

ALIEN LIFE - HOLY LIVING IN A HOSTILE WORLD

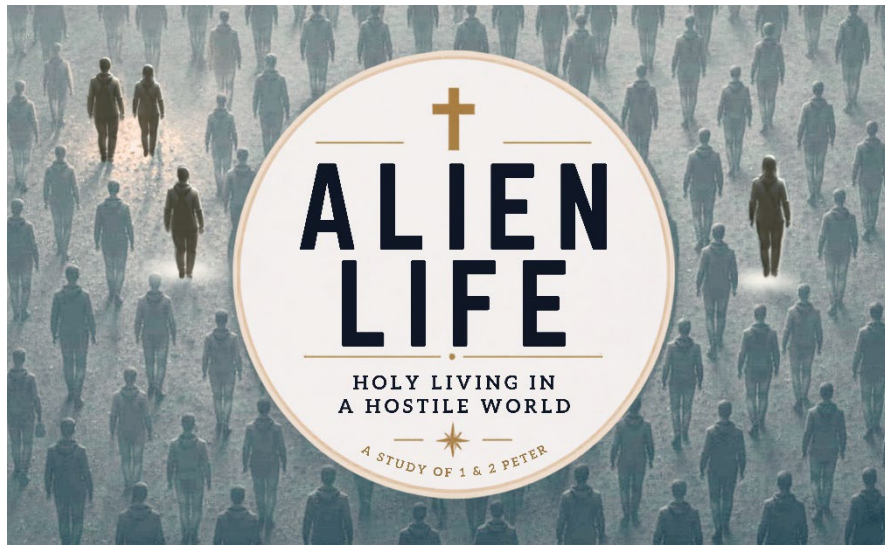
BLESSED TO PROCLAIM

1 Peter 2:9-10

September 27, 2026

Encouraging Truth: God has abundantly blessed His people with privileges and purposes.

- I. The _____
- A. The church is _____ of people born again – caused by God.
 - B. The church is _____ to Jesus – remaining in His presence with fellowship.
 - C. The Church is _____ with those who reject Jesus and refuse to obey God's Word – headed for certain judgment.
- II. The _____
- A. The Church is a _____.
 - 1. God chose _____ to be His covenant people because of His love and _____.
 - 2. God chooses _____ and _____ to be His Church because of His love and grace.
 - B. The Church is a _____.
 - 1. Priests approached God on behalf of the _____.
 - 2. The Church is a priesthood having access to God through _____.
 - 3. The Church is a royal priesthood getting to serve the _____ and _____ with Him.
 - C. The Church is a _____.
 - 1. God chose Israel to live holy lives – _____ for His purposes.
 - 2. The Church is set apart for holy living – not blending in with a _____.
 - D. The Church is a people for _____.
 - 1. God chose _____ to be His people.
 - 2. The Church is purchased by God with the _____ of _____.
- III. The _____
- A. God blessed Israel so they would _____ His excellent qualities and wonderful works.
 - B. God blesses the Church so we will proclaim His excellent qualities and wonderful works for His glory – that His name would be _____ among the _____.
 - C. The Church proclaims God's excellent qualities and wonderful works having been called out of _____ into _____ by Him.



WORSHIP GATHERING

"The Saving One"

WELCOME & PRAYER

"How Great (Psalm 145)"

"Redeemed"

PRAYER

MESSAGE

PRAYER AND COMMITMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

(9:00 - Gerald Lawrence / 10:30 - Hugh Strebeck)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is encouraged to attend tonight's **Meal & Message** at 5:15 p.m. The menu is Ramey's chicken tenders, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes & gravy, and roll (\$5 per meal/\$20 family max). The quarterly business meeting will follow the meal. Childcare (4 and under) will be provided during the business meeting campus expansion discussion.

The Building Team, Stewardship Committee and Pastoral Staff **plan to make the motion** below this evening during the quarterly business meeting with discussion and a vote to follow. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this significant time in the life of our church.

The Building Team, Stewardship Committee, and Pastoral Staff recommend and make a motion that the church build common gathering space (Phase 1A) and a children's wing (Phase 1B) for a cost not to exceed \$6,500,000 using Paul Jackson and Son, Inc. for construction and Community Bank for debt financing not to exceed \$3,500,000 with construction starting as early as October 2026 and debt financing starting as early as 2027.

Sunday School Equip is this afternoon at 4:15 p.m. in the Game Room. All Sunday School teachers (preschool, children, students, & adults) are encouraged to attend. This is an important time for all teachers to hear updates related to their SS classes. Daniel Bray will lead the training time. Childcare will be provided.

Bible Drill for children (3rd-6th grade) has begun and meets Sundays at 4:00 p.m. in Room 225. Children will be led by Judy Hicks. **Students** (7th-12th) begin meeting today at 4:00 p.m. in Room 206. Students will be led by Renee Holm. Bible Drill is an opportunity for children and students to spend concentrated time focused on hiding God's Word in their hearts.

The **Wednesday evening church-wide fellowship meal** menu for this week is pork loin, hashbrown casserole, green beans, & dessert. Meals are served in Boatner Hall from 4:45-5:45 p.m. (\$6 for adults, \$4 for children, and \$25 family max). Sign up by Monday at 9:00 a.m. (only those who sign up before the deadline are guaranteed a meal).



The **Building Team and Property and Space Committee** approved cutting some trees adjacent to the front parking lot in the next few weeks. This is needed to preserve some parking spaces with the anticipated building project.

The **senior adult game night** is Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Boatner Hall. Bring finger foods.

Ladies, you are invited to a **Night of Wisdom & Worship** Saturday, October 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the home of Amanda Hodges (123 Sky Lake Drive, Pelahatchie, 39145). Bring lawn chairs. Soups and drinks will be provided. Scan the QR code or sign up at the Welcome Center.



The **senior adult monthly fellowship meal** is Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Boatner Hall.

The **MS Baptist Disaster Relief Training Event** is Saturday, October 10 at First Baptist Church in Florence at 7:30 a.m. Training will include Introduction to MSBDR Ministry and Basic Chainsaw Safety. Training is open to any who would like to attend. \$20 registration fee for new applicants.

All men and boys are invited to join us for a time of good food and fellowship **Sunday, October 11 from 7:30-8:30 a.m.** in Boatner Hall. Bring your favorite breakfast dish and come enjoy a great morning together. We look forward to seeing you there!

CONTRIBUTION REPORT 9/20/26

Weekly Budget Receipts	\$32,230
Weekly Budget Required	\$35,629
Giving over (under) budget	(\$3,399)
"Blessed" (Campus Expansion)	\$8,289
Global Impact	\$100
Other	\$371
Total Received	\$40,990

YTD Budget Needed	\$1,353,885
YTD Budget Received	\$1,297,745

REJOICING OVER DECISIONS MADE

This Week

Pat Colligan

*Requesting Church
Membership by
Transfer of Letter*



Last Week

Justin & Desarayé
Pope
(Titus & Brinnley)

*Requesting Church
Membership by
Transfer of Letter*



Rhoda Young

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