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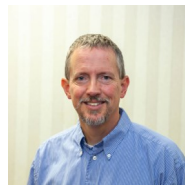
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A Note From Pastor Jeff...



Jeff Smith
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From early March to early April, I took a month-long sabbatical. This was the third sabbatical I've taken since coming to HBC in 2007. My previous sabbaticals gave me time to write a book, check out what other churches were doing, and spend extra time with loved ones. On this sabbatical, I again checked out other churches and spent extra time with loved ones, but I didn't spend as much time writing.

Instead, I took a road trip to Georgia, the state where I grew up and spent about thirty years of my life. I was gone eight days, drove nearly 2,000 miles, and spent time in eight Georgia counties. I saw folks that have meant so much to me in life and in ministry. I hadn't seen some of these people and places in over 17 years. I took pictures, gave out copies of my book, and swapped stories about days past and what's happened since.

One place I visited was the intersection of Alps Road and Broad

Street in Athens, Georgia. It's an unremarkable corner not far from the University of Georgia (UGA). The intersection probably means very little to the thousands of people who drive through it each day. But to me, the place marks a significant point in my spiritual journey. It's the place where God convinced me, once and for all, that I was saved.

The moment happened over thirty years ago, while I was a college student at UGA. I was headed somewhere, driving alone, having an internal debate with myself that had become all too familiar. I knew I had trusted in Jesus as a child, but I seriously questioned whether that decision had been real. Had I really repented and believed? I kept trying to answer that question by examining myself according to what the Bible said was right. I always came up short, so I kept coming to the fearful conclusion that I couldn't have genuinely trusted in Christ. If I had, then why did I still struggle so much with sin?

That day, as I approached the intersection, God flipped my focus. I



stopped examining myself and I began to examine him instead. Was Jesus able to save me? Of course! I absolutely believed that. I believed Jesus was the sinless Son of God who died in my place for my sin. I knew that he loved me and that he was willing and able to save me completely. My doubt disappeared, and my fear diminished as swiftly as the intersection faded away in my rearview mirror.

When we believe in Jesus, we'll learn to obey him more and more. However, we'll still be sinful, imperfect, and inconsistent. If we try to trust in ourselves, we'll always find something to doubt. But when we turn in faith to God himself, we'll realize how able and willing he is to save.

Our source of salvation is found in Jesus alone. He's already won. So if we are trusting in Jesus as our Savior and King, then we don't have to doubt that we

are in his kingdom. We will forever dwell with our humble and righteous King in both this world and the next.

-Pastor Jeff

(This article was adapted from one of my blog posts. Check out my blog and my book at onyoursidetoday.com.)

Recent Giving

March 26	April 2	April 9	April 16
Budget \$33,551.49 Annie Armstrong Offering \$750.00 Missions Support \$100.00 Memorial Gifts– Carla Doss \$150.00	Budget \$25,256.74 Annie Armstrong Offering \$1,327.86 Missions Support \$100.00 KBC Disaster Relief \$1,000.00 Memorial Gifts– Carla Doss \$1,000.00 Student Camp Scholarship \$50.00	Budget \$56,872.16 Annie Armstrong Offering \$579.05 Lottie Moon Offering \$850.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$100.00 Fred Tucker \$100.00 Missions Support \$100.00 Media Ministry \$804.00 Student Camp Scholarship \$350.00	Budget \$22,845.83 Annie Armstrong Offering \$210.00
TOTAL: \$34,551.49	TOTAL: \$28,734.60	TOTAL: \$59,755.21	TOTAL: \$23,055.83
Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$967,327.00 Received to Date \$999,477.00 Difference from Budget \$32,150.00	Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$999,571.00 Received to Date \$1,024,734.00 Difference from Budget \$25,162.00	Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$1,031,815.00 Received to Date \$1,081,606.00 Difference from Budget \$49,790.00	Weekly Budget \$32,244.00 Year to Date Budget \$1,064,060.00 Received to Date \$1,104,452.00 Difference from Budget \$40,392.00



May Birthdays



May 1

Peggy Davis

May 2

Dave Hall
Patrick McPherson
Tom Stosberg

May 6

Rebecca Whisenant
Paulette Sparks
Aileen Hawes
Paul Boyd

May 7

Jordan Snider

May 8

Laurene Tibbs

May 9

Bradley Embry

May 11

Patrick Wilkerson
Jason Bippus

May 13

Kim Toler
Val Logue
Abby McPherson

May 14

George Hall
Matt Oliver

May 15

Kezia Ramsey

May 16

Evan Coffman
Marta Rowe

May 17

Kayla Sweeney
Dona Lee Hurrelbrink

May 18

Debbie Wilt
Debra Finneran
Doug Williams

May 19

Larry Smith

May 20

Linda Williams

May 21

Sarah-Katherine Reynolds
Meredith Reynolds

May 22

James Tavelli

May 23

Charlie Cooper
Brayden Leverett

May 25

Sherril Cook

May 26

Ida Hedgespeth

May 27

Marilyn Owens

May 28

Patrick Alyea
Bryce Butler
Spencer Barham

May 29

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May 31

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