

July 11, 2021

DID YOU KNOW HELPING OTHERS CAN HELP YOU TOO?

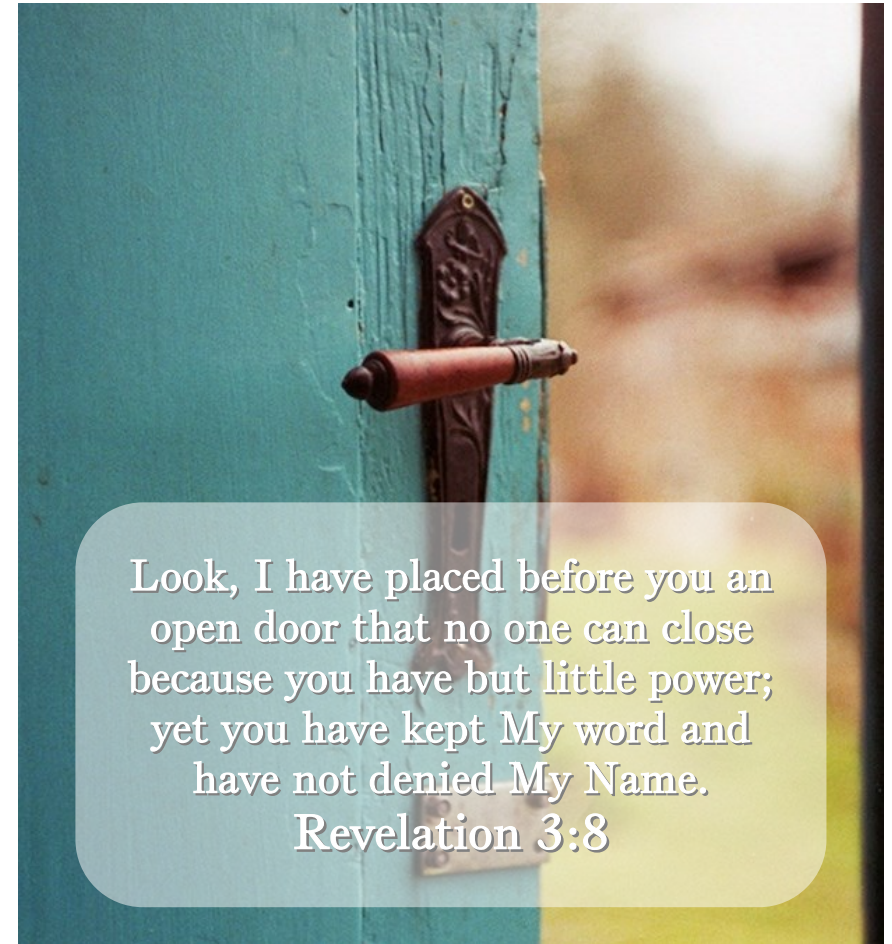
Volunteers make an immeasurable difference in the lives of others, but *did you know* volunteering can benefit your own health as well by lowering stress and boosting confidence.



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Research has shown that volunteering offers many health benefits such as:

- 1** Volunteering decreases the risk of depression
- 2** Volunteering gives a sense of purpose and teaches valuable skills
- 3** Volunteering may reduce stress levels



Look, I have placed before you an open door that no one can close because you have but little power; yet you have kept My word and have not denied My Name.
Revelation 3:8

BBQ Benefit & Pound Cakes

A BBQ Benefit will be held on Saturday, July 24 (11 AM-until) at Euto Baptist for Pastor Marty Griffin of New Hope Baptist. Plates are \$10 and consist of pork BBQ, chips, slaw, bread & dessert.

The UBA is encouraging each church to make at least 2 pound cakes for this BBQ Benefit. The cakes can be delivered to the

UBA or to Euto which is located at 6019 Hwy. 205, Marshville NC 28103.

If you are interested in making a pound cake for this event on July 24th, please let the Church Office know so we can inform the UBA.



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Sunday, July 11 2021

Faithful in All Things (Revelation 3:7-13)

The Point: Faithfully trust God as you minister to others.

The Bible Meets Life: Several years ago I served alongside a pastor who wrote five to ten notes of encouragement every Monday. He sent these notes to different people in the church. At the time I didn't really understand the importance of what he was doing. Why spend so much time doing something that seemed so tedious each week? Looking back, that pastor knew something I hadn't yet learned as a young pastor: encouragement goes a long way in helping people keep walking strong in their own faith. Even when we don't know what's going on in a person's life, a simple word of encouragement is never out of place.

We all love words of encouragement. Even simple statements like "good job" and "keep up the good work" can really lift our spirits and motivate us to do our best. Words of encouragement keep us moving forward in the right direction—and what could possibly be greater than a word of encouragement from Jesus Himself? The church at Philadelphia received just such a word—a word that can encourage our own walk with Christ.

Live It Out: Endure. Identify times or areas of your life when enduring in your faith have been hardest. Pray for Christ's power to stand strong. Let the reminder that He is coming soon to set you free from your difficulties serve as a motivation to stand with Him. **Encourage.** As you see others standing and enduring in their faith, commend them for their faithfulness. Encourage them to continue being a faithful witness. **Invite.** Invite others to walk through "the open door" of salvation and enter into eternity with Christ. Be faithful in your witness of Christ's salvation.

Upcoming Sunday Sermon Series

The Church God Desires

Sunday, July 18 Sufficient in Christ Alone
(Revelation 3:14-22)

Elijah: Living Outside the Comfort Zone

Sunday, July 25 Serve with Courage
(1 Kings 16:29-33; 17:1-6)

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Opportunities for Ministry & Service

Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School

10:00 AM Indoor Worship

Sanctuary

10:00 AM Online Worship

Facebook

Wednesday

6:30 PM Youth

Fellowship Hall

6:30 PM Online Worship

Facebook

Thursday

Jail Ministry

Service Attendance

Sunday, July 4

Indoor: 44

Online Reach: 115

Wednesday, July 7

Online Reach: 54 Youth: 9

Deacons Meetings

Deacons meetings will start back
up August 1st at 1 PM!



Prayer Requests

Kent Chapman

Cindy French

Sam & Wanda Goodwin

David Helms' Family

Nan Helms

Jack Hinson

Jeff Lunsford & Family

Brandi Mayhew (Richard &
Tammy's daughter)

Renay Moore

Bob Murray

Rodney (Renee Helms' son)

Sunday School

The joint Sunday School class
will meet in the choir room.

The New Directions class will
begin meeting in either the

fellowship hall
or their class-
room TODAY.



Monthly Budget & Offerings

Budget Needs:

\$18,566.08

July Offering

To Date: \$8,850

