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Pastor's column

I Am A Church Member Covenant Pledge



Ed Sandefur

(Taken from *I Am A Church Member* by Thom S. Rainer)

I am a church member.

I like the metaphor of membership. It's not membership as in a civic organization or country club. It's the kind of membership given to us in 1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now you are the body of Christ, an individual members of it". Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, whether I am an "eye", an "ear", or a "hand". As a functioning member, I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will evangelize, I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. I will remember that "if another member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all members rejoice with it". (1Cor. 12:26).

I am a church member.

I will seek to be a source of unity in the church. I know that there are no perfect pastors, staff, or other members. But neither am I. I will not be a source of gossip or dissension. One of the greatest contributions I can make is to do all I can to God's power to help keep the Church in unity for the sake of the Gospel.

I am a church member.

I will not let the church be about my preferences and desires. That is self-serving. I am in this church to serve other and to serve Christ. My Savior went to a cross for me. I can deal with any inconveniences and matters that are just not my preference or style.

I am a church member.

I will pray for my pastor every day. His work is never-ending. His day is filled with constant demands for his time, with the need to prepare sermons, with those who are rejoicing to births, with those who are traveling through the valley of the shadow of death, with critics, with the hurts and hopes of others, with the need to a husband and a father. My pastor cannot serve our church in his own power. I will pray for God's strength for him and his family every day.

I am a church member.

I will lead my family to be good members of this church as well. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us fall deeper in love with this church, because He gave His life for her.

I am a church member.

This membership is a gift. When I received the free gift of salvation through Jesus Christ, I became a part of the body of Christ. I soon thereafter identified with a local body and was baptized. And now I am humbled and honored to serve and to love others in our church. I pray that I will never take my membership for granted, but see it as a gift and an opportunity to serve others and to be a part of something so much greater than any one person or member.

I am a Church member.

And I thank God I am.

If you missed the Wednesday night study of *I Am A Church Member*, you missed an inspiring study.

Pastor Ed

**October is
Pastor Appreciation Month**



**BBC loves and appreciates
you Pastor Ed.**



The Fall Festival is for everyone so please come and enjoy just having fun with your church family. You'll be glad you did.



Former pastor Jeff Powell will be the guest preacher for our Homecoming Sunday on November 3. Special music and a few other special elements will be added to the service which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School will begin at the regular 10:00 a.m. time. A covered dish lunch in Saliba Hall will follow the worship service. Meat will be provided. Please

take time to invite people to come and worship and celebrate what God has done and will do through Byromville Baptist Church!



October is World Hunger Month



When Southern Baptists observe their annual World Hunger Sunday on Oct. 13, they will be called to act out the powerful love of Jesus, who the Bible says was "moved with compassion" for people in desperate need.

Scripture recounts several instances, like the one recorded in Matthew 14:14, when Jesus saw a large crowd, was moved with compassion for them, and took powerful action to meet their needs. The Greek word translated 'compassion' refers to tender emotions, deeply felt feelings, or a deep churning in a person's spirit. We might call it "gut wrenching."

That kind of compassion compels a response. Since its inception in 1974, Southern Baptists have given more than \$235 million through their World Hunger Fund to meet hunger needs both at home and abroad. In 2010, more than \$4.5 million was given, but as recently as 2005 Southern Baptists were giving \$6 million a year to the offering.

Hunger needs have not subsided, however. Nor has God's love for hungry people diminished. The SBWHF reaches hungry people in the farthest reaches of the world, helping families survive disaster and famine, providing clean water, improving health and nutrition -- and all along helping people discover how to have hope and purpose in life.

Special offering envelopes are available in October or just write "for world hunger" on your check.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October		1 <i>Pastor Appreciation Month</i> <i>World Hunger Month</i>	2	3	4	5 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>High Attendance Day in Sunday School</i> <i>Pastor Appreciation Day</i> <i>World Hunger Day</i>	14 <i>Columbus Day</i> 	15	16	17	18	19 8:30am Church Work Day
20 Conference after 6pm Worship	21 10:00am Women on Mission (Going out to eat after meeting) 6:30pm GEMS, Terri Gregory's House	22 4:00pm–8:00pm Houston Assn'l Annual Meeting, Lake Blackshear Baptist Church	23	24	25	26
27 Backpack Deadline 5:00pm Fall Festival at Ballfield	28	29	30	31	2013	



Birthdays



10-1 Brandy Elrod
Shani Payne
Juston Trimback
10-2 Paul Bush
Beverly Carroll
Brandi Miller
10-7 Russ Wilkes
10-9 Kenny Fountain
Shannen Payne
10-10 Jessica Jones
10-11 Linda Melton
10-12 Robin James Meadows
10-17 Chuck Bush
10-20 Darlene Brinn

10-20 Johnny Massey
Mary Ellen Wilkes
10-21 Joseph Lamberth
10-22 Jeff Dickerson
10-23 Bryson McCullum
10-24 Katrina West
10-27 Larista Thompson
10-29 Finley Blankenship
10-30 Kate West
11-1 Mary Kathryn Blankenship
11-2 Noah Chappell
11-4 Ginger Carroll
Lynn Murray
Robin Peavy

11-6 Tom Barrett
Rodney Kitchens
Danielle Stephenson
Lynn Woodruff
11-7 Kaleb Elsasser
Scott Everidge
Carla Scarborough
11-8 Garlan Ray Godfrey
11-10 Jason Lamberth

Please pray for these folks on their birthday.

Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

Sunday School. 10AM
Worship. 11AM
Worship. 6PM

WEDNESDAY

Prayer and Bible study. . 7PM



Nursery for all services.
Children's Church for
Sunday 11AM Worship.

Schedule of Volunteers for October

Please remember it is up to **you** to arrange coverage if **you** are unable to serve on your scheduled day.

Date	Flowers	Nursery AM	Nursery PM	Children's Church	Deacon of the Week	Offering Bearers
Oct. 6	Open	Tori/Vicki Lamberth	Katrina West	Robin/Mark Peavy	Jimmy Lockerman	Bob Latimer Kyle West
Oct. 13	Open	Robin/Mark Peavy	Tricia Kent	Tricia/Joe Kent	Arthur Roney	Clinton Brannen Ronnie Hatcher
Oct. 20	Open	Tiffany Arnett Jared Averill	Paula Smith	Clara Sandefur	Frank Thompson	Jarod Averill John-John Averill
Oct. 27	Open	Beth/Arthur Roney	NA	Laura/Keith Lamberth	Floyd Tucker	Frank Thompson Matt Youngblood

September Sunday School Stats

Senior Adults	8
FBIC	11
CIA	7
VOC	5
Young Adults	2
Youth (ages 12-17)	5
Older Children (ages 8-11)	4
Younger Children (ages 6-7)	1
Older Preschoolers	0
Younger Preschoolers	6
Nursery	2
General Officers	2
TOTAL	53

**Our pastor has declared
October 13, 2013 to be
High Attendance Day in Sunday School.**

Financial Summary

<u>August receipts</u>	
General offerings	\$8,251.00
Interest CD	4.24
Special-Mailbox Club	225.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Memorials	875.00
TOTAL	9,455.24

<u>August disbursements</u>	
General expenses	7,681.69
Mailbox Club	816.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Houston Baptist Association	386.55
Cooperative Program	1,005.03
TOTAL	\$ 9,989.27

Sign up to be a Matthew

Be a part of *My Hope with Billy Graham*, a nationwide effort to reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For more information about this see Pastor Ed or visit www.myhopewithbillygraham.org.

Backpacks and shoeboxes

The deadline for the Backpacks for Appalachia is October 27. For more information and what and how to pack your backpack see the bulletin boards or visit www.connectgbc.com/backpacks/.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due Nov. 17. For more information and how to pack your shoebox, see the bulletin boards or visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.

Associational news

Lake Blackshear Church, 650 Coney Road, Cordele, will host this year's annual meeting on October 22 from 4:00pm–8:00pm. Supper is at 5:45pm.

To participate in the *Walk For Jesus* in the Big Pig Jig parade on October 26, meet at 7th Street South, Vienna at 10:00 a.m. HBA will also have a booth at the Big Pig Jig on Nov. 2 sharing cold bottled water and Christian tracts. Call Houston Baptist Center at 273-4127 to sign up to help staff the booth.

Get your tickets, \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door, to the Annie Moses Band Christmas Concert at the Crisp County Middle School, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.anniemosesband.com for more information and to order tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at Houston Baptist Center.

Clean Up, Spruce Up Church Work Day

Inside & Outside
Saturday, Oct. 19
Starting at 8:30am



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