

Ken's Pen...



Moving From Panic to Prayer

When looking at our culture, our natural reflex is often to complain, argue, or panic. However, in 1 Timothy 2:1–2, the Apostle Paul offers a completely different strategy. He doesn't tell us to lobby or boycott first; he exhorts us that above all else, we must pray! When the church gathers to pray for the world, God shifts the spiritual climate so the Gospel can advance. To see this happen, we must make three deliberate choices.

We must choose intercession over isolation. When the world grows dark, it is tempting to lock our doors and hide. Yet, just as God told the exiled Israelites to seek the peace of pagan Babylon (Jer. 29:7), years later, Paul commands us to pray for our leaders. The early church prayed for Nero, a brutal tyrant. If they could intercede for him, we can certainly pray for our leaders today, knowing our peace is bound up in our city's peace.

We must also choose prayer over politics. While the world fights with ballots, legal maneuvering, and shouting matches, the church fights on its knees. In Acts 12, when King Herod imprisoned Peter, the church didn't storm the castle; they gathered corporately to pray. Earnest group prayer unleashes spiritual authority that breaks chains, opens iron gates, and alters earthly realities.

Ultimately, we must choose pipeline over prosperity. Structural peace is not our ultimate goal; peace is the pipeline. God desires social order and good governance so our neighbors can be saved—not so Christians can live comfortable, middle-class lives (1 Tim. 2:3-4). A stable society keeps the doors wide open for the Gospel message.

Today, let's shift from being passive spectators to active civic intercessors. Let's stop just talking about this text and start doing what it says.



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Sundays

Worship 9:30AM
Landmark Nursing & Rehab. . . 4PM
Bible Classes. 5:00PM

Tuesdays

Ladies Bible Class. 9:30AM
Caring Cooks. 10:30AM
Landmark Asst Living. . . 1:30PM
Ladies Bible Class. 6:30PM

Wednesdays

Midweek Bible Study. . . . 6:30PM

ELDERS

Tommy Baragona, Jim Estes,
Aaron Foster, Buster Green,
Larry Morgan, Todd Swinney
*The elders meet every 2nd and
4th Sunday.

MINISTER

Ken Forrest,

INVOLVEMENT MINISTER

Doug Smith,

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Drew Bruce

EDUCATION DIRECTORS

Todd English/Guy Gardner

COLLEGE MINISTER

Beau Gross

SECRETARY

Jimmie Timbes

BOOK KEEPER

Andrea Barrett

CUSTODIAN

Dee Whirley

MAINTENANCE

James Hester



DEACONS and Their Primary Assignments:

Jerry Barrett – SALT Team Leader
J. T. Beard – Food Pantry/Jail Ministry/Mission Team
Brandon Elliott - College Ministry
Todd English- SALT Team Leader
Guy Gardner - SALT Team Leader
Ricky Green – Attendance Tracking
Beau Gross – College Ministry
Jeremy Jones – Youth Ministry
Ronny Johnson – Local Disaster Relief Team
Cameron Jumper - SALT Team Leader
Dale Kendrick - Security/Visitation/Mission Team
Chris Langley– Worship Assignments/Congregate
Jody Long - SALT Team Leader
Billy Martin - Treasurer
Randy Moore – Medical Support/Fire Protection
Luther Moorman – Mission Team
Jonathan Pharr – Lads to Leaders

From My Heart To Yours

THEY MUST GIVE AN ACCOUNT

Perhaps the greatest and most burdensome responsibilities in the world is the work of being an **Elder** in the Lord's church. We are very blessed to have godly men who faithfully serve in this role here at Booneville. We need to love them, respect them, support them, encourage them in what sometimes seems like a thankless task. When we consider what the Bible says about elders and their accountability before God, as sheep, may we determine to love them even more. There is no group of men whom I love more or have more respect for than **Elders** in the Lord's church.

For what must elders give an account? The Bible speaks of the duties, dangers, and delight of overseeing the local church. What are elders to do?

(1) Take heed to themselves and the church (Acts 20:28) (2) Feed the church the right spiritual diet (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2) (3) Watch and remember (Acts 20:31) (4) Rule well (1 Timothy 5:17) (5) Labor in word and doctrine (1 Timothy 5:17) (6) Hold fast the faithful word (Titus 1:9) (7) Exhort and convince the gainsayers (Titus 1:9) (8) Take the oversight of the flock (1 Peter 5:2) (9) Be examples to the flock (1 Peter 5:3)

How could one take this responsibility lightly or view the work of elders as frivolous? Overseeing the local church is definitely serious business! Remember the inspired words in the great epistle of Hebrews? "Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you" (13:17). Let us assist them in their God-given work and never oppose their right-doing! ~ Doug

May we always get along, love one another, look out for each other, and follow the Will of the Father together.



◆ **Michael Anderson**, home awaiting test results to determine treatment protocol.

◆ **Tim Floyd**, home following kidney transplant last week.

◆ **Tina Anderson**, home following heart surgery

◆ **Bob Floyd**, Adamsville Nursing & Rehabilitation

◆ **Karon Pittman**, recent cancer diagnosis

◆ **Livie Kate Thomas**, LeBonheur, multiple injuries from car wreck, 2nd grader at Biggersville.

◆ **Shawn Crumb**, following liver transplant, Sue Mason's cousin

◆ **Bonnie Wanner**, kidney stone procedure scheduled for Friday.

Hospice Care:

Barbara Beard (Landmark), Gabe George (Abby George's brother), Roy & Gene Scott (Ken Scott's parents), Sherry Jennings (Diane White's niece)

On-going Treatments:

Vicky DeV Vaughn, Patrilla Maddox, Stanley & Becky Nelms, Presli Denson, Vicky Ross, Sue Gregory, Shane Green, Brenda Lubinski, Jeff Moyer, David Moore, Roy York, Eli Hall, Larry Stevens, Allen Brown, Karen Parker, Nellie Caldwell, Kristen Loden, Alecia Klauk.

Continuing Prayers:

Eddie Mauney, Joey Pittman, Shana Hughes, Pam Floyd, Tim & Cassie Stewart, Brian Rowland, Billy Taylor, Debbie Gillentine, Leah Bishop, Martha Smith, Sterling Phillips, Cheryl Hoffman, Eloise Kendrick, Danny Ramdyal, Terry Ross, Gary Birch, Tim Ivey, Walter Ekstrand, Lynn Blythe, Truman Ballard, Andy Duncan, Mark McCoy, Frank Harvell, Steve Bramlett, Steele Pharr, Bobby Stevens, Will Conquest, Brentley Gregory, Freida Swinney, Martha Eaton, Jimmy Wiginton.

Expectant Mothers:

Carly White, November (Boy), Mary Houston Geno, December, (Girl)

Homebound/Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

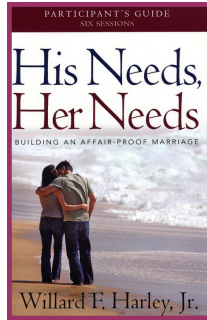
Home: JoAnn Roberts, Sue Potts, Roger & Connie Mauney, Francis Jennings, Ruemell Palmer, Margaret Gooze.

Tishomingo Manor Iuka: Carolyn Wilcutt

Landmark: Shelby Owens, Flora Wanner, John Wroten, Joyce Morris, Carla Weatherbee, Sue Newcomb.

Baldwyn Nursing Facility: Paralee Aycock.

Aberdeen: Ann Young



Sign up sheet and information for the Fall
His Needs Her Needs
marriage class is in the foyer. If you have any questions please contact Aaron or Cassie Foster

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**Transform Ladies Conference**

Ladies planning to attend TLC September 10-13 are asked to meet in the little chapel this coming Sunday following evening classes.

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KICK-OFF

**Sunday Evening
September 13**

Please sign food list in foyer

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**BAPTISMS**

We rejoice with the angels as **Steve Barnett** was baptized into Christ last night (September 1) and **Missy** was also baptized, to make sure of her own salvation (having been baptized as a younger person). Beau Gross assisted Steve and Missy in their obedience to the Gospel.

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GOLDEN CIRCLE

Golden Circle Luncheon will be next Tuesday, September 8, 11:45 in the annex.

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**CARD SHOWER**

*Baptism*

**Steve & Missy Barnett**  
200 Michael Drive  
Booneville

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Get Well:

Bonnie Wanner
113 Westwood Drive
Booneville

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*Thinking of You:*

**Chuck Bonham**  
534 CR 7461  
Baldwyn, MS 38824

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Sue Potts
141 CR 8050
Booneville

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

9:30 Morning Assembly

Song LeaderChris Langley
Opening PrayerRonny Johnson
Scripture ReadingCasey Bullard
1 Timothy 2:1-4

LessonKen Forrest
"Asking God Corporately"

Lord's Supper Drew Bruce
Collection Preside: Billy Martin, Luther Moorman,
Assist: Thomas Long, Brian Rowland, Bill Swader

Announcements/Prayer Guy Gardner
Ushers: Tom Wade, Ben Mauney, Tim Jackson
Security Team: C

Nursery: Meridith Newman & Alison Wade

5:30 Assembly

KidSing

Classes for All Ages

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

**>>>>Singing Night<<<<**

**3rd grade and up remain in auditorium**

Devotional..... Todd Swinney  
Prayer .....

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Song Leader .....Jack Jones  
Devotional..... Cameron Jumper  
Prayer ..... Larry Morgan

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30**

Worship..... 328  
Bible Class..... 257  
Contribution ..... \$65,203.00  
Wednesday 8/26..... 275

**Food Pantry & Clothes Closet**  
will be open September 10 & 17  
Monthly Pantry Item : CANNED FRUIT