

THE BODYBUILDER

*Our vision is to be a community of grace,
telling the unsaved of salvation by grace,
encouraging the saved to live and grow in grace,
and extending grace to others.*

Holy & Happy Christians

How would you characterize the modern-day follower of Jesus? Would you say they are characterized by the joy of the Lord and His hand of blessing in life? Maybe, but in my estimation from experience, that seems to be the exception, not the rule.

Why are so many Christians unsettled, unsatisfied, and unhappy today? There could be a plethora of reasons why this seems to be the norm in the church today, but one reason that I think we all can related to is our failure to receive from God the resources He has promised to give us in abundance. In other words, we are not drawing close to Him in our daily lives and experiencing the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Several people asked me about a quote I shared in a recent message. Here is the quote:

“People do not drift toward Holiness. Apart from grace-driven effort, people do not gravitate toward godliness, prayer, obedience to Scripture, faith, and delight in the Lord. We drift toward compromise and call it tolerance; we drift toward disobedience and call it freedom; we drift toward superstition and call it faith. We cherish the indiscipline of lost self-control and call it relaxation; we slouch toward prayerlessness and delude ourselves into thinking we have escaped legalism; we slide toward godlessness and convince ourselves we have been liberated.” -D.A. Carson

Holiness and Happiness are fruits from a follower of Jesus' intimacy with God. They are not something we drift into, or we are entitled to by nature of being a child of God. They require a growing and intentional faith. Listen to this song of Moses from Psalm 90.

“Satisfy us each morning with your unfailing love, so we may sing for joy to the end of our lives. Give us gladness in proportion to our former misery! Replace the evil years with good. Let us, your servants, see you work again; let our children see your glory. And may the Lord our God show us his approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful!”

If we really want to be holy and happy Christians, the only thing that stands in our way is us. Maybe we've had years of former misery and evil, but God can replace them with gladness and good. But we have to be satisfied each morning with His unfailing love.

Gary

THE MONTH OF **AUGUST**

Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 1 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 17 - First day of school (BISD)
- 21 - ABF/SS Kick-Off, 9:15am

- Please continue to pray for Gary and Chela Armstrong as she continues chemo treatments. Pray for God's continued restoration and healing in her life and sustaining grace throughout the whole process.
- Praise God for the beautiful baptism Sunday we recently witnessed and the testimony these lives proclaim.
- Praise God for a successful youth camp this past month and for the experience our youth had to draw closer to God and to one another.

FAMILY UPDATE

We encourage everyone to get involved in one of our regular community groups. If you are not yet a part of a group, check out our list of current groups on the BBC web page or contact the church office for info.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

[life together] BIBLE STUDY | PRAYER

August 1 7pm

Evening of PRAYER



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ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP/ SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF

AUGUST 21 | 9:15AM

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1 *Gabe Dick</p> 	2	3	4	5	6
<p>7</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>14 *Brooklynn Lutz</p> <p>10:30AM Worship</p>	15 *Tommy Phelps	16	<p>17</p> 	18	19	20 *Marlie Beth
<p>21 *Chela Armstrong</p>  <p>9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	22 *Donna Brown	23	24	25 *Robbie Matlack	26	27
<p>28 *Allison Dick</p> <p>9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship</p>	29	30				*Birthdays