



Hollywood Baptist Church

From Our Pastor

January 2016



OUR CHURCH'S FUTURE SUCCESS DEPENDS UPON PRAYER

Happy New Year! When I think about what the Lord did last year—great events and speakers, wonderful messages from our pastor, constant protection, the love experienced, people saved, and countless lives changed through Hollywood Baptist Church—I really am grateful. He's too kind to us!

But, we have to face it. So much of the past success at Hollywood Baptist Church has surfed on the wave of the Lord's specific responses to prayer. God's people at Hollywood Baptist Church have prayed, and God has responded here in monumental ways. And just because we have prayed in the past doesn't mean we will in the future. I believe our church will fall apart at the seams ... if we stop praying.

I also believe that most people don't pray very much. And when they do, they don't pray effectively. Sometimes it's because we don't know how. But too often it's random, proud, general, irreverent demands coming from selfish, unclean hearts that don't really believe God cares or will answer.

Prayer is also hard work. It's easier to go out and attempt to fix things ourselves than to pray about them. Sincere prayer is difficult to do in the flesh because it's not glamorous and requires us to be still, quiet, humble, and honest before a sovereign and holy God. That can be amazingly fulfilling or totally uncomfortable depending upon your level of surrender. It's also easy to put off prayer in our busyness until later and save it as an emergency parachute for times of crisis. I've done that too many times.

It doesn't have to be that way. Prayer is too wonderful and important! It's a big deal to God and should be to us. I think of those "back to the basics" moments in Scripture. When Jesus cleansed the temple, what did He say? He proclaimed, "My house will be called a house of prayer" (Matt. 21:13). Thus, Jesus distilled the purpose of God's house down to the practice of people getting together to pray.

Why so much emphasis on prayer? Because it's like oxygen to the Christian life. It's the wind in the sails propelling all our ministries. It's our accessing God's kingdom power and provision for all of life. Prayer lines up our hearts and minds with His heart and mind.

I am therefore burdened and praying for our future prayer effectiveness at Hollywood Baptist Church. As the leader of the Prayer Ministry, I'm praying for God to raise up more Prayer Warriors who dare to see God's sovereignty as bigger than any storm or problem. I'm asking for those who are willing to humbly ask for huge things in faith believing God can and will act. I want us to go on a journey and learn how to pray and then do it constantly and effectively. We can learn to boldly approach the throne of grace together for mercy and help in time of need. I'm daring you to join the adventure. Will you?

Over the month of January, you will be given an opportunity to commit yourself to becoming a Hollywood Baptist Church Prayer Warrior this next year. Pray about it. We want you and your family to join in. We need you this year to help us make a difference through prayer. You will be closer to God, more at rest, and more like Christ if you become a person of prayer. Whatever it is God has in store for Hollywood Baptist Church, it will require us to pray big, bold, and daring prayers together as a unified church family.

Bro. Terry

"For My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." - Isaiah 56:7
Letter Reprinted with Permission from War Room Church Campaign Kit

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Children Church Workers

- 3 Chris & Lynita Falls
- 10 Mandi Dolan & Natalie Oakes
- 17 Bryan & Shelly Lewis
- 24 Randy & Cassie Gatewood
- 31 Darren & Paige Connor

January Birthdays

1	Barry Anderson
3	Pauline Reynolds
5	Cody Scarce
11	Karen Allen Chitwood
11	Dorothy Fowlkes
11	Larry Weiss
12	Robert E. Nuckols
14	Lexi Lewis
14	Claude Reynolds
17	Jessica Moore
19	Darren Conner
19	Rebecca Moore
19	Sarah Moore
19	Jacob Doss
19	Jacob Tosh
20	Linda Barbour
20	Toni Hayden
21	Randy Gatewood
21	Alan Reynolds
23	Michelle Brock Kendrick
26	David Patterson
26	Seth R. Weiss
27	Terri Mullins
28	Karey Burgess
28	Courtney M. Robertson
28	Melanie Tosh
29	Lillian Moore
30	Sierra Burnett
31	J. Robert McDaniel
31	Robert D. Nuckols

Nursery Calendar – January 2016

Sun Jan 3, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Stephanie, Larry & Sarah Weiss

Elizabeth Conner

Wed Jan 6, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

Brenda Reynolds

Sun Jan 10, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Drake & Brittney Easley & Julia Marlowe

Donnie & Peggy Moore

Wed Jan 13, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

Mary Moss

Sun Jan 17, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Cheryl Waller, Carolyn Marlow & Linette Nuckols

Faye Shropshire

Wed Jan 20, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

Sylvia and James Lumpkins

Sun Jan 24, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Mary Moss, Natalie Oakes & Sabrina Moore

Julia Marlowe

Wed Jan 27, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

Paige Conner

Sun Jan 31, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Sylvia & James Lumpkins & Karen Riddle

Elizabeth Conner



Greeters

January 3, 2016	Sherry Reynolds, Faye Shropshire, Joan Nuckols, Shirley Fisher
January 10, 2016	JoAnne McFaddin, Julia Marlowe, Judy Reynolds, Dorothy Fowlkes
January 17, 2016	Chuck Easley, Jetty Burgess, Brittany & Drake Easley
January 24, 2016	Melody Collins, Debra Reynolds, Emma Walden, Keenan Nuckols
January 31, 2016	Sherry Reynolds, Faye Shropshire, Joan Nuckols, Shirley Fisher

Deacon of the Week/Ushers

January 3, 2016	Bryan Lewis*, Earl Nuckols, Chris Falls, Gary Matherly
January 10, 2016	Robert Mills*, James Lumpkins, Keenan Nuckols, Earl Nuckols
January 17, 2016	Matt Carter*, Terry Moore, Randy Gatewood, Larry Weiss
January 24, 2016	Seth Elmore*, Bobby Mullins, Hale Crider, Donnie Moore
January 31, 2016	Matt Doss*, Dale McFadden, Leon Haynes, Drake Easley

*Deacon of the Week

Answered Prayers

In keeping with the focus that we are placing on the power of prayer here at Hollywood in this New Year, I want to share a story about how one of my prayers was answered with you. Several years ago I made a new friend and though I hadn't known her long, she was rapidly becoming an important part of my life. We were both relatively young, neither of us even thirty yet, and I was newly returned to church and a relationship with God after a long absence on my part. So you can imagine how disturbed I was one night to wake from a vivid dream of being at her funeral. This dream didn't include how she'd died, so there was nothing that I could warn her against. Humans are very vulnerable, fragile creatures, and the threat to her could have come from any number of places.

No date or time frame was given in the dream either, though I felt that the danger was near. There was nothing that I could do, no warning or protection I could offer. So I prayed. I prayed for God to protect my friend, and if it was his will to keep her safe. I asked that if it wasn't his will to save her to help me and the others who would grieve her loss, for she is well loved by many and would be greatly missed. I felt a sense of calm and comfort wash over me, and went back to sleep. By morning the horror of the dream had somewhat faded, though it was still of course on my mind.

Over the course of the day the feeling faded somewhat, but that afternoon I received news. My friend had been in a car accident. Her car had slid on a patch of spilled oil on the highway, spun across several lanes of traffic, and hit the cement road divider. Her car was totaled, and she was understandably shaken and sore. But she was alive. I found out later that one of the officers at the scene told her that she'd missed death by only inches, and that the man who hit the patch of oil behind had been taken from the scene in critical condition.

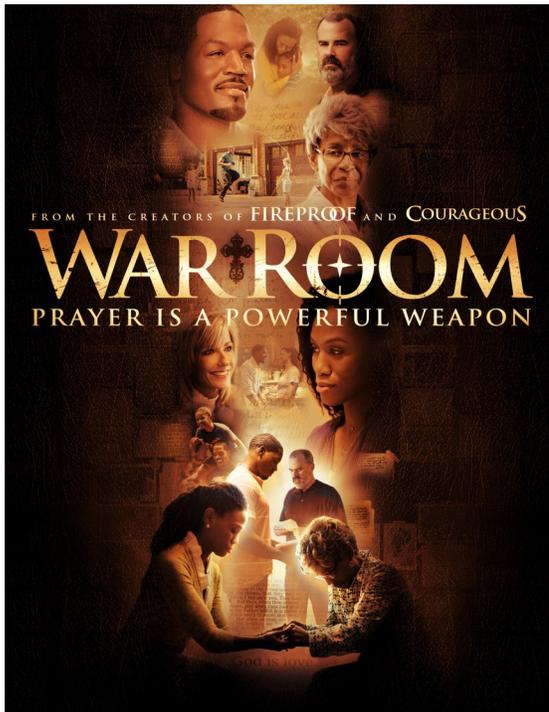
I will always believe that God protected my friend that day, that he moved me to pray for her, and that he answered my prayer and gave her car that tiny nudge it needed to have shifted those few inches to keep her from harm. I believe that this is the power of intercessory prayer, and that our Heavenly Father listens when we ask for protection and care for others. It is for this reason that I encourage you, when you feel the need to pray for someone, do so without delay or hesitation.

The same friend is now facing cancer and while I still grieve to see her suffer, my prior experience gives me comfort. It helps me trust and believe that God will use this horrific experience for her good, and that all those prayers being sent up in her behalf will be answered. It helps me believe that God has a wondrous plan for her and her life. And it helps me remember to pray for her comfort and safety frequently.

Not all prayers are answered in such a dramatic fashion. Far too often we pray for things, but do not receive immediate answers, and by the time that our prayers have been answered we may have forgotten that we have even asked God to help us. And even when we remember, it is far too easy to forget to acknowledge and be thankful for the actions that God has taken on our behalf. In an attempt to rectify this, in future issues of the newsletter I would like to include examples of answered prayers great and small, so that we are all reminded that our God answers those who call on his name. If you have an answered prayer that you would like included, please feel free to contact me.

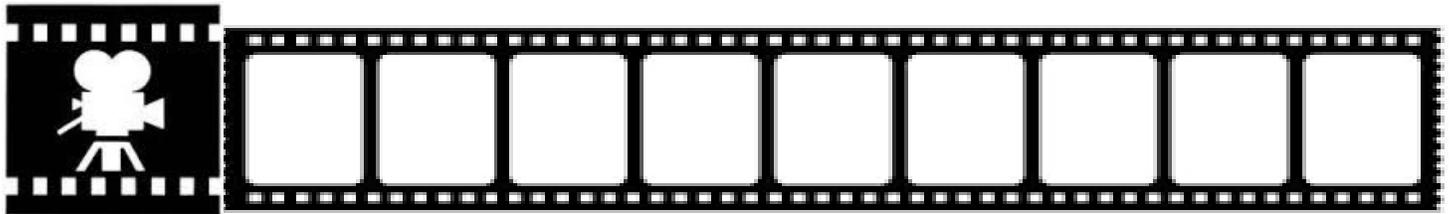
May God Continue to Bless and Keep You,

Julie



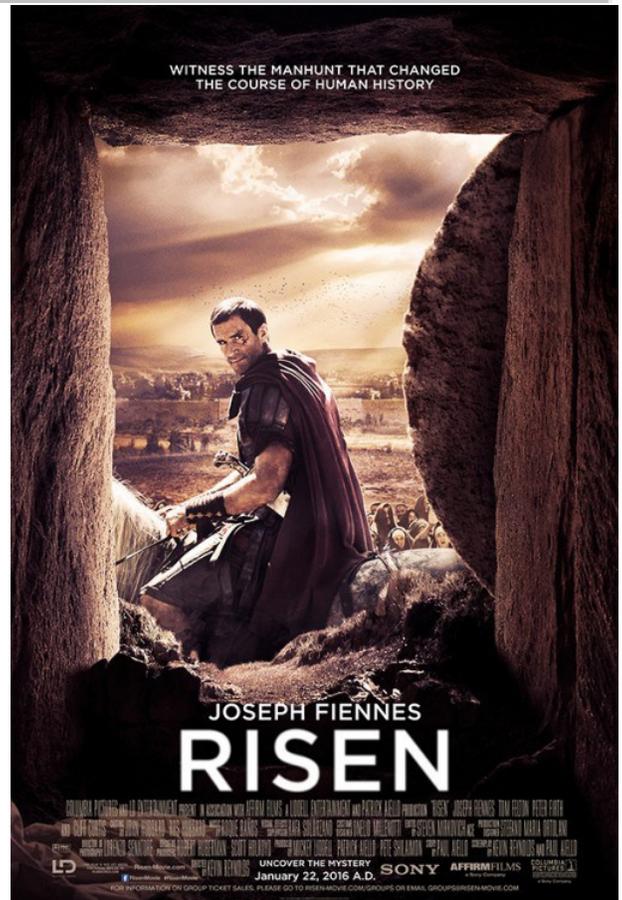
Join us on January 10 at 6 pm for a free screening of War Room. One of the most talked about films of the summer, this Kendrick brothers' film addresses the power of prayer and its usefulness in facing the struggles of modern life. It also calls on us as Christians to keep our prayer lives hot, and use one of the most powerful tools that God has given us.

There are tickets available with event information available for you to use to invite friends, family, neighbors and members of the community. These same cards can also be used to submit prayer requests the night of the film. Keep your schedule clear, because this even is not to be missed!



On January 22 members of the church will be taking a trip to watch Risen, a Joseph Fiennes film about the most important manhunt in human history. The story of the search for Christ's body after the discovery of the empty tomb is told from the point of view of a Roman soldier, and provides a glimpse at the early origins of our faith.

Those who are interested in attending should sign up on the sign up sheet across from Luis' office. If enough people are interested in the trip we will see if we can purchase discounted group tickets. More details about departure time will be announced once the show times are published.



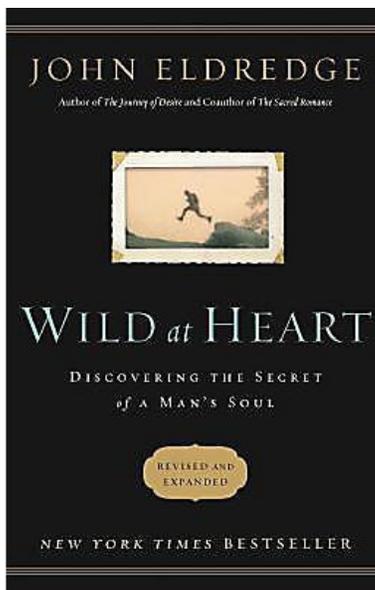
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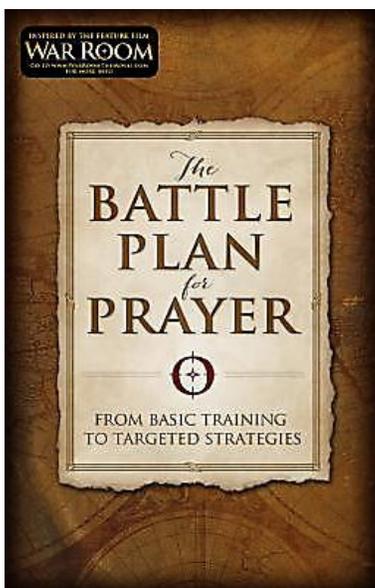
Choir Members Welcome!

Good news everyone! Choir practices are resuming on the 17th. Please remember, that as of January 17 regular choir practices are moving from Wednesday nights to Sunday afternoons at 4:45 pm.

New members are always welcome. If you've been considering it this would be a particularly good time to join, because the choir will be starting with new music in the new year. So if you've been waiting for the harvest to be over, were really moved by the Christmas Cantata, or just feel the need to make a joyful noise, feel free to join the choir when practices resume on January 17. See Luis for more information.



On January 17 at 6 pm, we will be beginning a new eight week long bible study for the men of the church entitled "Wild at Heart: Discovering the Secret of a Man's Soul" by John Eldredge. This study is open to men ages 18 and up, and focuses on the challenges of being a Godly man in a modern world, as well as the deep spiritual wounds that men carry. All men of the church are encouraged to come together for this time of fellowship, biblical scholarship, and preparation for the Men's Prayer Advance.



We also have a new Ladies Bible Study beginning on January 17 at 6 pm. This study "The Battle Plan for Prayer: Attacking Life's Struggles Through Prayer" by Alex and Stephen Kendrick is an eight week study that focuses on using prayer to engage with God, and how to use that communication and connection with God to accomplish powerful changes in our lives, families, and communities. This study is open to all women aged 18 and over, and all are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and spiritual growth.



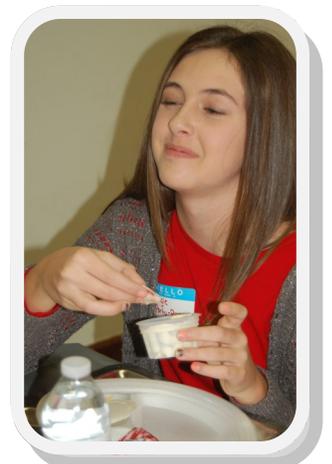
F.O.R.G.E. Christmas Party

Our HBC youth celebrated Christmas with a party on December 6, 2015. As youth streamed into the fellowship hall they were invited to choose their dinner items for a Four Course “Mystery Dinner” consisting of spaghetti, salad, breadsticks, fruit, vegs, ice cream, etc. Youth



leaders mixed it up a little by coding the food names so that the youth would have to guess what their food choice might be by the mystery name. Bobby, Terri, Julie, Nona, Corey, and Michael assembled each person’s tray for each course and served and waited on the youth during the dinner.

In between courses youth went on a candy cane hunt, played games, and exchanged Christmas gifts. After dinner we had a prize giveaway from tickets earned during the month of November. Youth had many opportunities to earn prize tickets by answering questions, participating in Youth Alive, learning the books of the Bible, etc. Great prizes were given away and then shared. Everyone left having had a great time. Bobby and Terri would like to thank Corey Matherly, Michael Matherly, Nona Roach, and Julie Ragsdale for helping provide a great party for our youth.



What's Happening



HBC Youth will participate in Christ Life Ministries' Student Prayer Advance on July 28-30th. The SPA has been moved to Chantilly, VA this year. The event will be held at Community Baptist Church which has large, modern, facility that will work well for the meetings. Lodging will be at a nearby hotel. Please see Terri Mullins for more

details and to register. A \$50 commitment is required and is due by March 6th.

2016 OCC Youth Service Challenge January—Scarf, Hat, or Gloves



This year our HBC youth will be participating in a year long service project. Each month there will be a specific kind of item that will be collected for our 2016 boxes. During the month of January we are challenging each youth to bring in a **scarf, hat, or gloves** for the collection. Now is the time to get out and hit the after-Christmas sales and pick up an inexpensive item for this wonderful cause. Did you know that the 9-14 age range is the age that is the least selected to purchase gifts for? Perhaps we could remember this while we are doing our shopping this year. Dollar bins at Target and other stores are also great places to pick up items for OCC boxes. Let's try to remember OCC throughout the year this year. Like Lottie Moon, it is easier to pick up an item here and there over twelve months than to try to pack many boxes in November. Let's make a difference in a child's life this year!

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Events in February

February 14

Renewing of Marriage Vows Service

February 20

Sportsmen's Banquet



Save the Date

March 17-19

Ladies Prayer Advance