy and safe delivery in these coming weeks.

Our children have adjusted well to the new home, and the Lord has blessed them in many ways. This fall, the older four began music lessons: Jadeyn on the cello, Jedidiah & Jackson on the piano, and Jeremiah on the violin. It is encouraging to watch them grow in discipline and skill, and we pray these gifts will be used for the Lord over time. Meanwhile, the younger two keep our home lively and crazy, and the anticipation of a new baby has been exciting for everyone. Balancing ministry, homeschooling, and family life is sometimes overwhelming, yet the Lord has continually strengthened us. We are thankful for the health, protection, and daily provision He has given. ...

The Leierer Family,  
Nathan & Jewell (Jadeyn, Jedidiah, Jeremiah, Jackson, Jeanette, Janelle, & Baby)

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