



# Kindred Lines

Newsletter of the Alexandria Baptist Church  
July 2024

Dear church family,

And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” Matthew 3:17. There are only 17 verses in the third chapter of Matthew.

The next verse begins chapter four. “Why would You let this happen to me God?!”

It usually comes after a time of growing closer to Christ. A period of testing or trials. Look at the story of Jesus.

Immediately after God praised Jesus, the next verse says...

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Matthew 4:1. Note who led Jesus into the battle with Satan...the Holy Spirit.

The two things go hand in hand. Times of joy and times of wondering what in the world we did wrong. If this happened to Jesus, should we really be surprised when it happens to us?

We need to understand why God the Father allowed Jesus to be tested by Satan. It wasn't for Jesus to understand who He is. It was for Satan to understand who Jesus is. For Satan to get it that he could never and would never defeat the Son of God.

In the same way when we are in the midst of trials, it isn't so that God can know your faith. It is for us to know our faith. To understand our faith. Our faith isn't in a thing, faith, it is in a person, Jesus Christ.

When I used to lift weights, I learned an important lesson. Your muscles never grow when you are in the weight room. Lifting weights actually causes tiny tears in your muscle fibers.

Your muscles grow on your rest days. The day after you lift weights. During quiet time for your body to heal.

It's the same with our faith. It is tested and torn and tossed about during the storm. But it grows when we cease struggling and get alone with God. It is there that peace comes. It is there where faith gets strong.

God already knows who we are. The trials are to make us know who we are. Children of the living God. And no matter where life takes us, heaven awaits.

Jesus loves you,  
Pastor Brian

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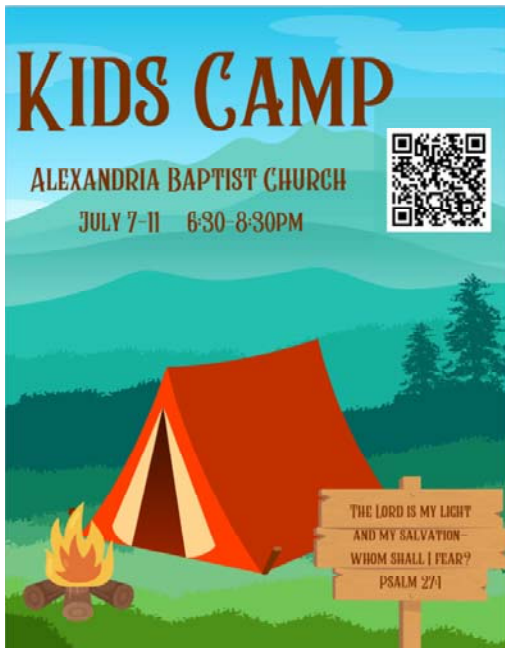
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4<sup>th</sup> July  
★ Happy ★  
Independence Day



We are finishing up the final preparation for Kids Camp. We are so excited to share Jesus the Light of the World, with the kids that will be attending.

We will be decorating the church into a wilderness camp. Decorating times to be announced soon. Donated items need to be at the church before July 7th.

If you have questions contact Brenda.

Please be in prayer for this wonderful outreach. Let your light shine!



The Christian Board of Education is excited to be putting together a new church directory!!!

Our very own Charly McCament will be taking the photos for us.

She has agreed to snap a photo of your family right after church on dates listed below. A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Her JULY dates will be July 14 and 28. They will begin at 10:45 – and run until 12:55. (every 10 minutes)

August dates will be announced soon.

Check your calendars and see which date will work best for you and your family!



Our church will be giving out FREE Bibles again this year at Fun Days. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to volunteer to help man the tent! Any questions see Patti!

We will also be giving out popsicles in front of the church during the parade on the Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> if you'd like to help!

Free Bibles



The price has already been paid!



## Church Family Meeting

July 21st following church

Make plans to attend this meeting to participate in the workings of the church. We will not be having a potluck after the meeting.



## THIRD QUARTER MISSION 2024

Goal \$1000

Adam & Amy Burkey  
CRU Coaching Center

Reaching the Next Generation with the Life Changing Message of Jesus Christ

Adam and Amy consider it a a privilege to be in full-time ministry. They feel that the Lord has called them to influence young people through the ministry of CRU’s coaching center. They get to be a part of Jesus transforming lives as they mentor college and high school students in their walks with God and help enable them to build movements to reach their peers here and in Macedonia. The Burkey’s were over in Macedonia for close to 20 years and then came back home to Alexandria to work here for the CRU Center in America. They still do a summer mission where they return to Macedonia and Croatia area to still help the centers there.

Jesus commanded his followers to make disciples of all nations. Today’s students will be leaders of the nations tomorrow. That is why CRU focuses most of their energy on students, because students have so much potential to influence. Also, students are at a time in their lives, where they are making decisions that set the course of the rest of their lives. High school and college is such a crucial time in the life of young people to have opportunities to put their faith in Jesus, and learn to walk with him. In light of these truths, CRU has strategies in place to help the body of Christ get to each school and every student.



## July-August Mini Mission Heartbeats of Licking County

In the past several years, Heartbeats ran to “Bottles for Life” campaign in May. Heartbeats always has thanked us for being a partner with them. The monies raised allowed Heartbeats to purchase new up-to-date, ultrasound machines, and hiring new nurses and training nurses how to use the machines.

Last year Heartbeats changed their campaign to “Reaching Her”. Their campaign for 2024 is again “Reaching Her”.

Picture a culture of life where abortion is no longer an option. **Our partnership will help make this vision a reality.** Our generosity will empower essential marketing efforts aimed at reaching women in vulnerable situations, ensuring they receive vital information and support from Heartbeats **before** connecting an abortion provider.

Heartbeats 2024 fundraising goal of \$75,000 will help them meet essential operational needs vital to their mission’s success! Prayerfully consider to support Heartbeats in their “Reaching Her” campaign. If you write a check, make it out to Alexandria Baptist Church and on the memo line put Heartbeats. If you pay cash please put in an envelope and mark it Heartbeats on the outside of envelope. Thank you for your continued support. Please keep Heartbeats in your prayers.

**Don’t just ATTEND your church - LOVE your church.**

**Serve, give, invite, worship, post, join, engage, participate!**

