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Strengthen thy brethren



FaithWords from Pastor Barton

A little girl was sitting on top of a pile of luggage in a hotel lobby. Her parents were at the desk registering for their room. A sympathetic lady asked the little girl if they were visiting relatives in the city. "Oh, no," the girl replied. "We're going to live at this hotel until we find a house. My Daddy has a new job and we had to sell our house and move." The lady said, "Oh, it's too bad you don't have a home." To which the girl replied, "Oh, we have a home—it's just that we don't have a house to put it in."

A contractor can build you a house, a realtor can sell you a house, but only you can make a home. Someone has said that home is the place where we are treated the best and complain the most!

One of the tragedies of life today is the decay of the home. Homes have turned into hotels where people with the same name sleep and eat when do not have something else to do.

Sad to say, some homes are battlegrounds. It doesn't surprise me that young people prefer staying away from home when all parents do is argue and fight. God never meant it to be that way. Home is not a place to hang your hat: it's a place to satisfy your heart. It's the place where we don't have to wear masks and pretend, but where we can be ourselves among people who accept us for what we are—and who love us just the same.

Jesus compared heaven to a home (John 14:2). Home is to be a heaven on earth, but sometimes just the opposite is true.

A happy homes does not depend on externals—furniture, clothes, swimming pools, and things like that. A happy home depends on the hearts of the people who live there. No amount of furniture or luxuries can make up for a selfish heart or a mean disposition.

We parents are sadly mistaken if we think we can build good homes out of bad hearts. We must begin with our own heart and make sure that they are right with God. Then, we can lead our children to be what Gods wants them to be.

Kindness in the home is so important. How easy it is for us to think only of ourselves and what we want, and not to think of others. The kind person is gentle and considerate. A tender heart always means a kind touch. To be tenderhearted means to exercise love and patience when dealing with others.

Love is the oil that lubricates the machinery of the home. A tender heart means a loving word, patience, and encouragement. How easy it is for our children to get discouraged; and when they come home, they need some love and encouragement.

Tenderhearted...it isn't difficult to be kind when you have a tender heart!.

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The strength of the church is not found in the structural steel, or prefabricated concrete. The furnishings and equipment do not make a church strong.

G. Campbell Morgan said, "Find your strength in your relationship to God's Word and your obedience to His commands."

The Psalmist David said in Psalm 119:137-138 said, "Righteous are thou" and "Thy testimonies that thou has commanded are righteous."

Our focus for 2011 has been to RISE AND BUILD. This elevation comes from a higher view of God and His Word which has been at the center of Dr. Barton's messages all year.

Because the truth of God's Word is our foundation, we must have a love and zeal for the truth.

A strong church does not materialize because financial balances are high in all of the accounts.

A strong church does not come into view because of the size of the congregation.

A strong church has at its core, believers firmly committed to the Word of God as truth, who

allow that truth to set them free and steer them day by day.

Our purpose statement: "God-Centered; Truth-Driven; and People-Focused" remains the same. If we are strong believers in God, strong followers of Truth, then we will be strong in our relationship to people.

Central has as our goal to be the people of God that we are designed to be, in order to influence others to be saved and do the same thing.

When Peter struggled, Jesus called him out on it and let him know how he was praying for him. With a strong faith, Peter would be an influence of strength for his brethren.

Join us in faithful attendance and service as we are being prepared to be stronger servants for the Lord.

Luke 22:32

*"But I have prayed for thee,
that thy faith fail not:
and when thou art converted,
strengthen thy brethren"*

CENTRAL snapshots



Quest Building fund

Our Journey to become Debt Free

Central Baptist Church and it's ministries has had some kind of debt since 1984, but with God's divine help and the sacrifice of God's people that is coming to an end. With the closure of our school in 2009, the Church incorporated a debt load of \$1,250,000.00 and this debt is scheduled to be eliminated in 2012.

Pastor Barton is leading us in a spiritual journey of sound financial stewardship and planning called THE QUEST. These Scriptural principles are leading our congregation to be a generous people.

In an economic downturn cycle, Central Baptist Church has seen faithful attendance and giving. In fact, our missions department is reaching it's highest totals since Dr. Barton became our Pastor in 2006!

As we operate by cash only and eliminate our debt, our Pastor is leading us to sacrificially raise another \$110,000.00 for auditorium improvements. After the first week, October 2, 2011 over \$31,400.00 of that has been committed from 28 individuals. THE QUEST is a journey to get 100% involvement from our membership.

"FAITHFULNESS
REACHES
OTHERS AND
TOUCHES
THE HEART
OF GOD."

OUR calendar



o c t o b e r
Rise and Build our
FELLOWSHIPS

n o v e m b e r
Rise and Build our
FAITH

d e c e m b e r
Rise and Build our
FLOCK

Serving during the fall

*The goals great men have reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight.
But they, while other workers slept,
Kept going on throughout the night.*

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| October 15 | Signature Search Youth Activity
Fall Outreach Rally |
| October 20-22 | Ladies Retreat |
| October 23 | Missionary Donald Hultstrom |
| November 10 | PrimeTimers to National Peanut Festival, Dothan, AL |
| November 12 | Soul-winning Blitz |
| November 19 | Paintball Youth Activity |
| November 20 | Thanksgiving Sunday with Seth Acree, Ghana |
| December 4 | Vision Sunday |
| December 9 | Middle Adult Christmas at Bill Crittenden's home |
| December 10 | Youth Christmas Activity |
| December 18 | Choir Christmas Musical, "Bringing Christmas Home" |
| December 25 | Christmas Sunday Morning @ 10:30am
Candlelight Christmas Communion @ 6:30pm |

BUS MINISTRY news

Our Bus Ministry celebrated it's fourth anniversary by going over the 100 mark in professions of faith for the year 2011. Over 1,000 have been saved in these early years with over 200 baptisms. Many teenagers and adults also ride our buses. On August 28 we had 12 baptized on one Sunday from the Bus Ministry alone! We have another bus that can be used for a bus route, when faithful workers are called and trained to help. If you have any questions regarding our bus ministry, see our Pastor.

