



# Word From Our Pastor

Jason Thomas

Did God change His mind? I've heard people ask that question when comparing the Old Testament to the New because they view the former as being about the law and the latter as being about grace. Yet, as Paul reminds us in Galatians 3, God's plan to rescue humanity from sin has been the same plan from the beginning. **"Consider Abraham: 'He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.' Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and**

**announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: 'All nations will be blessed through you'" (Gal. 3:6-8).**

You might not see the actual name of "Jesus" in the Old Testament, but the promise of Jesus has been God's promise from the beginning... As the seed who would come from Eve and have victory over sin by crushing the serpent's head (see Gen. 3:15). This is one God with one amazing plan. The big question for you to answer is this... Is God's plan sufficient for you? God gave you this promise, and Christ has done all the work. All you have to do is believe, just as Abraham believed. Consider this promise and the faithfulness of God who gave you this promise from the beginning. You can build your life on it from the moment you first believe! We too are building on this promise as we look forward to a future season of gospel freedom. This is the call of Free to BE. Join us this Sunday to hear all about it!



## The Sunday Report

Bible Study Attendance	212
11 am Worship Attendance	175
Annual Budget	553,351.00
YTD Budget Needs	446,937.35
YTD Budget Giving	456,963.46
Total Receipts for the Week:	9,153.87
Weekly Budget Giving	7,534.90
Weekly Legacy Giving	759.23
Weekly Missions Giving	184.74
<b>This Sunday's Message:</b>	
"Gospel - Our Path to Freedom!"	
Galatians 4	
<b>Next Sunday's Message:</b>	
"Simply the Gospel" Series	
Continues	

## Announcements

**Thank You**  
The Epperson family appreciates all of the condolences, food, flowers, messages and just being there after the passing of Wiley Epperson. We love and appreciate our church family!  
Helen Epperson

**Baby Shower**  
You are invited to a Baby shower for Patrick and Drew Todaro, daughter of Jeff & Miki Ingram, on Sunday, October 30 from 2 to 4pm in the Fellowship Circle. They are registered at Target, Amazon, and Babies R Us. They are requesting no diapers, because they will be using cloth diapers.

**Thank you**  
Thank you for serving the students of UTC through your continual support of the BCM. We appreciate the time, energy, and financial support it took to prepare & serve lunch to our students on Wednesday, 10.12.16. It is an honor and a privilege to have you as our partner in ministry here at the BCM.  
Andrew Habermas

## Discipleship

Andy Atkinson

When God led Israel into the Promised Land, He did so **step by step**. If God had allowed them to quickly wipe out their enemies at once, the land would have been too difficult to manage and the people's character not fully developed to handle it. So He allowed some of the enemies to remain for a time. In doing so, God taught His people to trust Him **step by step**. He gave them only as much responsibility as they could handle at one time.

As God leads you in your spiritual growth, He will allow challenges that match your character and relationship to Him. God will not totally change your character at once when you encounter Christ. Rather, He will lead you through a process to become more like His Son **step by step**. He will keep working in an area in your life until it is in submissive obedience to the Spirit. We may



## Youth Spotlight

### ATTENTION PARENTS OF YOUTH: IMPORTANT MEETING

If you have a student's going to Summer Camp 2017, please be at the parent meeting on Sunday, 10.23.16, following the Morning Worship Service. We will be discussing a new payment structure tied to the fundraiser luncheons, and also the November trip to the Creation Museum in Kentucky.

**October 30th** - Pal's at James & Alisha Lee's home, 5-8 pm - Meet at the church at 5 pm and parents can pick-up to be signed.

## Children's Headlines

**"I look up to the hills. Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord. He is Maker of heaven and earth. Psalms 121:1-2**

**The Point:** Children's Worship at The Point this Sunday, October 23.

**Wednesday Evenings:** We have something for all ages on Wednesday Evening! Downstairs in our Preschool area we are having worship, crafts, and games for ages Birth-Pk4 from 6:00-7:15. Upstairs in our Kids area we have Clubhouse Friends from 5:45-7:15. Come be with us on

## Worship & More...

Brad Lewis

Galatians 5:1 says: **It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.**

We as Believers celebrate and embrace the freedom from the penalty of sin that we receive when we trust Christ as our Savior! Yes we have forgiveness of our sins, but Christ's death and resurrection has provided so much **more** for us than simply heaven.

Pastor Andy shared this in last Sunday's message from Galatians 3: *Salvation for the believer is more than forgiveness of sin. It's regeneration, conversion, adoption, sanctification, and glorification.*

Freedom in the life of a Believer is an ongoing event that allows us to not only have our sins forgiven, but to daily have victory over the power of sin that entices us. It is also the power that allows us to defeat the entanglement of sin if it grasps us.

## Keenager's Pecan Sale

The Keenagers will begin taking orders for pecans & other related goodies next Wednesday, 10.19.16. We anticipate that the price will remain \$10 per bag and delivery will be

11.14.16, Call Wayne & Rena Honeycutt at 706-866-2497 with your orders.

## Women's Ministry

**Women's Tea** - When: November 5 from 2-5 pm.  
Where: Fellowship Circle  
Bring: A friend and your favorite finger food that complements tea time.  
Sign-Up: Welcome Center Desk.

### Women's Ministry Christmas Party

- When: Tuesday, December 6th from 6:30 to 8:30  
Where: Fellowship Circle.  
Bring: A dish to share and gift of \$7.00 and under.  
More information to come.

## Group Directories and Rosters

Inside your class folder is your **Fall 16 Group Directory**, which contains info about members and potential guests. Each group outreach leaders should plan who will make contact with potential guests noted in the Group Directory. Contact information sheets are found in

an envelope in each classroom's bin. This envelope remains in the bin. Fill out a Contact sheet for each contact of potential guests and put the completed form in your Class folder the next Sunday with the weekly attendance roster.

Freedom gives us the ability to follow Christ and shun the world and its influence. We don't have to live like the world. We don't have to think like the world. We can say no to the culture that seeks to sway us into its hold.

Even more, our freedom is also the power to rise above the difficulties in our lives. God truly is the *lifter of our heads!*

May we live and walk everyday in the freedom that God gives us. May we truly be free indeed!

**Worship Well!**

*(Read more on my Blog: **Bigcloudtv**)*

-Brad

