

The Sanctuary Apostolic Pentecostal Church Messenger



**August
2016**

**1321 4th Ave. SW
Bessemer, AL 35022**

Schedule



Sundays:

9:00 am Pre-service prayer
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
10:30 am Worship service &
Children's Church (ages 5-11)
5:30 pm Pre-service prayer
6:00 pm Praise Explosion

Mondays:

7:00 pm Prayer

Wednesdays:

6:30 pm Pre-service prayer
7:00 pm Bible Study

Fridays:

7:00 pm "Aftershock": (Youth ages 12-21)

Saturdays:

Men's Prayer 8:00 am
Outreach prayer/visitation 9:30 am

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Ministries

Todd Bertram, Pastor

Bible Quizzing - Gary Smith

Children's Ministry (ages 3-11) - Ronnie Wead

Drama Ministry - Jasmine Corcoran

Home Bible Study - Roy Westbrook

Hospitality Ministry - Misty Baker

Ladies' Ministry - Mary Ann Jones

Maintenance—Matt Corcoran

Men's Ministry - Kerry Jones, Sr.

Music Ministry - Anson Alford

Outreach Ministry - Johnny & Mary Jackson

Promotions - Kyle Bertram

Sound/Media - Darrell Baker

Student Ministries - (ages 12-21) - Matt & Mary Day

August Birthdays

- 2 Alliana Smith
- 3 Corrigan Hadden
- 4 Gavin Moore
- 5 Treasure Moultry
- 7 Jeremy LaGrone
- 13 Mason Day
- Jessica Westbrook
- 15 Julius Moultry
- 16 Silas Abersold
- Edmond Essary
- 18 Kerk Jackson
- 19 Mary Day
- 20 Donovan McCall
- 22 Jennifer Corcoran
- 25 Marvin Holt
- 26 Maggie Day
- 28 Daniel Shoults
- 31 Christian Hadden



4th of July Fun!



PEAK 2016



the SANCTUARY student ministries

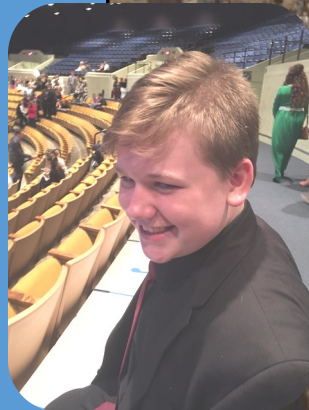
August Schedule

Friday, Aug. 5—Student Night 6:30 pm

Friday, Aug. 12—Student Night 6:30 pm

Friday, Aug. 19—NO EVENT

Friday, Aug. 26—Student Night 6:30 pm



From around the world...

For the past 25 years, the Visalia family has lived and worked in Bangladesh as missionaries.

Never did they think a terrorist attack like this would happen just two blocks away from their home.



"Not only do we live close to this restaurant, but we go to this restaurant often to eat," the missionary said.

He didn't want us to give his name due to safety concerns. Especially since his family knew some of the hostages, including a young man who was friends with his son.

"He was granted freedom from the terrorists, but would not take it," he explained. "Because he wanted to protect several young ladies that were there. And they killed him, along with the other young ladies that he was there to protect."

"We're just shocked. We're stunned by this. It's totally unprecedented. We've never had anything like this happen before. And so all I can say is, we're just devastated."

Since the news broke, his family has received calls and messages from people around the world and here at home.

"Yes we have a lot of family members in the Central Valley there that are very concerned and we've been in constant contact with them," he said.

And although he admits he himself is concerned about their safety he knows it's a part of their mission.

"That gives us an understanding that the reason that we're here is far more important than the fear," he said.

"I just want to encourage everybody there to pray for Bangladesh," he said. "Whatever faith you may be from, pray for Bangladesh and let's not lose hope that love and grace can win."



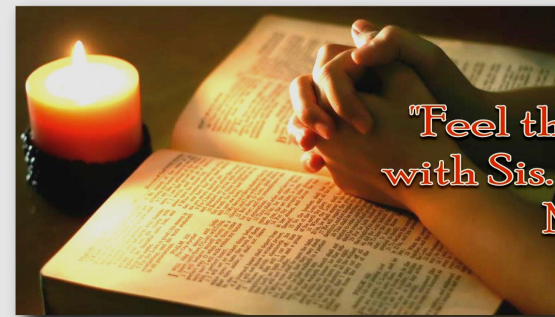
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(Events below are subject to change.)

- Labor Day—Sept. 5
- Summit Conference -Pigeon Forge, TN –Sept. 6-8
- Toddler to Pre-Teen Skating—Sept. 17
- General Conference—Indianapolis, IN—Sept. 27—30
- Street Service—Oct. 8
- Men's Fishing Trip—Oct. 13-15
- Pastor Appreciation Service—Oct. 16
- Harvest Party—Oct. 29
- District Hyphen Retreat for older youth—Nov 1-5
- Daylight Savings Time Ends—Nov. 6, set clock back Sat. night
- Election Day—November 8
- Leadership Fall Planning Retreat—Nov. 18-19
- Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov. 20
- Midweek Service—Tuesday, Nov. 22, no service Wed.
- Thanksgiving—Nov. 24

Looking ahead

Ladies' Prayer Conference 2016
Friday, August 19 at 7:30 pm & Saturday, August 20 at 10:30 am



"Feel the Fire"
with Sis. Shara
McKee

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"...But His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones..." Jeremiah 20:9

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Unforgiveness—the Unpardonable Sin -by Chuck Carr

Does it strike you as odd that none of the disciples even questioned or seemed to stagger at Jesus' command to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, and cast out devils (Matthew 10:7-8), but when challenged to forgive they responded by asking the Lord to increase their faith (Luke 17:3-5)? It would appear that forgiveness is more difficult than raising the dead and yet it is an expectation of all those who have received it and a requirement if we are to keep it! "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15).

Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." The amount of grace received is proportionate to the amount of grace administered. If this were not the case we would need only to pray, "Father, forgive us." "But blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7).

According to Scripture, if we confess our sins, Jesus is faithful and just to forgive our sins (1 John 1:9)! I've always understood faithful, but have you ever stopped to consider the implication of the word just? It goes beyond the wonderful truth that He paid our debt with His own precious blood and was punished in our place, legally redeeming us from the sentence of eternal death and separation. But it also speaks to the fact that in order to forgive one, He must be willing to forgive all! To selectively forgive would make Him unjust and a respecter of persons and rob us of our confidence when we ask for mercy.

I celebrate when others are forgiven because it guarantees God's willingness to forgive me. Some make this more complicated than it is when they categorize sin from least to greatest, but from God's perspective there is no difference; the ransom for every sinner costs the same regardless of the nature of their specific sin. Redeeming a liar costs the same price as redeeming a murderer. So for God to be just means that if He forgives anyone who repents, He must forgive everyone who repents.

However, God's justice is not tied just to His own actions but to ours as well, and if we are to be recipients of mercy, we must be willing to administer it in the same manner in which it is received. Attempting to categorize sin as a means to selectively mete out mercy to those deemed worthy or withhold it from those considered underserving cannot be reconciled in the ledger of grace.

Jesus shared a story with us in Matthew 18 to illustrate this principle. It is often called the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. The story begins with a man owing a debt that he could never pay pleading for temporary mercy so that he and his family will be spared the consequences of being sold into slavery. To the servant's astonishment, the king is moved with compassion and decides to loose the man and declare him to be completely debt free!

But then this same servant goes out looking for one of his fellow servants that owes him a mere one hundred pence. In modern terms, the man owes one hundred pennies, equivalent to a meager one-dollar bill! The man owes him a buck! when the unforgiving servant finds this man, he grabs him by the throat and demands that he pay him immediately everything he owes. The man being choked begins to plead for mercy in exactly the same way his attacker has just previously responded when facing slavery due to his insurmountable debt. But instead of receiving grace, the man who owes the pennies is mercilessly cast into prison.

When the other fellow servants see the injustice that is done, they go and tell the king what has happened. After hearing what has been done the king sends for the man whom he has forgiven the impossible debt. When the man arrives, the king is wroth and calls him a wicked servant because he refused to have compassion and show pity toward his fellow servant after he himself has been forgiven of so much! He is rebuked for not extending grace in the same manner it had been bestowed upon him. The king then reinstates the debt that he has preciousy absolved, and the unforgiving servant is handed over to the tormentors until he returns the enormous debt he has no means to ever repay.

Jesus left no room for misinterpretation when He ended the story by saying, "So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses" (Matthew 18:35). The message is clear: If you don't forgive, you can't be forgiven.

None of us can afford to withhold mercy because we all desperately need it; and our salvation depends upon it! So let us "grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from us, with all malice: and be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:30-32). Freely ye have received, freely give...!

The Sanctuary Events Calendar - August 2016

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Bible Study 7 pm		Student Night Section 3 Rally – Jasper	Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Section3 SFC Chess/Ping Pong Tournament
7 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Praise Explosion 6:00 pm	8 Prayer 7 pm	9 Pastor's Prayer	10 Bible Study 7 pm	11	12 Student Night	13 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Jasmine Baby Shower—noon
14 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Friends/Family Day No Night Service	15 Prayer 7 pm	16 Pastor's Prayer	17 Bible Study 7 pm	18	19 NO Student Event	20 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am Ladies' Prayer Conference August 19-20
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