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From the Heart *Brother Ben Rowell*

Hold on Brothers & Sisters!

I took my sweet wife to Savannah, GA, a few days ago. We took a jet plane for our trip. Coming back home, storms hit Atlanta and the airport closed for about three hours. Many planes were put in a holding pattern or were grounded. It reminded me that life also has its holding patterns which require me to wait. I'm not very good at waiting. I usually want my wants and desires met yesterday.

James 1:4 says, *"But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."*

I have to remind myself often to trust in God's timing because I know that God is always on time. I do not know how many of you feel about such things, but as for me, I want God to help me enjoy life as it unfolds, to live to the fullest in each hour. In times like we are living in now, it would be great to relish the shear wonder of God's grace and goodness. We should pray that God would let us see His

glory in the opportunities He gives us.

Psalm 71:1-3 says, *"In You, Oh Lord, I put my trust. Incline Your ear to me and save me. Be my strong habitation to which I may resort continually."*

A good prayer for all of us could be: "Lord, unstop the ears of my heart so that I may hear Your guidance."

If life is dishing out to us a holding pattern today, let us use it wisely. Right now, as you're reading this article, do you really want to live your life by His timing? If we do, we truly need God to invade our lives, to fill our lives, to transform them.

Psalm 62:8 says, *"Trust in Him at all times, ye people. Pour out your heart before Him. God is a refuge for us."*

Brother Ben



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August Devotion: Back to School

It's that time of year. Time to go back to school. Buses will begin running, teachers will begin preparing, parents will begin to smile, and children will begin to moan.

We live in a time when personal responsibility has sometimes faded. If a child doesn't do well in school, it's easy to blame the teacher. If a child has homework, it's easy to complain and grumble about the school system.

While realizing that teachers are human and that like in every walk of life there are good ones and not so good ones, teachers devote a huge portion of their lives to our children. Teaching is not just a job - it's a calling!

In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, *"Let the children come to Me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children."*

As a new school year begins, let us renew our support of the people who educate our children and of the school systems in our area. We are blessed to live in a place that provides excellent educational opportunities. Help your child be excited about school and to show love and respect for their teachers.

"I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

Ephesians 1:16

August Recipe: Taco Pie

1 (8 oz) pkg. Crescent Rolls
1 lb. ground beef
1 pkg taco seasoning mix
1 (16 oz) container sour cream
8 oz. shredded Mexican style cheese
1 (14 oz) bag tortilla chips, crushed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
Lay crescent dough flat on the bottom of a square cake pan and bake according to package directions.
Brown ground beef in a large skillet. Add taco seasoning and stir well.
When the dough is done, remove from oven and place meat mixture on top.

Layer with sour cream, cheese, and crushed nacho chips.
Return to oven and bake for 10 minutes, or until cheese has melted.

Current Events

New Sunday School Year

Begins First Sunday in September

Sunday School: Try it, you'll like it!

Preschool Age Guidelines:

2-year-old class: 2 before August 15

3-year-old class: 3 before August 15

4/5 year-old class: 4 before August 15

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God..."

Sunday School is a great place to look!

Children's Activities

Terrific Tuesday

August 9

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Bentonville Pool

Cost: \$5.00

Preschool - 6th grade
Preschoolers must be accompanied by parent. Lunch provided.



August 15

School Starts

AWANA Kick-off & Registration

Sept. 7

6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Hot Dogs, Balloons,
Fun, and
Registration for new
AWANA year.

August Calendar

Aug 7 - 4:45 p.m. - Deacons' Meeting

Aug 9 - 10:00 - Terrific Tuesday

Aug 11 - 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Springdale Aquatic Night

Aug 14 - 3:00 p.m.—Stewards' Meeting

6:45— Business Mtg.

Aug 18 – 11:30 a.m. - Lowell Rec. Assoc. Lunch

Aug 24 - 6:00 p.m. - AWANA workers' meeting

Aug 25 - 6:00 p.m. - Sunday School Teachers' meeting

Sept 4 - Sunday School Promotion Sunday

Sept 7 - 6:00 p.m. - AWANA Registration/Kick-off

Take Notice:

Check out our website
www.fbc-lowell.com

We are making a real effort to update the website with relevant information.

Also available:
FBC Face book

New Members in July

Lacey Ledbetter
Haylee & Steven Jones
Trent Arney
Braden Fennell
Bailey Robbins
Michael Connelly
Bob & Anita See
Mike, Susan, Zane & Mikelyn Bush

Thought of the Day:

"You learn something every day if you pay attention."

Ray LeBlond



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broken."*

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Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Orchestra Practice 8:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday:

Wednesday Meal 5:15 p.m.
AWANA Clubs 6:15 p.m.
Youth Revolution 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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