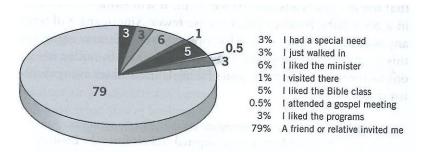
#### From Our Pastor

My daughter sent me an email the other day that contained this saying, "I want to be so full of Jesus that if a mosquito were to bite me it would fly away singing, "There is power in the blood." While this is humorous, in all honesty one of our deepest desires should be to be full of Jesus. Surely our motivation is not to get a mosquito to sing but we should desire to be so full of Christ that others would sense something different about us. Our quest should be to be so close to Him and full of Him that we would be motivated to tell others about what Christ has done for us. We have become complacent in fulfilling the Great Commission and being vocal about our faith. In a recent study by The Institute for American Church Growth, they questioned 10,000 people to find out why they went to church. Here are the results of that study:



There is a real deficiency in churches today when it comes to personal evangelism and telling others about Christ. For so many years mass evangelism was the means by which many came to Christ. Billy Graham, D. L. Moody, Billy Sunday and many, many more powerful preachers were mightily used of God in preaching the gospel to thousands and millions of people in their crusades. Millions of people came to know Christ in those mass efforts to get people saved. This led to a season of churches exploding in attendance due to their soul winning efforts. Many came to Christ through bus ministries, to home visitation and tent/revival meetings.

I believe that God is moving us back to the place that if evangelism is going happen in our churches and communities, it will be done by Christians personally sharing their faith one on one. John S. Dickerson wrote in his book entitled, The Great Evangelical Recession, "Our greatest potential for reaching the lost is not a celebrity leader, but millions of less-known everyday believers sharing their faith consistently." Acts 8:4 says, "Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word." I truly believe this is God's means in the 21st century of getting the gospel out to the world. Personal evangelism was the means by which God saturated the New Testament culture.

Ed Stetzer puts it this way, "As a follower of Christ, I must live and proclaim the message of the Gospel or I am not really a follower of Jesus Christ." Charles Spurgeon once said, "Every Christian is either a missionary or an impostor." If we possess His name then we should be willing to proclaim His name.

Dickerson also wrote, "Statistics tell us that two out of ten people in our country are evangelicals and the percentage is declining. Thom Rainer states, "Most churches are dwindling. Most denominations are not growing. The population in the United States is exploding and the church is losing ground. We are in a steep state of decline." If there has ever been a time when God's people need a sense of urgency about them, it is now. We need to get back to what works and find out what it was about the "ole timers" like Stephen that caused religious people to throw rocks at them and wish them dead. We have lost the edge. As I stated in the opening paragraph, may we get so full of Jesus that even the "mosquitoes recognize the difference."

## **May 2018**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study	2 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice 6:30 pm Choir Practice 7:00 pm Sportsmen's Banquet Meeting	3 6:30 pm National Day of Prayer Service @ White Oak	4	5
6 Gideon Sunday 9 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 5:45 pm ESCALATE 6 pm Joy on the Ark Store/ Evangelism Series 7 pm Church Council	7	8 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study 6 pm WISH	9 6:45 pm Regular Business Meeting/Youth Prayer & Missions/ Children's Choir 7:45 pm Choir Practice	10 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study	11	12 Youth Liberty Baseball Trip 2-8:30 pm
Mother's Day  9 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service NO PM SERVICES	14	15 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study	16 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting/ Youth Prayer & Missions/ Children's Choir 7:45 pm Choir Practice	6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study	18	19
20 Graduation Sunday  9 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 12:30 pm Youth Fellowship Lunch 5:45 pm ESCALATE 6 pm Joy on the Ark Closing Ceremonies	21	22 10:00 am Ladies' Bible Study 6:00 pm WISH	23 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting/ Youth Prayer & Missions/ Children's Choir 7:45 pm Choir Practice	24 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study	25	26
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#### **Children Church Workers**

- 6 Kent and Misty Bishop
- 13 Whitni Burnett and Madilyn Moss
- 20 Karen Carlsen and Frances Dasko
- 27 Randy and Cassie Gatewood

## **May Birthdays!**

- 1 Lydia Nuckols Bowers
- 2 Hal Lloyd
- 7 Judy ReynoldsKaren Riddle
- 8 Kim JonesMandi Dolan
- 9 Debra Reynolds
- 10 Robert Hubbard, Jr.
- 11 Will Roberts
- 14 Matthew Anderson
- Norma BettertonWilliam Tosh
- 16 Hailey Doss
- 19 Samantha AaronJessica Burgess
- 20 Earl Nuckols
- 22 Lois Ann BattenBill Nuckols
- 25 Leon Burgess Ritha Gammon
- 26 Isabelle LumpkinsTim Moore
  - Kimberly Smoot
- 27 Dot HubbardAshley Doss Wallace
- Wendy ByrdMatthew FallsAshley Norman
- 30 Reba McDaniel
- 31 Jessie Henderson

#### Nursery Calendar - May 2018

#### Sun May 6, 2018

10:45 am - 12:15 pm
Shelly Lewis, Becky Roberts, Donnie and Peggy
Moore
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Donnie and Peggy Moore
Wed May 9, 2018

Sun May 13, 2018

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Lynita Falls, Devin Motley, Karle and Wendy 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Faye Shropshire** 

Byrd

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm James and Sylvia Lumpkins

Wed May 16, 2018

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm Paige Conner

Sun May 20, 2018

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Cheryl Waller, Jessica Waller, Mary and

Madilyn Moss

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

Wed May 23, 2018

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm Holly St. John

Sun May 27, 2018

Stephanie and Sara Weiss, Lori and Caroline 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Doss

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm James and Sylvia Lumpkins

Wed May 30, 2018

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm Donnie and Peggy Moore

#### Greeters

May 6, 2018	Hailey Doss, Bonnie Ragsdale, Judy Reynolds, Paige Conner
May 13, 2018	Shirley Fisher, Julie Ragsdale, Dorothy Fowlkes, Emmalee Ayers
May 20, 2018	Jared St. John, Melody Collins, Reba McDaniel, Emma Walden
May 27, 2018	Christina Falls, Joan Nuckols, Helen Moschler, Deborah
	Reynolds

#### Deacon of the Week(\*)/Usher

May 6, 2018	Bobby Mullins*, Jared St. John, James Lumpkins, Hale Crider
May 13, 2018	Adam Burgess*, Terry Moore, Larry Weiss, Drake Easley
May 20, 2018	Donnie Moore*, Gary Matherly, Randy Gatewood, Chuck
	Easley
May 27, 2018	Karle Byrd*, Chris Falls, Daniel Moore, David Burgess

### 2018 Lottie Moon Offering

#### **BECAUSE YOU GAVE**

- \$153 Million dollars were raised
- 3,600 Southern Baptist
   Missionaries were supported in their work
- 451 New Missionaries were sent

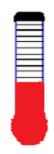
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#### The Mission of the Manger





As a church, you have set a pledge goal of \$19,691.00, for the 2018 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of April 22, 2018, the church has collected \$7,642.00.



2018 Lottie Moon Goal \$19,691.00

# **Opportunities for Service**

Our congregation will be participating in Baby Bottle Boomerang to benefit the ministry of Transitions Pregnancy Solutions (formerly known as Little Life). Transitions Pregnancy Solutions exists to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and uphold the sanctity of human life through crisis pregnancy assistance, sexual purity education, and post-abortion restoration. Transitions Pregnancy Solution has seen an increase of in services needed, making our support more important than ever. Proceeds from Baby Bottle Boomerang are used to fund the ministry's programs.

At the end of our service on May 13, 2018, we will be distributing baby bottles and asking you to take one bottle per family. We are asking that you take the bottles home, fill them with checks, cash, and coins and return them to the church on Sunday, June 17, 2018. Please direct any questions to Linette Nuckols.









May is an exciting month for Operation Christmas Child here at Hollywood. Our children and youth classes are participating in our first ever Stuff a Shoebox challenge! Each week our young people are bringing in items for their shoebox. In just eight weeks, they will have filled a shoebox. Shoeboxes for the challenge are located in our Sunday School classes. If your family

has not been attending Sunday School and you would like to participate in the Stuff a Shoebox challenge, please let Julie know. If you would like additional information about the challenge, please see Julie. At the end of the challenge we will be celebrating our completed shoeboxes!

For those of you collecting along with us at home, May's focus is Hygiene Items. Toothbrushes, soap, washcloths, deodorant, dental floss, brushes or combs make wonderful additions to your shoebox! Please remember however that liquids of any kind, and toothpaste are not allowed in shoeboxes this year!



Hygiene Items

May



**Shoebox Fact:** Since 2009, 6.9 million children have reported that they made a decision to accept Christ while completing The Greatest Journey, a discipleship program available to children who receive shoeboxes!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for remembering me on Administrative Professionals Day! The card was beautiful, and I will certainly enjoy the gift card. Thank you for all of your kind words, friendly smiles, joyous laughter, and all of the prayers that you have shared with me throughout this year. It is, as always a pleasure to serve you.

With love,

Julie

# Joy on the Ark

is finishing up our first year!

May Calendar:

6.....ARK STORE

13..Mom's Day/ No Classes

20..CLOSING CEREMONY

Enjoy your summer break.

Come back to see us in the fall!

PARENTS / CHURCH FAMILY: You are invited to

our

Closing Ceremony

MAY 20 at 6:00 PM

We will meet in the fellowship hall. Come see what

our children have learned and enjoy

PIZZA & ICE CREAM.





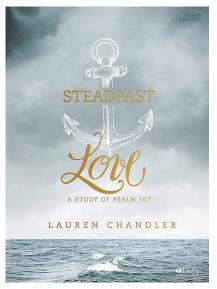




ABOVE: Aiden & Katelyn race to unscramble our Bible verse.

LEFT: Isabelle and the other 2-3 year olds learn "S is for Snake!"





In May we will be continuing our study of "Steadfast Love" by Lauren Chandler. This study provides an in depth study of Psalms 107, and focuses on how to trust God's love and find joy in Him during times of trial. We have two options for meeting times for this study. There is a new morning class at 10 am on Tuesday, and an evening class at 6:30 pm on Thursday. This will be a 7 week study, and books will be available at the church. If you have any questions about this study, please see Holly St. John.

#### Ladies...Save the Date!

#### Thursday, June 21, 2018 6:30 pm

#### A ladies only evening is planned at HBC including:

\*simple but beautiful craft item

\*short devotional time

\*food & fellowship





\*Ladies of ALL ages are invited.

\*Bring a neighbor, friend, co-worker.

\*Childcare will be provided for those in need.

\*For those that don't like to drive at night, a ride will be provided!

#### Pre-Registration required.

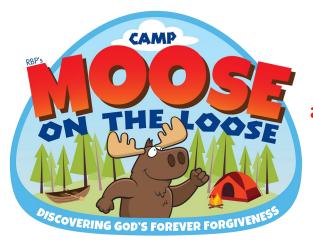
This event is brought to you by Daughters of Hope—HBC's Ladies' Ministry



Want to Help? Have Questions? — Contact Holly St. John, Director

These are a sample of what you could take home. There will be a \$10 cost to offset supplies. SIGN UP ASAP!





Join us on July 8-11 for our 2018 Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is Camp Moose on the Loose! We will be learning about God's forgiveness and love. We've got classes for everyone from birth to adult, and the fun starts each night at 5:30 pm and wraps up at 8 pm. We're still looking for some helpers, so if you'd like to join in the fun, please see Heather Lankford!





In May WISH will be continuing their study of James: Mercy Triumphs, an eight week study by Beth Moore. Topics include: joy, faith, hardship, wisdom, and more. This study meets every other Tuesday at 6 pm in the home of one of our members. If you have any questions, please see Blair Lumpkins.

## **Attention Parents and Grandparents!**



If you are interested in having your child recognized in our Graduate Recognition Ceremony, please sign up on the sheet on the information board! The last day to sign up is

May 13. Graduate Recognition will be held during the morning worship service on Sunday, May 20, at 11 am.





On May 12, our youth will be heading to see the Liberty
University Flames play ball! We'll be leaving the church at 2 pm
to attend a 4 pm game. We expect to be back at the church by
8:30 pm. Cost of this trip is \$4, which includes a \$1 credit at the
concession stand, and any additional money that you may want
for concessions or souvenirs. If you would like join us for this trip,
please sign up on the sheet outside of the youth room, or see Hal.

Deadline to sign up is May 6.



On May 20 after the morning worship service our youth will be serving lunch to any who would like to attend. The youth will be accepting donations to support their trips to Student Life Summer Camp, and the Student Prayer Advance. Parents, if you would like to help with this meal, please contact Lori Doss.



We've got lots of amazing things going on with our youth this summer! Make sure to remember our trips to Student Life Summer Camp, happening from July 23—July 27, and the Student Prayer Advance, August 2-4. We'll be planning other events for our youth throughout the summer, so make sure keep an eye out for updates on youth summer activities!

#### HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

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# Events in June June 3 Fellowship Cookout June 10 Church Council June 16 Youth Kayaking Trip June 21 Ladies' Craft Night