

# SOVEREIGN GRACE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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*"A Church Seeking To Please God In Prayer, Song, Preaching, And Worship."*

## ***Please Join Us As We Pray For:***

All of Our Military, Their Family's & All the Civilian Workers in The Middle East, Zee Mink Fuller and Family, Her son's Bryan Armstrong and Hunter Hackie, Daughter Shannon, and Brother Philip Thornsberry, Johnnie Stephens, Alecia Stephens, and children, Frankie Baldrige and daughter, Buckie Thompson, Frank & Sonya Trusty, Frank & Dawana Reigel, Diane & Smoke, Andrew Preston, Larry & Martha Mollette and Her Family, Lana Paul, Tyrell Loyd, Ted O'Bonion, Larry Mollette II & Family, Kerry Adcock, Kim Poole, Danny & Nita Mollette, their cousin Kayla, The Muncy Family, Lee & Mary Mollette, Wendell Henderson, Joshua Kidd, Matthew Kidd, Ronnie and Sarah Henderson, Ronnie Henderson Jr. & Children, Ricky Henderson and Family, Velma Hammond, Don Hammond and Families, Donna Johnson, James and Luann Reynolds, Timothy Fails, Nathan Fails, Jacob Ramsey, Jerry Hughes, Pastor G. L. Burr, Gina, Brother Kelley and Sister Hinson, Patricia Hinson, Diane Thomas and grandson Jace Fails, Jim and Linda Meier, Keith Johnson, Carolyn Davis, Brother Dan Sullivan the work in Thailand, Brother Raul and the work in Romania, Bro. Sergey Mochalov and the Churches in Russia.

## ***The Pastor's Corner:***

Preach the Word.

*"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." 2 Timothy 4:2*

This is the charge given to every Minister as they enter the ministry of preaching God's word. Before God calls His ministers, they are just regular Christians, just regular church members, listening, learning, and working to do God's will according to His word. Then one day God the Holy Spirit delivers to them orders from God the Father, come and preach the word. It is at this time that their life just changed, and rapidly changed, and in an instant, we have a whole new work. That work is to preach God's word, WOW, what a change in a man's life, we now have the most important work on this earth, "to preach God's word". What an overwhelming job, you are the one that God has chosen to be one of His ministers. However, that new job comes with importance, it comes with a charge, "Preach the word" preach God's word. Suddenly you are Gods speaker, led by the Holy Spirit, you now have the awesome task to speak for God. Some folks do not understand all that comes with that task and I cannot explain it all for the lack of time, but let me say this, it consumes your entire life. I can only speak as a Pastor because that is all I have done, but I must stand back and praise God for everything accomplished. As a Pastor I am an overseer of a local New Testament church that belongs to Jesus Christ. I am also the leader in the church and the Under-Shepperd of the church, what a blessing. While being a Pastor is a work, "This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work." 1 Timothy 3:1 it is a "good work", it is the "best work". Then there comes the responsibility, oh what a responsibility it is, "Preach the Word" and if we fail, we fail in so much. God did not call us for any other reasons, He called us to preach the word, and most of the time preaching the word is a blessing to the hearers, and sometimes preaching the word hurts them. As a minister of the word you have a lot of wonders, do the hearers truly hear, are they paying attention, are they going to even get what I am preaching, then we must be reminded of Gods promise, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Isaiah 55:11 It is not about us, we cannot change one single thing, we will not make one lost soul saved, we will not make one believer a church member, we will not build the church, and we will not destroy the church while preaching the truth. It is our faithfulness

to the truth of the word that we as ministers are to be judged, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine." 1 Timothy 5:17 The word "honor" means - a value – and the Lord said these men are worth double that worth, honor can mean many things, some may count it as money, but it can mean so many things because there are so many ways to honor your Ministers and Pastors of truth. The question is, if your Pastor or Minister are doing their part, are you all doing yours? Please honor your Minister, His life is not a normal life, his work is not a normal work, and being a Pastor of a church is not like being a normal church member. And may I add, neither is being a Pastors wife, they too are a part of the ministry and they also have commandments of God, do not leave them out of the honor due their husband. As Pastors we must concentrate on the work, "preaching the word" always remembering what God said thru the prophet Isaiah in Isaiah 55:11 "...it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." This is our crutch in the ministry, it will keep us true to the word and it must be our anchor in the ministry. Our only responsibility is to the preaching of the word in truth, the results of that preaching is in God's hands not ours. We are not to worry about the results, it is not Facebook and we should not be seeking "likes". The word of God (in truth) is powerful and God has chosen you to preach it. If people do not like it, that's not your problem, if people will not listen that is not your problem. If you upload your sermons to the web and only one soul hears it, that one person was blessed of the Lord. Not many are going to listen to the truth of the word, it is not what they are looking for because God said, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears... And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." 2 Timothy 4:3 – 4 This is not an excuse, it is a fact, people in general and even some that you believe to be Christians and even some that are Christians simply will not desire to hear God's truth. But our job as Ministers is to continue to preach the word even if we think it is not accomplishing anything or if many do not even seem to care. Do not concern yourself Ministers with results, just do the work you were all called to do, and if only a few seem to be listening or even seems to care, God does. And if one single soul is blessed by your sermon, then that one is the one God blessed thru your ministry today, and tomorrow there will be another, and another, and another. Remember, if the world loves you and praises you, you are not preaching the truth!

***"WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE!"***

By Don Fortner

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:" 1 John 2:1

Child of God do not sin. If you have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, regenerated by the power of the Holy Spirit, and saved by Divine grace, you must surely hate sin. If you had the desire of your inmost heart, you would never sin against the Lord again, in thought or in deed. But, as surely as you draw another breath, you will sin. The flesh is still with you. You will never be free from the old man of sin until he is laid in the grave. The children of God in this world are still sinners. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

But when you do sin, do not despair. There is a word of comfort here for God's sinning people - "WE HAVE AN ADVOCATE" Our sins can never deprive us of our saving interest in Christ! He is an Advocate with the Father for us. As a matter of strict justice, he pleads for the non-imputation of sin to us, pointing to his five wounds received at Calvary. He fully paid the penalty due unto our sins; and the Judge of all the earth is satisfied with his payment, so satisfied that he will not and, in justice, cannot charge those with sin for whom Jesus Christ is an Advocate. "Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute s

***Church Notice:***

Our Bible Conference is about two months away, September 20 and 21 Friday night from 6:00 – 8:00 and Saturday from 9:00am – 4:00pm We will have 7 speakers if the Lord will's.