

NEWSLETTER

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Striving After the Wind

What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? Eccl. 2:22

Over the years, I've sat with many parents who were distraught over the potential consequences of their children's wrongful pursuits. Each of these mothers and fathers have been disappointed in their son's or daughter's choices, and as we have talked it has become clear that their disappointment is grounded in their belief that everything would be much better if their child would just be like them. On further probing, it has turned out that by this they have meant that everything would be better if their child would simply give their lives completely to their work.

Scripture's conclusion about a life devoted to labor for its own sake is clear: it's all meaningless and a striving after the wind. This is not to say that work is irrelevant or unhelpful. Work comes from God, so it must be good—but only when pursued rightly. But Solomon warns that when work is the totality of your life, all of your "days are full of sorrow," and "even in the night" your "heart does not rest" (Ecclesiastes 2:23). Workaholics awaken in the night and turn over in their bed. They far too often need pills to get themselves to sleep, pills to wake themselves up, pills to get themselves through the day. And if "pills" is a far-off concept for you, simply replace it with whatever remedy you see people turn to—or find yourself turning to—to help you switch off and to help you switch on.

When life is lived this way, eventually everything will collapse. As time goes on, those who give themselves to their possessions become more and more consumed by them. It's not worth losing one's soul for the sake of stuff. Yet as Jesus taught, there is a way to build your house upon the rock (Matthew 7:24-27). The only solid joys and lasting treasures that may be discovered in life's journey—even in work—are those found in a personal, living faith in God.

So, "choose this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15): the idols of wealth and vain ambition or the God of heaven. Be sure to prepare your heart and make your choice before you sit at your desk or stand in the factory, tempted to give yourself completely to your work. Pray in earnest, "Lord Jesus, I do not want to place my hope in career achievement or wealth accumulation. Lord Jesus, be my Savior and show me how to live today with You as my comfort and my source of contentment." That is the way to work hard at your labors without worshipping them.

Devotional material is taken from the [Truth For Life daily devotionals](#) by Alistair Begg

Revival

at New Hope Baptist Church

*Save the Dates for Revival
at New Hope:*



Bro. James Rhea
Sunday, Oct 12
8:30/10:50AM



Pastor Tom Buck
Sunday, Oct 12
6:00PM



Pastor Kerry Nelson
Mon-Wed, Oct 13-15
7:00PM

Oct 12: 8:30/10:50AM
6PM

Oct 13: 7PM

Oct 14: 7PM

Oct 15: 7PM

We invite you to stay for lunch following
our Sunday morning services to help support NHBC Youth.

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- 2 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 2 the Table fellowship 6PM
- 7 Promotion Sunday
Children and their families are invited to Children's Church Room at 9:30AM for donuts and a gift presentation for those moving up to a new Sunday School class this year.
- 7 Children's Workers Lunch/Meeting following 10:50AM service
- 11 Trailblazers at Molina's in Grand Saline 6PM
- 12-13 Ladies' Retreat
- 12 Senior Adult Game Day 1-4PM in the Fellowship Hall
- 14 Deacon Sunday
- 14 GMAs and Sunbeams 4PM
- 16 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 26 Senior Adult Game Day 1-4PM in the Fellowship Hall
- 28 GMAs and Sunbeams 4PM
- 28 Leadership Meeting 5PM
- 28 Business Meeting following 6PM service
- 30 Women's Missionary Auxiliary 10AM
- 30 Nursing Home Birthday Party 2PM at Caraday of Mineola

MINISTRY TEAM MEETINGS

BUILDING UTILIZATION- SEPT 4 & 18 AT 6:30PM
CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

TECHNOLOGY- WORK DAYS AS SCHEDULED
CHAIR: STEVE TURNER

BUILDING & GROUNDS- SEPT 14 AT 4:30PM
CHAIR: SEAN RADNEY

SAFETY- SEPT 7 AT 5PM
CHAIR: DAVID CURRY

MISSIONS- SEPT 14 AT 5PM
CHAIR: CODY FRANCISCO

DEACONS- SEPT 21 AT 5PM
CHAIR: RANDY OSBORNE

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDIES

MON 6PM- ACTS STUDY AT THE CURRY'S HOME

WED 6PM- ADULTS

WED 7PM- CHILDRENS & YOUTH

THURS 5PM- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ACTS

To help in caring for the needs of the congregation, we have teams available. Please feel free to reach out to our deacons, Hospitality team, and Helping Hands:

Deacon: Randy Osborne: 903-497-6916

Hospitality Team:

Dianne Stephens: 616-617-3864

Marci Curry: 903-283-5482

Helping Hands: Andy Hedlund: 806-438-8581

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Trystan Lilley
3 Jean Maclin
3 Paislee Hall
3 Abigail McCallum
4 Claude Stine
5 Ethan Snider
5 Kensie Garrigus
9 DeAnn Sutton
10 Kolton Garrigus
11 Fred Morrow
12 Palmer Valek
12 Teagan Jensby
13 Dian Wilson
14 Jim Hornick
14 Jayna Williams
21 Sean Radney
22 Natalie Fortner
23 David Goff
23 Ken Good
24 Collins Jensby
25 Mason Scott
26 Bubba Hall
26 Jim Hanson
27 Kathy Harris
28 Reagan Watson

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

1 Lindsay & Pam Taveau
5 Dwain & Kim Sauceman
21 Bill & Laretta Arnold
24 Rob & Echo SirLouis

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