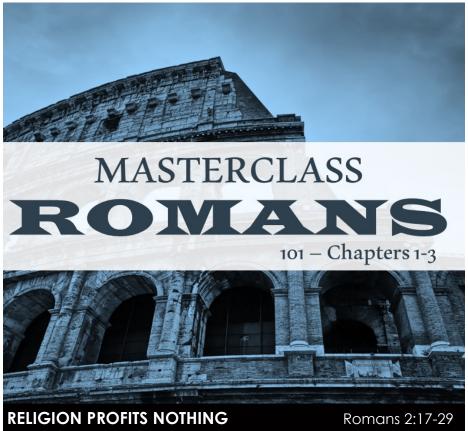
# BREESPORT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday February 19, 2023



Spiritual practices can be immensely important in the life of a believer, but they become dangerous the moment they devolve into religious practices.

The world sees little difference between Christianity and the other major religions, but the apostle Paul is clear to say that Biblical Christianity isn't a "religion" and religious practices are of no benefit.

It is our prayer that this week's text reminds us that eternal life isn't found in climbing religious ladders but in a sincere faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

Breesport Baptist Church exists to glorify God by making more and better disciples of Christ

# **NEXT STEPS**

Whether you're a first time guest or a regular attender, we want you to know what your next steps are here at Breesport Baptist Church. Please visit the Welcome Center in the front foyer or the church website, if you want additional information.



**Salvation** - if you've never believed in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, that's your next step today. See pastor Doug if you have questions about this.



**Baptism** - if you're a Christian, but you've never been baptized, that's your next step. Please see pastor Doug today or contact him at dforman@Breesport.org.



**Connect** to a Life Group - our Life Groups are small gatherings of 8-12 individuals who meet for about 90 minutes each week. Contact pastor Mike at <a href="mailto:mharris@Breesport.org">mharris@Breesport.org</a> if you're interested.



**Grow** – we have lots of opportunities for you to grow in your understanding and application of the Bible to your life from Sunday School to Wednesday Evening.



**Serve** – there are a number of ways that you can get involved to serve others inside and outside the church. See pastor Mike if you'd like to be a part of a ministry team.



**Multiply** - every believer needs to be on mission all the time. If you'd like to know how you can more effectively live on mission please contact pastor Doug.



**Membership** - if you want to experience the fullness of what this faith community has to offer, then membership is for you.

# **RELIGION PROFITS NOTHING**

Romans 2:17-29 (page 940)	
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# reach out to someone. today.

Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

#### **LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS 2-19-23**

#### CONNECT:

This week's text dives into the issue of hypocrisy. In Paul's day a hypocrite was simply an actor who pretended to be something that he wasn't. With that being said, who is your favorite actor or actress and why? Or, have you ever acted, and if so, what was your favorite part to play and why?

#### **GROW:**

- What part of this week's text or message stood out to you the most and why?
- What's the danger of teaching the Gospel in a way that makes it about moralistic improvement (i.e. it's only about how we act)? How do you teach the Gospel in a way that penetrates the heart of the hearer and naturally results in moral improvement?
- Why was Paul so vocal throughout his ministry that circumcision wasn't necessary for salvation? What's at stake if it is?
- What do you do to ensure that your faith and the practice of your faith doesn't become mere religious ritual and routine?

#### SERVE:

Consider ways to serve someone in your Life Group this week or how your Life Group can serve someone else this week.

#### **MULTIPLY:**

What is one practical thing you can do this week to ensure that the practice of Christianity remains vital and authentic in your life or the life of your family? How can your Life Group help you in this?





# February 24th: LIMITLESS YOUTH WINTER JAM 2023

Who: 5th to 12th grade

Where: We will meet here at the church at 1:00 pm on Friday, then travel down to State College, PA for the concert. We should be

returning around 2 am Saturday morning.

**More Info:** For 5th-12th grade students. Ticket cost is \$15, and you should plan on bringing another \$10 for a meal at Chick-Fill-A before the concert. You may want to bring extra money for swag and snacks at

the arena. We recommend you bring a bottle of water and snack for after the concert. And plan on having a GREAT TIME at WINTERJAM 2023

Contact Pastor Andy at: ashanks@breesport.org



What is Embrace Life? The Embrace Life program is designed to offer support and community for single, young moms. They are encouraged to bravely and boldly launch into the purpose and adventure God has for their lives. Presented with the truth that God cares about every spiritual and practical detail of their lives, they

can navigate every detour and victory resting in the provision of God. They can view every circumstance as an opportunity to share their unique, God-given gifts and stories with the world around them—leaving a legacy of bravery, hope and adventure for their children and grandchildren!

We will be launching Embrace Life in one week. Embrace Life is the continuation of the Embrace Grace program and is launched when Embrace Grace graduates wish to continue their Bible study and support group.

**They will be meeting on Sunday mornings** during the Sunday School hour at Breesport every other week. Three young ladies are planning to go forward into this new journey but Dena Jewell has opened it up to others who might be interested through her Embrace Grace FB page.

Contact Dena Jewell for more info.

# LADTES RENEW

We will meet on 2/28/23 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of learning how to have an effective prayer life through Prayer Journaling. You will hear different testimonies from three different generations on how prayer journaling has been life transforming. Please let us know you're coming by using the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the hallway.



#### What is the BCTC?

Track #1 of the Biblical Counseling Training Conference equips Christians through virtual training to skillfully, confidently, and lovingly minister God's Word to those looking for answers.

#### Isn't this just for "Counselors"?

This track equips all learners with the basic tools and knowledge necessary to minister the Word personally. Many will find this training helpful in their individual relationship with Jesus, their own relationships, and in their ministry to others.

#### Do I have to be a member of Breesport Baptist to attend?

No. We are offering this opportunity to our community at large.

#### Where is it held?

Classes will be held here at the church. If you prefer, you can choose to watch at home, but watching in community with others here at Breesport will be helpful. Classes are held on 3 weekends: March 24-25, April 28-29, and May 19-20.

#### How much does it cost?

Early registration is \$199 and the price increases to \$229 after 3/3/23. This includes access to classes and conference materials. Classes can be viewed online for up to 30 days after each session has concluded.

#### How can I find out more?

We have more information and links to sample sessions on our website at <a href="https://www.breesport.org/conference">www.breesport.org/conference</a> Here you can register for the conference, and access additional information about this opportunity. You can also contact any of our pastors or office staff if you have questions.

# **WEEKLY EVENTS**

#### SUNDAYS at 9:30 am

- ADULT BIBLE FELLOWSHIP in the Fellowship Hall
- LIMITLESS YOUTH
- NURSERY/ARK & IGNITE

#### SUNDAYS at 10:45 am

- WORSHIP SERVICE in the Worship Center
- <u>LIVESTREAM</u> Worship Service
- NURSERY/ARK & IGNITE

#### WEDNESDAYS at 7 pm

- ADVENTURE CLUB (k -4th grade)
- LIMITLESS YOUTH (5th-12th grade)
- BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER in the Fellowship Hall

#### LIFE GROUPS

 Check our <u>website</u> for times and locations

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### 2/23 MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

At Curly's Chicken House on the last Thursday of each month at 8:00am. See Ron Pettis for more info

#### 2/24 WINTER JAM 2023

Limitless Youth will be traveling to State College, PA to attend this year's Winter Jam. Contact Pastor Andy if you are interested in attending

#### 2/28 at 6:30pm LADIES RENEW

In the Fellowship Hall for an evening of learning how to have an effective prayer life through Prayer Journaling. Signup sheet on the Bulletin Board

#### 3/24 - 3/25 SPRING BCTC SESSION #1

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www.breesport.org/conference

#### **Last Week's Attendance**

Worship Service 258 (in person)

LiveStream (online)

# **Last Week's Giving**

General Fund \$13,022.57 YTD Actual \$326,932.83 YTD Budget \$334,908.00

ONTACT

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