

From Our Pastor

August 4, 2019

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Is it right or is it wrong? Is it good or is it bad? Should I or shouldn't I? Do these thoughts ever go through your mind? Do you ever catch yourself going back and forth over issues? I truly believe the element that is missing in the church these days is discernment. The scripture says in I Thessalonians 5:21&22 "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil". We are to evaluate all aspects of our life and make sure that we are coming in line with the Word of God.

Discernment is the process of making careful distinctions in our thinking about truth. It means to separate things from one another at their points of difference in order to distinguish them. John MacArthur, in his book entitled, *Fool's Gold* says, "the discerning person is the one who draws a clear contrast between truth and error. Discernment is black and white thinking and there is a conscious refusal to color every issue in shades of gray."

MacArthur gives three commands that spell out the requirements in having a discerning mind. First of all, he says "we are to judge everything. We should run everything through a grid of discrimination. This is the process of testing something to reveal its genuineness. Paul urged believers to scrutinize everything they heard to make sure it was genuine, to distinguish between the truth and the false, to separate the good from the evil. In other words, he was urging them to examine everything critically and carefully.

Secondly, we are to cling to what is good. He describes this as a militant stance against anything that undermines the truth or does violence to it in any way. We must hold the truth securely, defend it zealously and preserve it from all threats.

Thirdly, we are to shun that which is evil. The word "abstain" means to "hold oneself back" or "to keep away from." It is calling for radical separation from "every form of evil and we are to "hold onto" that which is real, genuine and good."

Dr. Jay Adams said in his book, *A Call to Discernment*, "spiritual discernment is the ability to distinguish God's thoughts and ways from all others." When asked, "How do you do that?" His response was, "the more you know of what the Bible teaches the less likely you will be caught up in a "wind of doctrine." In essence what these men are saying is that we need to learn to think from the Biblical perspective. Everything must be filtered through the Word. It is not that you are trying to spiritualize everything but you are trying to be protective and cautious when it comes to the philosophy of this world. Our culture is totally different than what it used to be. As Ken Ham says, "We have gone from an Acts 2 culture to an Acts 17 culture."

Recently in an article by John MacArthur he states, "Failure to distinguish between truth and error leaves the Christian subject to all manner of false teaching. False teaching then leads to an unbiblical mindset, which results in unfruitful and disobedient living-a certain recipe for compromise. Unfortunately, discernment is an area where most Christians stumble. They exhibit little ability to measure the things they are taught against the infallible standard of God's Word, and they unwittingly engage in all kinds of unbiblical decision-making and behavior. In short, they are not armed to take a decidedly biblical stand against the onslaught of unbiblical thinking and attitudes that face them throughout their day."

As we go through the Christian life we must have a keen awareness of truth when it comes to the evils of this world. We must know the difference between right and wrong. We must be able to discern between what is good and Godly and what is not. The enemy is a master at using truth to steer you and I in the wrong direction. He can disguise himself to be as God but one thing for certain he cannot be God. Discernment is no longer an option for the Christian but it is a requirement in dealing with today's society.

Bro. Terry

August 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><i>4</i></p> <p>9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Church Council</p>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>5:45 pm Fellowship Dinner 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:45 pm Regular Business Meeting/Youth Prayer & Missions/JAM</p>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
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Children's Church Workers

August 4	Carie Lloyd and Madilyn Moss
August 11	Karen Carlsen and Megan Blair
August 18	Lori and Caroline Doss
August 25	Randy and Cassie Gatewood

August Birthdays

1	Benjamin Dunn
1	Trey Fuller
3	Caroline Doss
4	David Betterton
4	Gayle Hubbard
5	Jennifer McDaniel
5	Sabrina Moore
7	Helen Moschler
8	Corey Matherly
9	Damon Mullins
10	Misty W. McGhee
11	Ricky Matherly
12	James Nuckols
13	Victoria Cox
14	Karen Carlsen
14	Nora McFaddin
14	Jared St. John
15	Easton Nuckols
18	Keenan Nuckols
19	Carolyn Marlowe
19	Sammy Robertson
21	Ami Carter
25	Aiden Mullins
25	Lisa M. Shorter
26	Melody Collins
26	Lori Matherly
29	Brandon Shelton
31	Jamie Eanes



Nursery for August

Sun August 7, 2019

10:45 am – 12:15 pm (Infant) Karle and Wendy Byrd, Drake Easley
(Toddler) Paige Conner, Jessica Waller

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

Wed August 7, 2019

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Roger and Emma Walden

Sun August 11, 2019

10:45 am – 12:15 pm (Infant) Lori and Caroline Doss, Sabrina Moore
(Toddler) Becky Roberts, Mandi Dolan

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm James and Sylvia Lumpkins

Wed August 14, 2019

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Linette Nuckols

Sun August 18, 2019

10:45 am – 12:15 pm (Infant) Mary and Madilyn Moss, Cheryelle Easley
(Toddler) Stephanie and Sara Weiss, Cheryl Waller

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

Wed August 21, 2019

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

Sun August 25, 2019

10:45 am – 12:15 pm (Infant) Donnie and Peggy Moore, Chuck Easley
(Toddler) Elizabeth Reynolds, Ben Ferris, Heather Bray

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm James and Sylvia Lumpkins

Wed August 28, 2019

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm James and Sylvia Lumpkins

Greeters

August 4 Judy Reynolds, Julie Ragsdale, Debra Reynolds, Chuck Easley

August 11 Shirley Fisher, Mary Moss, Melody Collins, Lynita Falls

August 18 Paige Conner, Julie Ragsdale, Jetty Burgess, Christina Falls

August 25 Bonnie Ragsdale, Joan Nuckols, Faye Shropshire, Dorothy Fowlkes

Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher

August 4 Adam Burgess*, Adam Lumpkins, Justin Matherly, Dale McFaddin

August 11 Karle Byrd*, Randy Gatewood, Tommy Jefferson, Chuck Easley

August 18 Chris Falls*, Larry Weiss, Jared St. John, James Lumpkins

August 25 Donnie Moore*, Gary Matherly, Bryan Lewis, Terry Moore

2019 Lottie Moon Offering: **Update**

As a church, you have set a pledge goal of \$18,465.00, for the 2019 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of July 28, 2019, the church has collected **\$9,755.25.**



The Mission of the Manger



Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20

**2019 Lottie
Moon Goal
\$18,465.00**

Opportunities For Service



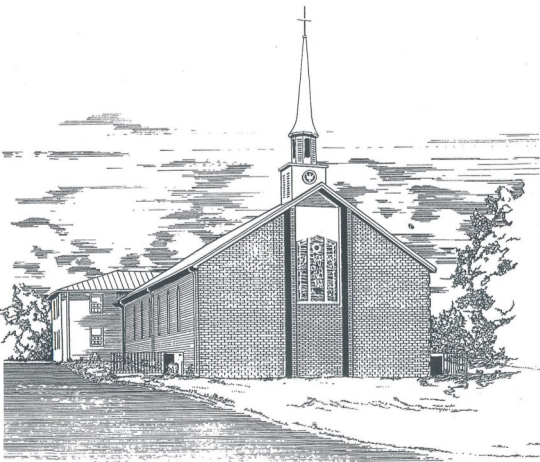
God has blessed our church with an abundance of children! As a result of this blessing we are looking to expand our Children's Church program. We are looking for a few volunteers to help. It is a small time commitment (one Sunday a month or less), with a lasting impact on our children, and it's fun! If you're interested in joining us in Children's Church or if you have questions, please see Mandi Dolan.

For those of you collecting along with us at home, August's focus is school supplies. Any donations for our church-wide packing party in November can be placed in the donation box in the foyer. Please see Julie with any questions.





We will be having our Regular Business Meeting on August 28, at 6:45 pm. We need at least 30 members present to vote on changes to our constitution and a report from our nominating committee. A baked potato bar will be served before the meeting starting at 5:45 pm. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship, then stay as we discuss this important business!



Pastor will be holding membership orientation classes during Sunday School for those who would like to join the church. Classes will be held on August 4, 11, and 18. If you would like to attend one of these classes please sign up in the foyer.



Anyone who has perfect attendance in Sunday School, please see Lori Matherly as soon as possible.

Thank you all so much for allowing me to serve as Sunday School Director for the past two years. I look forward to seeing our Sunday School Department continue to grow.



Copies of our church constitution with proposed changes are available in the foyer. The proposed changes will be voted on during our August 28 business meeting. If you have any questions, please see Brenda Reynolds.



Our Senior Saints are invited to a fellowship meal after the morning worship service on Sunday, August 11. We hope that you will join us for a time of food and fellowship. If you have any questions, please see Julie.



It's A GIRL!

We will be hosting a baby shower for Kimberly Smoot on August 31 at 10:30 am in the Homebuilders'



classroom. Kimberly is expecting a girl and is registered at Amazon, Target, and Wal-mart. If you would like to help with the shower please see Cheryelle Easley or sign up in your Sunday School Class.



Joy on the Ark is back!

Join us Sunday nights September-May to learn God's Word, play, sing, craft, dance, and have fun! There are classes for your little ones from

ages 2 1/2 – 5th grade. Don't miss the boat, please register for your voyage

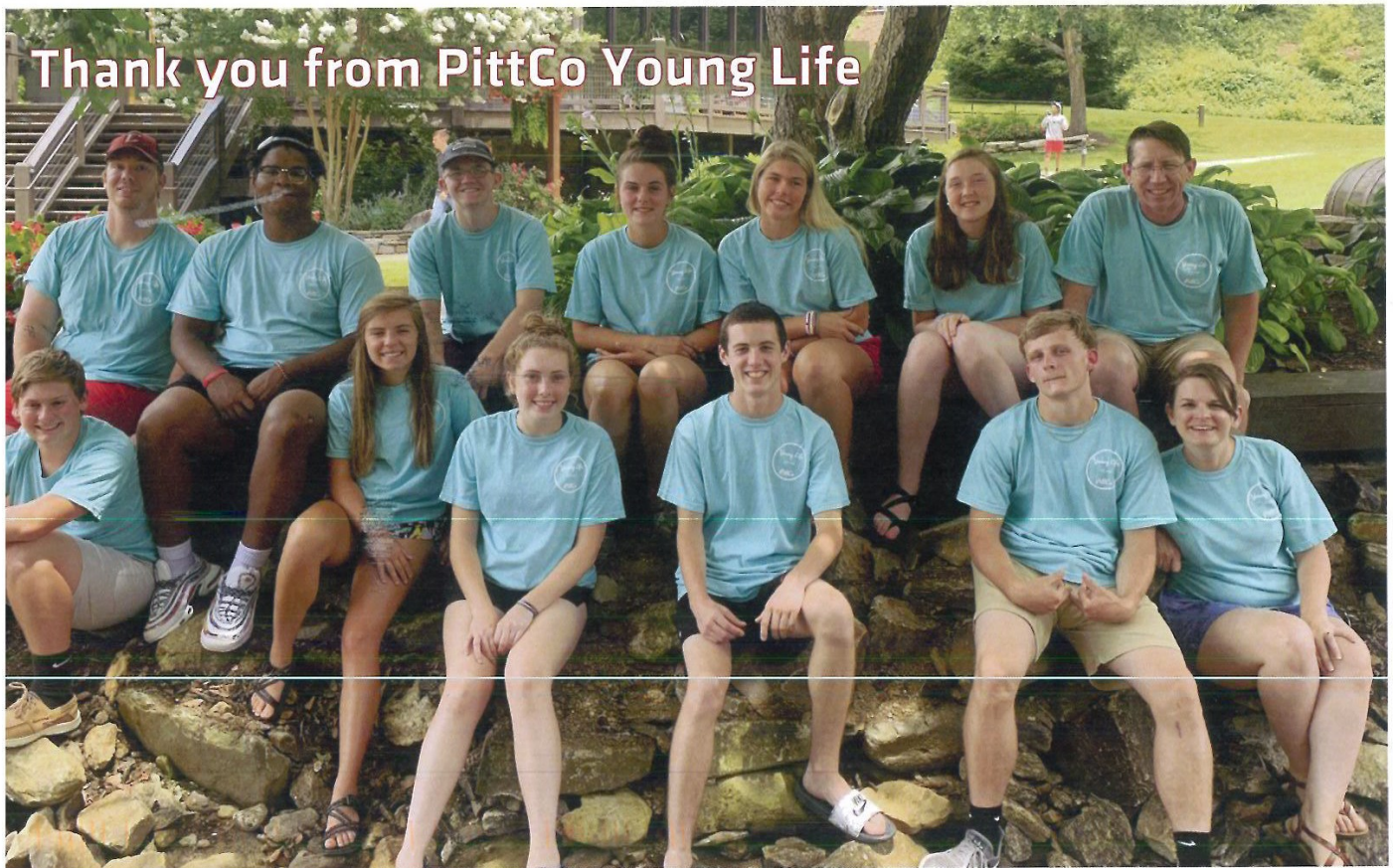
on the Ark, by 8/18. You can use the QR code below, this link [https://](https://forms.gle/Z2R6VrrK8KqzcUaw9)

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Interested in volunteering? There will be a volunteers meeting, August 11 after the morning worship service in the Homebuilders' classroom. If you

have questions, please see Daniel Moore or Shelly Lewis.



As many of you know, our church has recently begun supporting Pitt. Co. Young Life. This support is helping establish a Young Life Club here in Chatham. Recently 10 campers set out for camp, where they had a lot of fun, and more importantly learned about Jesus.

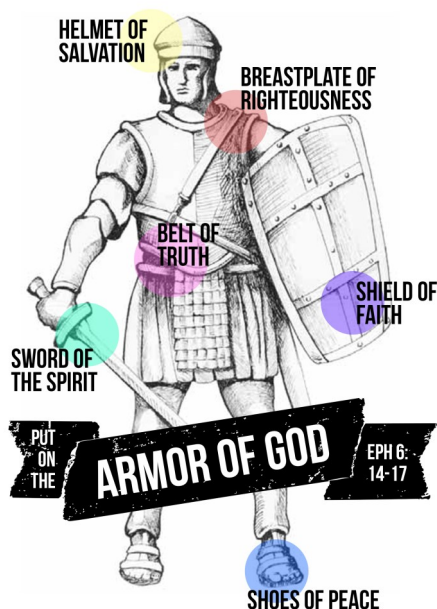
The campers came back excited for the school year, where they'll get to spread the Gospel to their friends who may not have heard it. Fall will also mark Ben Paris' official start date as a paid staff member at Young Life! Thank you so much for helping support Young Life and their mission to shine the light of the Gospel into the lives of young people who otherwise might not hear it.

If you would like more information about Young Life, please see Hal Lloyd or contact the church office. We look forward to sharing many more updates with you as God moves in the lives of our young people!

Youth Update



Join us on Sundays this summer for Youth Sunday Summer Screenings. We'll be watching great Christian movies, having delicious snacks, and enjoying fellowship with friends. We'll be meeting Sunday evenings at 6 pm. If you have any questions, please see Hal Lloyd.



On September 14, we will be holding an Armor of God live action role play. Participants will get to construct their own armor in the morning, and then after lunch participate in battles. Join us as we make this important Biblical lesson interactive and fun!

If you have any questions, please see Hal Lloyd.

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Events in September

September 1

Sunday School Promotion Sunday

September 8

Church Council

September 14

Armor of God Live Action Role Play

September 21

Baby Shower: Becky Roberts

September 29

Baby Dedication