

Bee Ridge Baptist Church Bulletin – September 2021

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From Our Youth Pastor

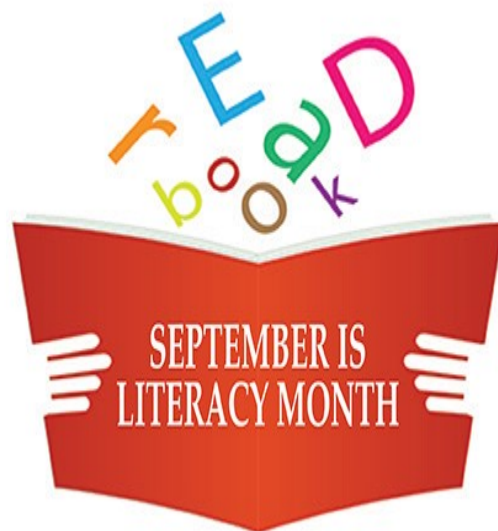
Dare to be Different

As we continue to see the world change around us, it is easy to understand that we live in a society that wants us to conform, but we are called by Christ to be different. And even if you're not yet a Christian, there's a sense in which life is a struggle to conform. That's because you were never meant to live in a world like the one you find yourself in. You were not created to live in a world that has the presence of sin, injustice, wrongdoing and evil. That was never God's intention for you. And so we feel this pressure to conform to the world around us. But that is not what scripture calls us to. In fact we see that we are called to live differently. Romans 12:2 (ESV) says: **Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.** We also see that throughout scripture there is this call to live differently, just look at Daniel.

So, how do we become different. Well the series Chosen has a quote from the character Mary Magdalene which speaks to this change. She says "I was one way and now I am completely different. And the thing that happened in between was... Him." Before we came to the knowing and saving knowledge of Christ we were one way but afterwards we are completely different. The thing that changed it all and made us completely different is Jesus. Also, again from the Chosen there is a conversation between Jesus and Peter and Peter is commenting on the calling of Matthew and he says well that is Different and Jesus responds back with "Get used to Different." You see once we have been called into the Family of God we can anticipate that the world is going to look different to us and we are going to look different and probably even strange to the world. Living as a Christian in this world we shouldn't be trying to blend in or conforming to the world. We should go against the grain, go against the flow and live a life for Christ.

While Jesus was here on earth and sharing the gospel with all those that he came in contact with, he lived a different life from the worldly rulers, from the spiritual rulers, and just the world as a whole. He definitely went against the flow. We are called to live like him and just as Luke 9.23 (ESV) says: **And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.** This is a reminder that we are called daily to deny what we desire, deny our sinful nature, deny the desire to conform to this world and we are to take up our cross (put to death) and follow after Jesus. Each day we are called to die to our old selves and take on the life that was forever changed by Jesus. So, we need to Dare to be different.

Serving GOD with YOU,
Michael



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Our Pastor Search Committee:

Mary Anderson
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8 Andy White

11 Cameron Kauffman

17 Butch Tilley

21 Dee Dee Confer

27 Kara Bonner

29 Ed Confer

30 Marlene Vogt



3 Les & Margaret Birch



*Sunday,
September 26,
10:30am*



*Monday,
September 6*



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10:30am-Children's Church
6:30pm-Mid Week Service
6:30pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Women of Worth

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9:15am-Sunday School
10:30am-Morning Worship Service
5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm-Small Group Studies
6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Firm Foundations

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6:30pm-Mid Week Service
6:30pm-Youth Group

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2:30pm-Bible Study at Manor Care

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9:15am-Sunday School
10:30am-Morning Worship Service
5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm-Small Group Studies
6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Firm Foundations

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6:30pm-Mid Week Service
6:30pm-Youth Group

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9:15am-Sunday School
10:30am-Morning Worship Service
5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm-Small Group Studies
6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Firm Foundations

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6:30pm-Mid Week Service
6:30pm-Youth Group

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9:15am-Sunday School
10:30am-Morning Worship Service/Lord's Supper
5:00pm-Choir Rehearsal
6:00pm-Small Group Studies
6:00pm-Youth Group

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7pm-Firm Foundations

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6:30pm-Mid Week Service
6:30pm-Youth Group