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SEPTEMBER, 2021

MESSAGE FROM CHRIS...

It is We and not They

Most of us would agree that our county, state, country, and world is not in a good place morally and ethically. There are moral and ethical issues now that are unprecedented and widely accepted as a normal part of society. As the church we commonly sit back and point the finger and blame society. Albeit society pushes its beliefs on us, it doesn't give us the right to constantly say, "It is their fault and not mine." There is a "we" part of this; we have a responsibility. We have the responsibility to accept our part of the breakdown in Christian Conservatism.

Daniel 9:5–8 (NIV)

⁵ . . . **we** have sinned and done wrong. **We** have been wicked and have rebelled; **we** have turned away from your commands and laws. ⁶ **We** have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. ⁷ Lord, you are righteous, but this day **we** are covered with shame—the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem and all Israel, both near and far, in all the countries where you have scattered us because of our unfaithfulness to you. ⁸ **We** and our kings, our princes and our ancestors are covered with shame, Lord, because **we** have sinned against you. (Bold and underline added)

Daniel was a righteous man. If you read about him in the book of Daniel, you will see this is true. He refused to eat the king's royal food and drink his wine. He and his friends refused to bow down to a golden statue and were placed in the fiery furnace (only to be supernaturally rescued). Then they refused to stop praying to God when the king produced an edict to do so, and subsequently were thrown into the lions den to once again be rescued supernaturally. So what is the point? The point is, if anyone could have claimed righteousness and not identify with sinners of the day, it would have been Daniel. However, instead of focusing on himself, Daniel chose to humble himself and identify with the people and ultimately say at the end of verse 8, "We have sinned against you."

Let us humble ourselves and take responsibility for our society and go before the only One who can change the direction of our world and say to Him, "We have sinned." We have sinned and we know it (Romans 3:23). Though we may not have individually lowered our moral and ethical standards, we have allowed society to lower theirs; we have been quiet. It all begins and ends with prayer. The time is now—pray! I would like to ask you to join me this September in praying the words found in Daniel 9 throughout the month.


SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

School supplies for Rachel Mann's class room will be collected through Sunday, September 5.

**MISSION PROJECT FOR SEPTEMBER, 2021
WILL BE EMPHASIS ON ABCCM**

ABCCM is always in need of everything. We plan to try to collect as much canned foods, toiletry items, paper products, etc., during September as our mission project for the month. However, ABCCM—Hominy has stated that they are very much in need of three items right now:

- Quick-Cooking Oats
- Self-Rising Flour (in small bags)
- Laundry Detergent (any size container, they can divide it)



Special Reminders:
Members Who Are
Home Bound:
Earleen Cody

If you have any information that you would like to put in the newsletter for October, 2021, Carolyn will need it by Sunday, September 12, 2021.



Our children are under attack by what they are being taught in the class rooms, and some at home and even in many of their churches.

We need to make sure they know God's Word, and we must pray for them and with them each day.

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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
— Ephesians 1:3

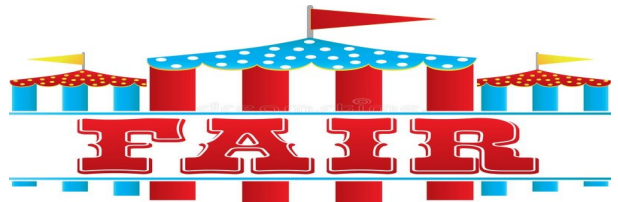


SENIOR ADULT BBQ LUNCHEON

(Usually held in September)

Due to the rising number of COVID-19 cases in Buncombe County, the Buncombe Baptist Association feels that it would be in the best interest of everyone to not hold this event again this year. This is a very popular event, and they are saddened to have to cancel it. However, everyone's safety is very important to them.

MOUNTAIN STATE



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AG CENTER

SEPTEMBER 8, 10-19, 2021

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Every Sunday -

- 9:30 A.M. - Small Group Classes
- 5:00 P. M. - Choir Rehearsal

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- 9-5 6:00 P. M. - Brief Business Meeting/
Bible Study/Children in Action
 - 9-8 WNC Mountain State Fair, Ag Center
 - 9-10 Through 9-19, 2021-
WNC Mountain State Fair, AG Center
 - 9-12 6:00 P.M. - Bible Study/Children in Action
7:00 P.M. - Church Council Meeting
 - 9-19 6:00 P.M. - Family Night
7:00 P.M. - Adults on Mission/
Children in Action
 - 9-26 6:00 P.M. - C.A.R.E./Children in Action