

The Baptist Breeze

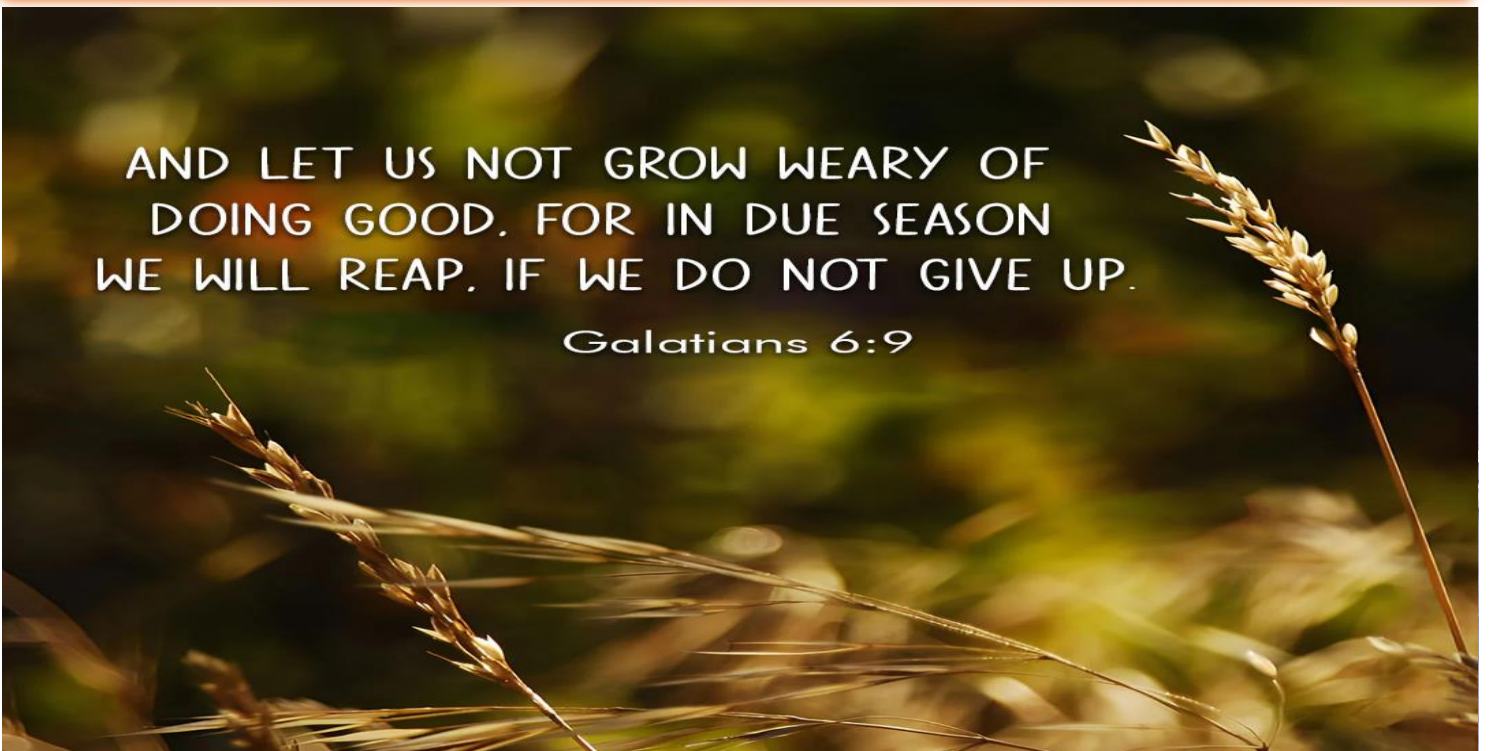
First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN



October 2024

AND LET US NOT GROW WEARY OF
DOING GOOD, FOR IN DUE SEASON
WE WILL REAP, IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.

Galatians 6:9





BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Oct. 1st @ 7pm

Christian Ed: Oct. 8th @ 6pm

Trustees: Oct. 8th @ 7pm

GBW Board: Oct. 22nd @ 6:30pm

OCTOBER GREETERS

Parking Lot: Jeanne Miller

Carport: Russell Stier

OCTOBER WELCOME CENTER

Karen Troutman

OCTOBER FOOD COMMITTEE

Carol Greenburg

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Oct. 6 - June Cotterman/Karan Faust

Brook Miller/ Jeanne Miller

Oct. 13 - Carolyn Long/Gabrielle Anderson

Audrey Leicht/Patty Ingram

Oct. 20 - Rita Long/Shelly Riley

Brenda Parker/Lacey Starkey

Oct. 27 - Liberty Harp/Alachia Sturgess

Denise Morgan/Anita Keeney

MUFFIN MINISTRY

Oct. 6 - Brooke Miller

Oct. 13 - Kayla Yeakley

Oct. 20 - Russell Stier & Jeanne Miller

Oct. 27 - Amanda Walker

DOOR USHERS

Oct. 6 - Floyd Shaw

Oct. 13 - Dennis Long

Oct. 20 - Neal Rouch

Oct. 27 - Brian Riley

DEACONS ON CALL

Oct. 6 - Keith Roberts

Oct. 13 - David Austin

Oct. 20 - Jeff Parker

Oct. 27 - Aaron Miller

The **BAPTIST BREEZE** is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: www.galvestonfbc.org

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online.

WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE

Thursdays @ 6:15pm

Contact Rachelle Leicht if you would like to volunteer for the worship team or tech team.

LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Praise the Lord Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am. For more information, please see Jean Roberts.

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Shirley Finney

Shirley.finney@comcast.net

574-699-6394

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

Phone: 574-699-6243

Email: secretary@galvestonfbc.org

Deadline for the **November Baptist Breeze** is **Wednesday, October 23rd**.

The Baptist Breeze will be printed and put in the foyer on the Sunday prior to the first of each month.

If you have news you would like to put in our newsletter, please contact the church office.

"REMIND"

Anyone wishing to get text updates and information from the church on your cell phones, please contact the church office. 574-699-6243

LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit from one of our Lighthouse Visitation Ministry members, please contact the church office M-F 9a-2p. 574.699.6243



"Please don't pray for healing. If it works, your insurance won't know who to reimburse and it messes up our accounting system."

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Widows Group will be meeting @ Panera Bread on **Tuesday, October 8th** at 11:30am. Dessert and fellowship will follow at the home of Ila Robertson. Please let Jeanne know if you plan on attending **by Oct. 7th**.

GBW

The Galveston Baptist Women will be hosting several events in the near future. Keep a look out in the bulletin and on the church Facebook page for some fun and exciting events.

MOB



The leaders of MOB present BARBEQUE BONANZA! Each Friday of the month of October, MOB will be visiting various BBQ joints in the area. They will be meeting here at the church at 6pm and take a bus to these locations. Each gentleman will be responsible for paying for his own meal. The 25th of October will be BYOB (Bring Your Own BBQ) here in the

upper fellowship hall. A sign up sheet in the foyer for you to sign up for one or all of these dates!

WIN Ministry

WIN Ministry – The Widows In Need (WIN) Ministry is geared towards helping widows with automotive services and minor repairs. The WIN Ministry focuses on oil changes, batteries, air filters, fluid checks, lights, and brake inspection. If you are interested in having any of these services performed, please go to our website (galvestonfbc.org) and fill out a request form or contact the church office for a hard copy.

The Servant's Station

If you or someone you know is in need of an oil change or minor vehicle maintenance, please go to our church website [@galvestonfbc.org](http://galvestonfbc.org), click on the SERVANT'S STATION link, and fill out the application. Someone will be in contact as soon as the application is received.

Harvest Party

GFBC will be hosting a Harvest Party in place of our annual Trunk or Treat this year. We will have this October 31st. Donations for individually wrapped candy are being accepted now throughout the month of October.

Set up will be in the Upper Fellowship Hall and hot cocoa and chili will be served to our visitors. As usual, several volunteers will be needed to make this an enjoyable event for all.

Wanderers 

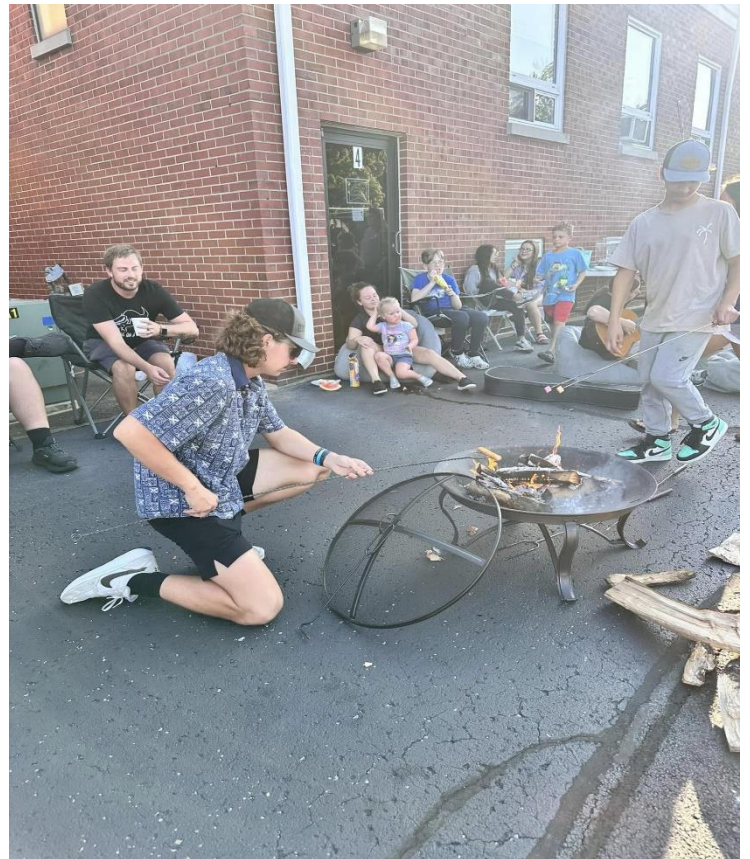
TREKKERS 

SUMMIT 

WANDERERS Nursery is available during Sunday Service.

TREKKERS church is held during regular Sunday service each week. The last Sunday of the month they will be with the congregation.

SUMMIT meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. This is for grades 6-12.



Summit Youth enjoy a "campout" on the church parking lot.

October 2024

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Su	Mon	Tu	Wen	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mon	Tu	Wen	Th	Fr	Sa
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4	5
		Deacons Meeting @ 7p Gordon Riley	Kathy Reel	David Austin	Jeanne Miller MOB's Barbeque Bonanza @ Big Dog's Smokehouse @ 6p	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Christian Ed Meeting @ 6p Trustees Meeting @ 7p	Eric & Katie Lumpkin	Austin Keising Cindy Leep	Floyd Shaw MOB's Barbeque Bonanza @ Revolution BBQ @ 6p	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Carley McCloskey	Columbus Day (United States) Jo Graham 500hr			Tyler & Kayla Yearley	Denise Morgan Mary Kincaid MOB's Barbeque Bonanza @ Our's BBQ @ 6p	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Headier Hillman Quarterly Business Meeting & Election of Officers Suzi Johnson		GBW Meeting @ 6:30p		Maurine Ellmore	MOB's "Bring Your Own BBQ" in the upper fellowship hall @ 6p	Curtis Edens LMOB @ 8a
27	28	29	30	31	Nov 1	2
Patry Ingram	Jeff Parker		Leona Mens	Bill Flack GFBG Harvest Party 6-8pm UPH		

Soles to Souls



News From Jenny Lee

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It was a SUCCESS! God planted the vision in my heart to build Classrooms for each of the English teachers at the La Fortuna School. This allows each teacher to have their own space to receive students and have so many more tools at their fingertips than they ever could while moving from classroom to classroom. In La Fortuna, that meant 3 classrooms and a small office/lunchroom area.

God brought ALL the pieces together to make this dream a reality. He brought Kimberly on staff for the year, 6 teams totaling 70 volunteers, a great local construction team, hundreds of donors and so much support from so many places. Check out the slideshow that my good friend, Deb, put together of the project from the first team to the last. You can also

watch a news clip that a former student/local news guy streamed on Facebook from the dedication.

We have a few details to finish up in the office area but are already looking forward to next year and our next projects. There are several projects that people have asked us to work with them on and we are trying to narrow down to the right fit for us and our teams. We already have 2 teams booked for next year and are looking forward to planning with them and many more!

We'd love to host your group. Send us an email for more info

Thank you to all of you who continue to make my life of serving God here possible!! Your prayers for my health and ministry as well as your financial donations are all valuable beyond

measure to me. If anyone feels led to partner with Experience Costa Rica financially through personal support for me or general support for the mission, you can donate online or send a check. We welcome monthly donations and special gifts!





Hey Everyone!!

The classrooms are just a few details away from being finished. The 2024 season was a HUGE success! I believe that God worked in and through the volunteers, the donors, the construction team, the Experience boards and was glorified in a big way! But now it's time to keep our focus on God but turn our energy to our first project for 2025.

January, February, and March will be dedicated to helping a family get their feet under them so they can move forward in success and independence. Javier has had the responsibility of raising his 2 younger half siblings fall in his lap. Losing their parents and becoming a parent himself was not the plan he had for his life, but he has taken it on with grace and determination. The house that was left to them was in a state of disrepair with termites infesting the wooden parts. There are also apartments that they rent as the source of income for

the family. Javier has spent the last year and a half working very hard and investing in those apartments so that they can make the money they need to live. The house that THEY live in is next and something Experience has committed to working alongside them on. The whole roof structure, ceiling, and a couple of interior walls will come out and be replaced with materials that are more hardy in this climate.

We will be working with the same project foreman, Diego, who helped us with the Classroom Build. We have one team committed to coming and being boots on the ground. We are hoping a couple of other teams decide to join the project. AND...we need you all to be PRAYING for the project and family and CONTRIBUTING financially. \$27,000 is the estimated cost of the project. Would you consider partnering with us to support this family?

Mail donations to: Experience Costa Rica

P. O. Box 62

Galveston, IN 46932

(With Jenny Lee or General Budget in the memo)

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Even Believers Need to Be Warned

How Hell Motivates Holiness

Article by Scott Hubbard

Managing Editor, desiringGod.org

I stood at a friend's kitchen sink, surprised and somewhat disturbed. My friend's wife had taped a notecard on the wall behind the sink with some spiritual reminders. That in itself was nothing new: though still a young believer, I had seen such cards posted to desks, doors, bathroom mirrors, and the like. No, what surprised me was one particular reminder this young woman had chosen to write.

The exact words escape me, but the sense still burns in my memory: "You deserve hell."

You deserve hell? On the one hand, I had no intellectual objection to the statement. I myself had recently come to see the darkness of my native heart. I had realized that I was not just mistaken or in need of occasional forgiveness, but actually hell-deserving — and hell-destined apart from the grace of Jesus.

But the notecard still disturbed me. Yes, we deserve hell, but should we recall the fact as often as we wash our hands? Should the reality of hell, and the remembrance that we once were headed there, stay warm in our minds?

I can certainly imagine someone thinking too much about hell. The unspeakable sorrow of eternal punishment, dwelt on overmuch, could overwhelm the sense of joy pulsing through the New Testament. But a recent survey of Paul's letters leads me to think my friend's wife was closer to his apostolic heart than my instinct to recoil.

We may not post reminders above our sinks, but somehow the thought needs to become more than passing and occasional. We deserve hell, and only one thing stands between us and that outer darkness: Jesus.

Remember Hell

When we turn to Paul's letters, we actually notice something even more startling than the notecard over my friend's sink. Regularly throughout his writings, the apostle not only reminds the churches of their formerly hopeless state; he also warns them of their ongoing danger should they drift from Christ. He says not only, "You deserve hell," but also, "Make sure you don't end up there."

Consider just a few of Paul's bracing warnings to the churches:

"If you live according to the flesh you will die" (Romans 8:13).

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?" (1 Corinthians 6:9).

"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 5:6).

“Put to death . . . what is earthly in you. . . . On account of these the wrath of God is coming” (Colossians 3:5–6).

“The Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you” (1 Thessalonians 4:6).

The situation becomes even more surprising when we consider Paul’s overall posture toward the believers in these churches. Paul was “satisfied” that the Romans were “full of goodness” (Romans 15:14). He was confident the Corinthians were “sanctified in Christ Jesus” (1 Corinthians 1:2). He saw the Ephesians as already seated with Christ (Ephesians 2:4–6); he rejoiced in the firmness of the Colossians’ faith (Colossians 2:5); he knew God had chosen the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 1:4).

And yet he warned. In fact, Paul places his warnings near the heart of his apostolic calling: “[Christ] we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ” (Colossians 1:28). So, amid his encouragements, and throughout his doctrinal instruction, and even as he exulted in the hope of glory, he would sometimes grow solemn and still, lower his tone, and turn his ink black.

“Dear brothers,” he would write in effect, “Christ is gloriously yours. But until you see him face to face, don’t imagine yourselves out of danger. Hell still awaits any who forsake him.”

Why Did Paul Warn?

Why did Paul warn his beloved churches, sometimes with unsettling sternness? A closer look at his warnings sheds some light. Among several purposes Paul had, we might consider three in particular that rise to the surface.

These three purposes are not limited to Paul’s apostolic calling, or even to the pastoral calling today. Pastors, as God’s watchmen, may have a special responsibility to blow eternity’s trumpet, but Paul and the other apostles expected all Christians to play their part in admonishing, exhorting, warning (Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Hebrews 3:13).

So, as we consider when and why Paul warned of hell, we (pastors especially, but also all of us) learn when and why we should too.

1. To Alarm the Presumptuous

First, Paul warned of hell to alarm the presumptuous. Hell was a siren to awake spiritual sleepers, a large “Danger” sign for those drifting off the narrow way, a merciful thorn for feet too comfortable near the cliff of sin.

“We are never more in danger than when we think we are not.”

Despite Paul’s overall positive posture toward the churches, he knew that some in these communities were in danger of spiritual presumption. In Corinth, for example, some acted arrogantly when they should have felt fear and trembling (1 Corinthians 5:2). Some treated sexual immorality with frightful indifference (1 Corinthians 6:12–20). Some did not

hesitate to haul their brothers to court (1 Corinthians 6:1–8).

They were growing numb and didn't know it. So Paul sounded the warning:

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. (1 Corinthians 6:9–10)

If a brother seems spiritually presumptuous; if exhortation and entreaty seem to land lightly; if his sin has become habitual, and his hand seems lifted higher and higher — he may need to hear a word about hell. At first, such a word may sound as unwelcome as an alarm awaking him from a deep and comfortable slumber. But if he is in Christ, then such a warning will have its God-intended effect in time. His initial offense or displeasure will give way to the dreadful realization that the house is on fire; he must escape.

By all means speak wisely, carefully, with the kind of trembling that fits so fearful a topic. But take courage from Paul, and believe that sometimes, love alarms.

2. To Protect the Vulnerable

Often when Paul warns of hell, however, he does not have presumptuous people in mind. Usually, these stern words come to beloved brothers and sisters whose faith seems firm, to churches like the Romans, the Ephesians, the Colossians, the Thessalonians. Why does he warn such saints? He does so,

in part, because as long as we are in this world, we are vulnerable to becoming deceived with what Paul calls “empty words” (Ephesians 5:6).

First-century societies, just like ours, had their broadly acceptable sins, their celebrated evils. They also had scoffers and false teachers who shrugged off the judgment to come. And Paul knew that, over time, such a society could subtly dull the Christian conscience. God's people could slowly become swayed by “plausible arguments” (Colossians 2:4): “You really think God cares about what we do in our bedroom?” “How could so many people be wrong?” “You seriously expect God to judge something that so many do?”

Such questions, spoken or merely suggested by a pervasive societal mood, can create an atmosphere where hell sits uncertainly on the soul — where eternity becomes a vague, weightless idea, a peripheral thought that holds little power against the most popular sins of the day. That is, unless we regularly hear Paul (or a pastor or friend) say, “Let no one deceive you” (Ephesians 5:6). No matter how common, no matter how lauded, “The Lord is an avenger in all these things” (1 Thessalonians 4:6).

We need such warnings today, perhaps especially from our pulpits. What sins are so normal throughout our cities, so typical in entertainment, so characteristic of our own pasts that we are in danger of becoming numb to their hell-deserving guilt? Pornography and fornication? Casual drunkenness? Love of money and luxuries? Internet reviling?

If the vulnerable among us (and to some degree, we're all vulnerable) are going to see the deep pit at the end of such well-traveled paths, then someone needs to point it out — and not only once.

3. To Humble the Mature

Finally, and maybe most surprising of all, Paul warned of hell not only to alarm the presumptuous and protect the vulnerable, but also to humble the mature. No matter how strong others seemed, Paul did not think they were too strong for danger, too firm to fall. He knew the most established believer stands just a few yards away from spiritual peril, and just a few more yards from spiritual ruin. So, he writes, "Do not become proud, but fear" (Romans 11:20).

Remarkably, Paul counted himself among those in need of such warnings. Hear the great apostle admonish his own soul: "I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified" (1 Corinthians 9:26–27). Can you imagine Paul disqualified? Can you fathom the mighty missionary, the bold church planter, the zealous apostle barred from heaven? He could.

I recently encountered this rare apostolic spirit in a letter from Robert Murray M'Cheyne (1813–1843), who wrote to a friend and fellow minister,

I charge you, be clothed with humility, or you will yet be a wandering star, for which is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever. . . . If you lead

sinners to yourself, and not to Christ, Immanuel will cast the star out of His right hand into utter darkness. (Memoir and Remains of Robert Murray M'Cheyne, 130)

Why speak so to a fruitful, faithful, mature minister of Christ? Because M'Cheyne (and Paul before him) knew the paradoxical nature of Christian perseverance: We are never more in danger than when we think we are not. And we are never safer than when we feel our weakness, distrust our strength, and lean hard upon the arm of our Lord Jesus. "He that walketh humbly walketh safely," John Owen writes (Works, 6:217). And he who remembers hell walks humbly.

Him We Proclaim

Consider again Paul's description of his apostolic calling in Colossians 1:28: "Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ." We have focused here on Paul's warnings, but we dare not miss the context in which they come.

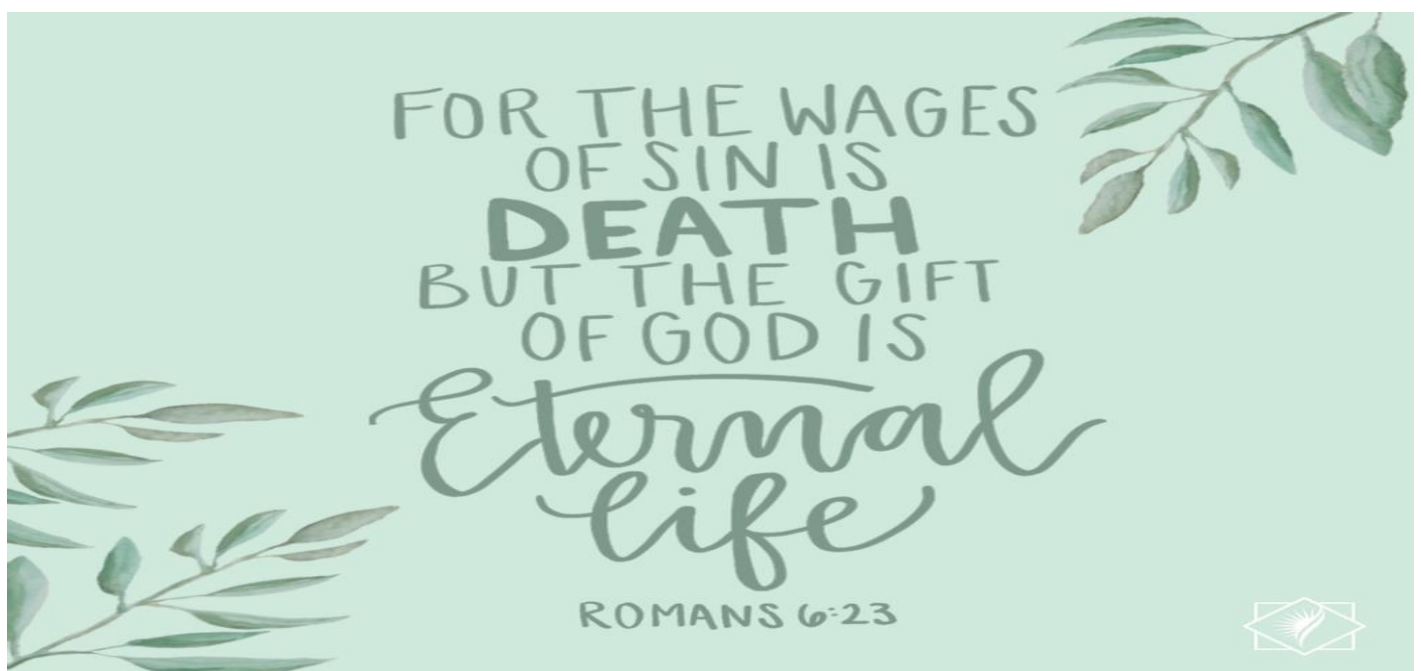
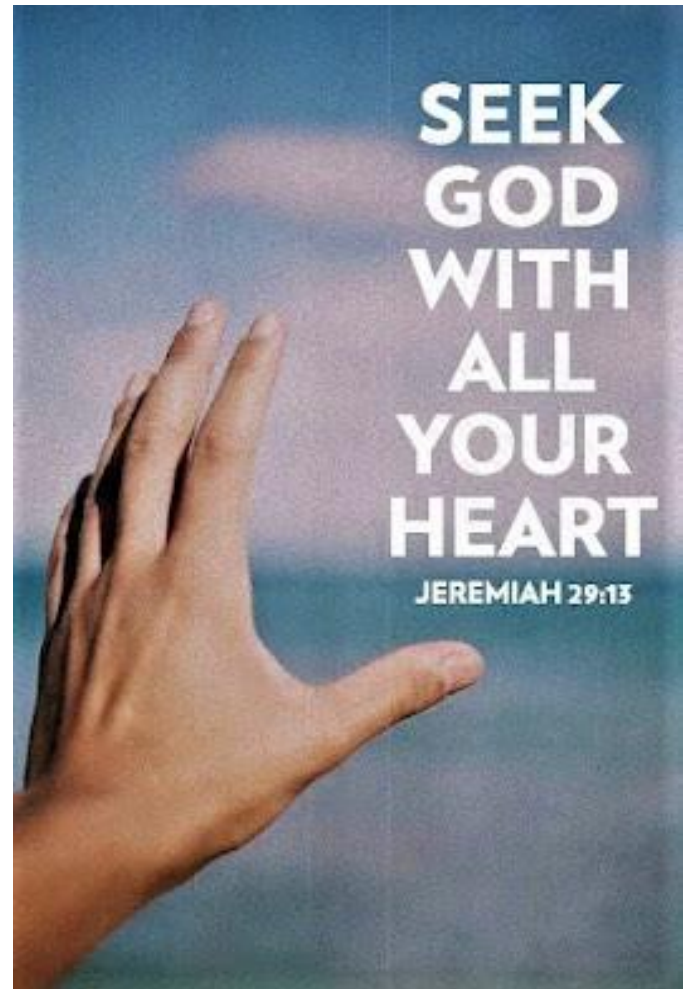
Hell was not the main theme of Paul's ministry. Unlike some fire-and-brimstone preachers, he did not thunder forth the judgment to the neglect of other doctrines or in ways that sunk others into all-consuming fear. He did not write, "Hell we proclaim," but "Him we proclaim" — Christ.

Why, ultimately, did Paul warn of hell? Because Jesus was too wonderful, too marvelous not to use every righteous means available to "present everyone mature in Christ," to win people to

him and keep people near him. Others needed to know the danger of hell because they needed to know the danger of missing eternal life with him. Warnings were his way of casting us into the arms of Christ, the safest place in all the world.

And so he warned. And so the wise remember, in one way or another, that we deserve hell, and that we are not (for now) beyond the danger of hell. Read it in Scripture; say it to your soul; write it over your kitchen sink if you must. Think of hell long enough and often enough to keep you close to Jesus, humble and happy and hoping in him.

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Sunday Schedule: Sunday School – 9am
Sunday Worship – 10:15am
Trekking Church – During Sermon
Facebook Livestream – 10:15am
Summit Youth Group – 5-7:30pm

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