

Religion

Church close-up: Patterson Springs Baptist Church

PASTOR: Dr. Hugh M. Richardson Jr.

BACKGROUND: Dr. Richardson, pastor at Patterson Springs Baptist Church in Patterson Springs and a native of Birmingham, was educated at Southeastern Bible College in Birmingham. He received his master's degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas and his doctorate at Southeastern Theological Seminary in Wake Forest. Before coming to Patterson Springs, Dr. Richardson served on the staffs of two churches in Alabama and one in North Carolina, where he preached for eight years. He has been at Patterson Springs for two years.



FAMILY: Dr. Richardson and his wife, Lu, have two children who are both of Shelby.

MINISTERIAL FOCUS: Dr. Richardson says his primary focus for his church members is the preaching of the word of God where he gives interpretations, proclamations and applications of the word of God and the Holy Bible. "I seek to get the people to work things out in practical ways in the community."

CHURCH HISTORY: Patterson Springs Baptist Church was organized in 1895 under the pastorate of P.R. Elam. The church, whose membership stood at 35 at that time, was formed from three churches in the area; New Hope, Pleasant Hill and Elizabeth Baptist Church. The members gathered in the old Ellis School House until a sanctuary was built. The auditorium of today, built in 1968, sits on the site where the original structure stood. Since then, an educational building has been added. A Christian Fellowship Growth Center, which houses a gymnasium, several Sunday school classrooms, and other additional space, was built in 1986. At the present time, church enrollment stands at 500.

ORGANIZATIONS: Ministry at Patterson Springs Baptist Church touches people of all ages in the community. Patterson Springs offers age-graded Sunday school groups; several youth organizations; women's organizations including a WMU and girl's auxiliary; children and adult choirs; the Triple L's, a senior adult ministry standing for live



The Rev. Hugh Richardson, above left, is pastor at Patterson Springs Baptist Church.

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LOCATION: Patterson Sp Baptist is located at Hwy. South in Patterson Springs.

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HISTORICAL SKETCH of PATTERSON SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Patterson Station Baptist Church was constituted on October 18, 1895, at the old Ellis School House in what is now the Eastern section of the Patterson Springs Community. The school house is still erect. The thirty-five charter members which constituted the church brought their membership from the neighboring churches: New Hope, Pleasant Hill and Elizabeth.

The Patterson Springs Community at the turn of the century was a typical rural area in Cleveland County. Framed houses dotted the heavily wooded area. The people were farm folk with a goodly number of children in most every home. Many of these children were to leave the community to populate the urban districts nearby, but the remainder stayed to people the area. Although farming was the occupation of every resident in 1900, urban employment provides a living for a large portion of the population today.

The Reverend P.R. Elam was called as the first pastor of the church. From the first, the church was handicapped by short pastorates. Although short pastorates were to the church's disadvantage, there were several outstanding men who pastored the church to make worthy contributions to its leadership and growth. Within two short years after its organization, the membership was able to build the first house of worship, which served the church for a quarter of a century. This edifice was located almost in the heart of the community, on what is now Highway 26, South to Grover.

The community's population was relatively stable, with very few moving in or out of its environs. Under this condition the church growth was steady but slow. The church was to have its difficulties and problems, as was evidenced by the record of one church clerk when he wrote that five dollars was one quarter's payment to the pastor. But then life was slower than it is today. As another clerk explains, that one 2:30 service was dismissed

Patterson Springs - 1895 Cleveland KINGS MOUNTAIN

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early in order for the pastor to reach Kings Mountain by nightfall, which today is about a twenty minute drive.

In 1923, the present church building was constructed at a cost of eight thousand dollars. The Reverend W.O. Johnson was pastor of the church at that time. The new brick structure, which is still relatively adequate, was completely paid for within three years.

The Reverend Jesse Blalock, who retired from the active pastorate in December, 1950, served the church longer than any other pastor, having been called to the church in 1940. In May, 1951, the church voted to enter upon a full-time program with a resident pastor, calling W.T. Roberson in their new venture as leader. Preparation was begun during the summer for the construction of a pastorium. By Christmas of the same year, the pastor and his family moved into the church's first pastorium. Within four months the home was begun, the ten thousand dollar structure was paid for. In addition to the special building fund effort, the church contributed over \$7,000.00 to the local budget and mission causes. The church at present has 196 resident members.

(From "Kings Mountain Baptist Association History--1851-1951)

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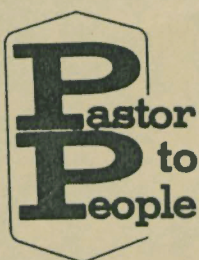
A NEWSLETTER
FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY
Rev. Terry Bird

PATTERSON GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH
301 Oak Grove Road
KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Rob & Phyllis Hefner,
Our Foreign Missionaries,
Serving in Fortaleza, Brazil



TO INFORM - GUIDE - INTERPRET - INSPIRE



Here are some actual
bloopers from exams
and essays by students
in eighth grade through
college, as collected by
Richard Lederer.

These didn't all occur
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are all real, and have

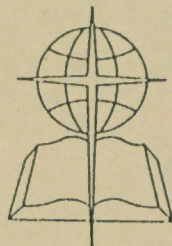
been strung together in story form:

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"Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. David ... fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines."

We can read that and laugh, but isn't that pretty typical? We know enough about the Bible to get little fragments of truth, but we can get kind of confused when we try to string ideas together.

Maybe it would be a good idea for us to spend a little more time in the word. II Timothy 2:15 "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."



Strive to spend time with God and His Word everyday. You will be blessed and pleased with the difference it makes in your life.

See you Sunday.

- Terry Bird

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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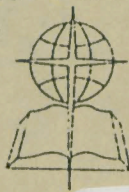
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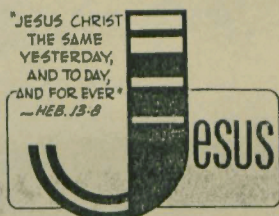
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HELPERS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 21

TELLERS

Gene Scism and Jack Scism

OFFERING BEARERS

Gene Penner Billy Short
Carl Burton Carl Burton
Scott Putnam Mark Putnam

MORNING WORSHIP GREETERS

Paul & Ellen Gaffney
Gene & Jeanette Patterson

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AM - Mark Blanton, Sr.

MORNING WORSHIP NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Frankie Webster and Helpers

SUNDAY, JULY 14

Resident Church Membership	262
Sunday School Enrollment	212
Sunday School Attendance	117
Morning Worship Attendance	147
Discipleship Training Enrollment	71

STEWARDSHIP

Tithes and Offerings	3,309.40
Undesignated Memorials	100.00
Library Fund	55.00
Mission land purchase	120.00
Total Receipts	3,584.40

YEAR-TO-DATE-SUMMARY

Budget needs weekly	3,249.60
Budget usable funds	132,400.83
Budget needs to date	133,233.60
Under budget	832.77

MEMORIALS

in memory of Mrs. Lillie Mae Jones:

undesignated

Judy S. Morgan
Mr. & Mrs. Bayne M. Harmon
Mrs. Betty Hovis
Mr. & Mrs. Russell Putnam

Library fund

Mr. & Mrs. Kelth Eagle
Mrs. Betty Sherrer
Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony
Mission land purchase
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Scism
Gene & Jeanette Patterson

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MINISTRY NEEDS FOR JULY

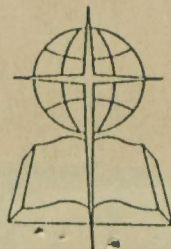
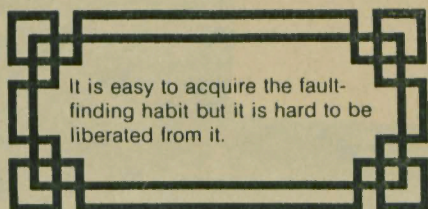


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SCHEDULE FOR JULY 21 - 27

SUNDAY, JULY 21

9:45 - Bible Study in Sunday School
11:00 - Worship Service

MONDAY, JULY 22

7:00 - 9:30 P.M. - Bibl study and pizza night.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

11:30 - Senior Adult Luncheon
1:00 - 5:00 P.M. - Children's Activity

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

1:00 - 5:00 - Pre-school to Chunk-E-Cheese

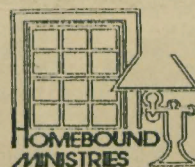
6:30 - Marjorie Scism Class out for monthly fellowship meal.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

1:00 - 5:00 P.M. - Children (grades 1 - 6) Bible study and movie day.

FRIDAY, JULY 26

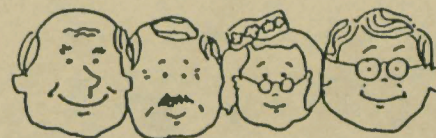
9:00 A.M. - Virginia Lake House Trip. Will return on Sunday July 28, 10:00 P.M.



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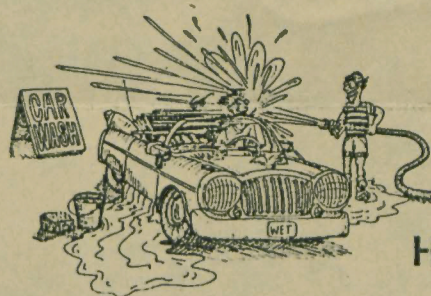


SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON

JULY 23, 11:30 A.M.

JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME!!

YOUNG ADULT S.S. CLASS



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

10:00 - 2:00 P.M.

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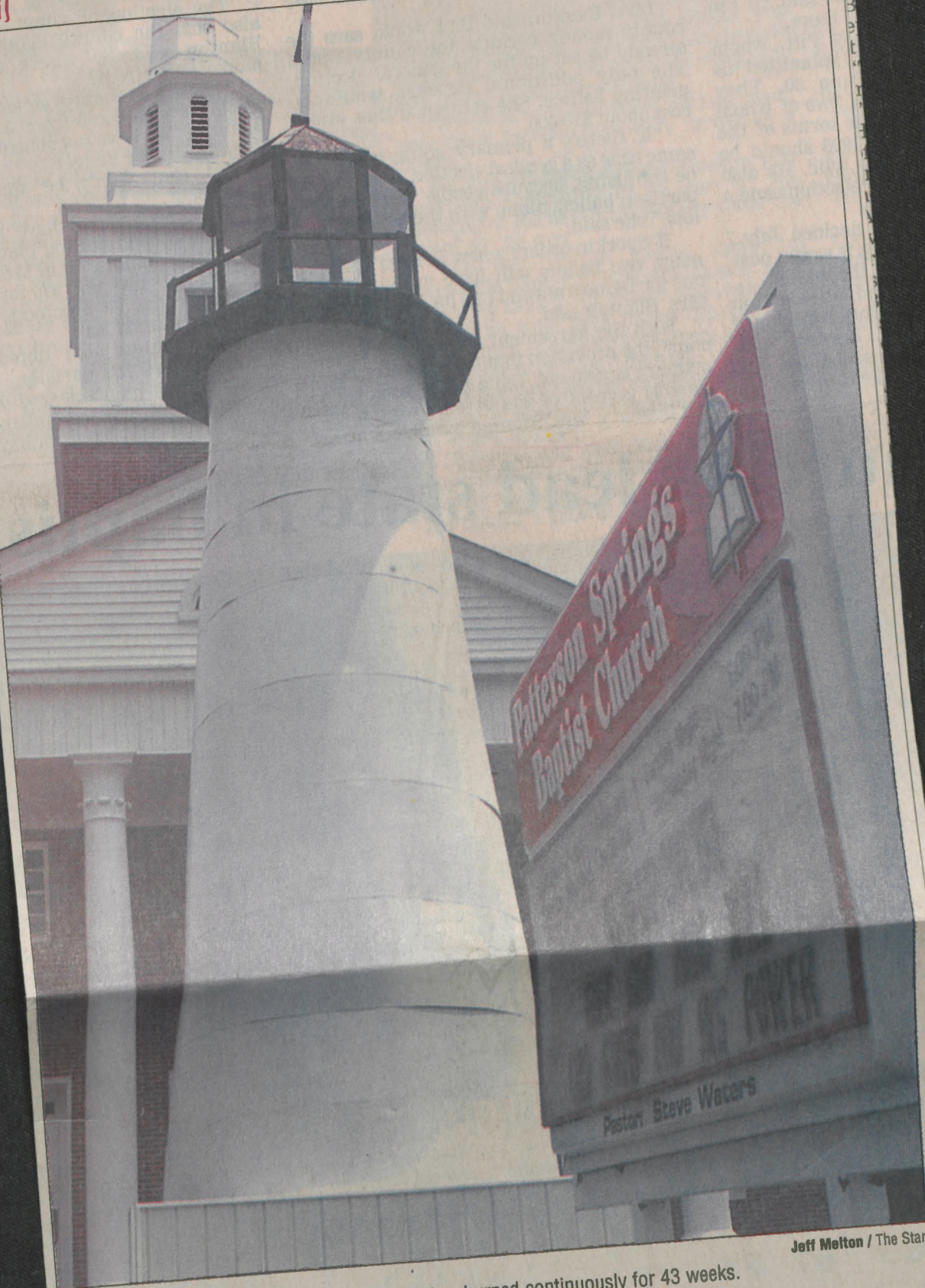
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1947	Jesse Blalock	278	7	4	3955.00
1948	Jesse Blalock	289	2	12	3335.00
1949	Jesse Blalock	292	18	5	4060.00
1950	Jesse Blalock	298	19	4	3619.00
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1954	J.D. Wyatt	350	4	9	9549.00
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PATTERSON SPRINGS BAPTIST



Jeff Melton / The Star

The lighthouse at Patterson Springs Baptist has burned continuously for 43 weeks.

Lighting the way

Area churches lead state in number of baptisms

Steve L. Grimes
Star Staff Writer

PATTERSON SPRINGS — How many Southern Baptists does it take to baptize one person?

Thirty three.

In 1997, Southern Baptist churches in North Carolina baptized one new convert for every 33 church members, the Evangelism Division of the Baptist State Convention reported.

Five area churches were among the state's best.

"Everything we do we try to make evangelistic," says Angela McKee, volunteer co-director of outreach for Patterson Springs Baptist Church.

That philosophy got the church into the top 25 Baptist churches in the state in the number of baptisms last year. It tied with three other churches for 21st place with 73

baptisms.

Christopher Road Church in Shelby took 33rd place with 56 baptisms, and Crestview Baptist of Forest City and Northside Baptist of Kings Mountain tied with three others for 73rd place with 38 baptisms. First Baptist Church of Cherryville tied with seven other churches for 82nd place with 36 baptisms.

Ask the people at Patterson Springs Church about their success and they'll likely point to a lighthouse sitting in front of the church.

Inside the sanctuary is another one. They keep the congregation focused on evangelism, says Mrs. McKee.

The lighthouse has two lights in it, she says. The white light reminds them that Jesus is the light of the world. But a red light burns when someone has been converted as a result of the church's work.

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Area churches lead state in baptisms

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The red light has been burning continuously for 43 weeks, she said.

She gives Pastor Steve Waters a lot of the credit.

"It's tremendous the way we've grown in baptisms since he's been here," she said. "Not only does he preach it, he lives it."

But she also says the weekly visitation program, bus ministry and Sunday school also provide the church with prospects.

And special days bring people out. The church sponsors a law enforcement and a teacher appreciation day for public school personnel.

"We identified a lot of prospects that way," she said.

Kevin Rohm, pastor of Crestview Baptist in Forest City, says good preaching and word-of-mouth evangelism account for his church's success.

"I think people are looking for straight Bible preaching and a strong pulpit these days," he said.

And his members spread the word.

"Our people have invited people who invited people," he said. "The people have gotten excited. You set a church afire, and people will come to see it burn."

He said 85 to 90 percent of his new members came because they were invited by a friend.

He says his being a younger pastor may have had something to do with it. The majority of his new members are under the age of 45, he said.

The Rev. Steven Acker, pastor at Northside Baptist in Kings Mountain, identified two keys to his church's growth.

"We've gone back to the old-time religion, which is knocking on doors and inviting people to church," he said.

He also agreed that strong pastoral leadership is a key. The pastor must set the example, he said.

Barry Coker, moderator at Christopher Road Baptist, said a witness training and weekly visitation program are the keys to his church's growth. That and the support

of the pastor.

But he said the number of baptisms is deceptive, because his church actually sees a lot more conversions.

"There's a lot of them who get saved, but never come back for baptism," he said. "We're not in it for the church."

He said Christopher Road church sees a lot of people through its Friday food pantry. Often those clients are receptive to staff witnessing, but don't join the church.

According to the Baptist State Convention General Board, there are 3,898 churches and 919,956 resident members in the state convention.

But 1,015 churches reported no baptisms on profiles submitted to Baptist associations. The associations forward the profiles to the state convention.

According to the evangelism division, 82 churches left blank the space for reporting baptisms for 1997.

Overall, Southern Baptist churches in the state reported the highest number of baptisms in 1997 since 1975.



Weekend Youth Revival Scheduled

Patterson Springs Baptist Church will have a weekend Youth Revival led by a team of four Seminary students, from the Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C. April 21st, 22nd, and 23rd.

Friday night services will begin at 7:30 p. m., followed by a youth fellowship hour at 8 p. m.

Saturday's activities will begin at 3 p. m. with church wide recreation and sports activities.

At 5:30 a church wide covered dish supper will be served, and visitors are invited to share this meal.

Worship services will

begin at 7 p.m. at which time a Russian worship service will be held. Anyone wanting to know what type service this will be is asked to come and see it. After this service will be fellowship time.

Beginning at 8 p. m. there will be games and other activities including the Baptist Men's Baking Contest.

Then at the morning worship hour beginning at 11:00 a. m. Mike Barker, one of the four Seminary students from Wake Forest will be bringing the message.

A nursery will be provided both Friday and Saturday night. Both youth and adults

of Cleveland County are invited to attend these services.

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Plans Announced For Youth Week

Youth Week will be observed tonight through Wednesday at Patterson Springs Baptist Church, Route 1, Grover.

A youth-led revival will be conducted tonight through Sunday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. by the Rev. Dwayne Coley.

Coley is the minister of youth and education at Grace Baptist Church in Durham. He also works with the youth division of the State Baptist Convention.

A puppet ministry will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

'CAUGHT,' THE newest film from Billy Graham's World Wide Pictures, will be shown on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m. at the Patterson Springs Baptist Church in Patterson Springs. The true-to-life dramatic story portrays the power of one person caring for another.

Deeply moved by the warmth of the film with its many moments of humor, Billy Graham said, " 'CAUGHT' is the most outstanding film yet produced by World Wide Pictures."

The public is cordially invited to attend this showing.

Sept 28, 1990

PATTERSON SPRINGS

Baptist Church will observe Homecoming Services on Sunday, June 9. The Rev. Glenn Walker, former pastor, will be the speaker. Immediately following the worship service, a covered dish dinner will be held in the Christian Fellowship Growth Center. The public is cordially invited to join the congregation for worship and fellowship. The church is located on Highway 226 South in Patterson Springs.

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Sunday, Mike Barker will bring the message during the 11 a.m. service.

The public is invited to attend. A nursery will be provided Friday and Saturday nights.