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Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth. Ephesians 6:14

## **God's Truth**

In recent years, a new phrase has entered the cultural conversation: "My truth" or "your truth" have, for many people, replaced "the truth." Social media has made it possible for every person to speak his or her truth to the world. This trend is fallout from the rise of the postmodern worldview that says there is no truth. Instead, truth is in the eye of the beholder; truth is whatever you say it is.

Truth is like the rudder on a giant ship—the thing that keeps the ship on track regardless of how high the waves or how strong the winds. A life that is not based on "true truth" (a phrase from Christian philosopher Francis Schaeffer) will be tossed about by life's circumstances like a ship without a rudder.

John used the word "truth" more than twenty times in his Gospel. He told us that Jesus is "full of grace and truth" (John 1:14), that truth comes through Him (1:17), and that the truth will make us free (8:32). Jesus said, "I tell the truth" (8:45) and "I am…the truth" (14:6). He promised to send us the Spirit of truth to guide us into all truth (16:13). When He prayed for us, He asked His Father to "sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth" (17:17).

Pontius Pilate scoffed at Jesus, saying, "What is truth?" (18:38) That's what people are saying today too. When we hear phrases like "Your truth, my truth, and his truth," it comes from a belief that there is no absolute truth. Everything is subject to opinions. Everything is relative.

A world in which everyone thinks their opinions, however mistaken, represent for them the truth, well, that's a world of

absurdity. Don't be fooled by the world's version of truth. Stay close to Him who is the Truth and continually study the Book that is true and trustworthy—the Bible. There is no "my truth" or "your truth"; there is only God's truth which is found in His Word.

There is no better way to "gird up the loins of your mind" (1 Peter 1:13) than by meditating on the truth of Scripture.

The Word of God is perfect; it is precious and pure; it is truth itself. Martin Luther



Have a Happy and Safe Labor Day Weekend. Chapel will not have an evening service on Sunday, Sept. 1st, due to the Labor Day holiday activities on Tybee.





Sunday Morning Worship Service – "The Life of Isaac" Sunday Evening Worship Service – "The Book of Revelations" Wednesday Evening Service – "The Beatitudes of Revelations"

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Special Summer Children's Program

The last summer children's Wednesday evening program will be held on September 25. We ask that our parents drop their children off at Memorial Park at 6:00 pm and then join us for our Wednesday evening Prayer and Bible Study. Our "Chapel Crew" will have a program for our children for this special service.

## Are you A Hot Mess?

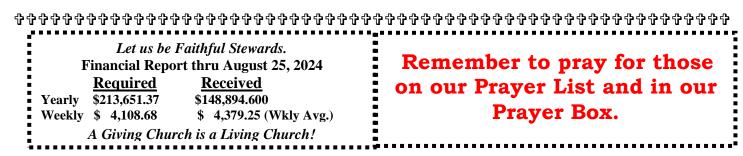
Talk about "cleanup on aisle 5!" A truck in Memphis, Tennessee, hit a retaining wall and crashed, spilling its load of Bertolli alfredo sauce. The road was closed as workers struggled to clean up the sticky, high-calorie sauce and the thousands of broken glass jars.

We all make messes, don't we? Remember the time you dropped the pizza upside down on the kitchen floor? What about the time the garbage bag broke before you got it into the bin? Or that awful moment you opened your mouth and said something impulsively?

Sometimes we make a mess spiritually—yielding to temptation, neglecting our devotions, losing our temper, engaging in a habit we know is displeasing to our God. We need to guard our heart carefully and repent of sins promptly. We should also remember that God doesn't stop loving us when we mess up. At times we might think that God's love for us stops when we sin. But that's not true. God compassionately loves us in spite of our sin.

Thank Him today for His compassion and love, and seek to please Him always.

No matter what storm you face, you need to know that God loves you. He has not abandoned you. Franklin Graham



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Jim Edenfield, 9/1, Andrew Horton, 9/4, Bob Wilson 9/13, Sue Off 9/18, Jerry McCarthy 9/20, Meagan Nesbitt, Brennan Davies 9/29, Beverly Goode 9/30







October is Pastor Appreciation Month and Chapel's Mission March Focus Month.