

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whatever a person sows he will also reap.
Galatians 6:7b (CSB)

We Reap What We Sow

Driving down a country road during the fall season, I'm aware of God's magnificent handiwork. Not only do I see the rich hues of fall foliage, but cotton fields remind me of snow-covered plateaus. Corn patches appear like soldiers standing guard over the landscape. And golden soybean meadows look like a Renaissance painting. Planting time is over. The harvest is ready.

However, the farmer didn't plant these crops for visual attraction. They have a purpose—to provide clothing, food for people as well as animals, and by-products for fuel. In fact, he knew the seed placed in the soil would produce the intended outcome. Cotton seed produces cotton. Corn yields corn. Soybeans make soybeans.

The Scripture uses terms that were familiar to the crowds. People knew about sowing and harvest. Their livelihood depended on a bountiful crop. In Galatians 6:7 God inspired Paul to write "Don't be deceived: God is not mocked. For whatever a person sows he will also reap." If we work to please our sinful self, we reap destruction. But if we do works to please God, we reap eternal life. Paul tells us to not grow tired or give up doing good, because at the end of life, we will reap the harvest—which is eternal life.

As Christians, are you working to gain attention to selfish pursuits? Or, is your labor one that brings glory to God? How can you encourage church members to honor God in all their work?

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...the one who sows to his flesh
will reap destruction from the flesh,
but the one who sows to the Spirit
will reap eternal life from the Spirit.

GALATIANS 6:8 (CSB)

SAPPONY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Michael Dickey

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Invocation and welcome

Hymn 564 "Make Me a Channel"

Hymn No. 571 "Let Others See Jesus"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 573 "Set My Soul Afire"

Doxology

Scripture Hebrews 4:12-16

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"Living and Effective"

Hymn No. 294 "Have Thine Own Way"

Benediction

PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: Hebrews 5:1-10

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Prayer meeting and Bible Study are Wednesday at the parsonage. (13041 Lee Avenue). We will meet at 3pm for those who need an early study and 7pm for those who need a later one. There is also a student class at 7pm.

On going mission opportunities: cancelled stamps for Wounded veterans projects, medicine bottles, and can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Today at 3pm, we will ordain Donald Wright as a deacon at a special service.

PBA Executive Council will meet on Monday, Oct. 14 at 7pm at Oaklawn Baptist Church, 7925 Hickory Rd. S. Chesterfield. Executive Council Representatives should attend this meeting. PBA Annual Session is on Sunday, Oct. 20th at 3pm at Powers Memorial Baptist Church, 2807 Jackson Street, Hopewell. Those who were elected as messengers should attend this meeting. Ahead of the meeting, the PBA will have a trailer set up to receive donations for Disaster Relief. Needed items are: Gently used coats, sweaters, and jackets, and new (in the package) socks and underwear. All these items are Needed in all sizes (men, women, youth and children).

The Sussex County Sheriff's Office invites you to the National Faith & Blue Event, Saturday, Oct. 26th. from 11:00am to 3pm at the Sussex School complex. Fun for everyone.

Oakland's Women Mission Group will host a Mission Prayer Breakfast at 9am on Sat. Nov. 23rd at Oakland Baptist Church. The invitation is open to the women of the PBA. RSVP's would be appreciated by Nov. 12th and can be made to Leslie Allin 804-720-0061 or Tammie Frazier 804-919-1812.

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