

From Our Pastor

On January 1, 1705, the famous Bible commentator, Matthew Henry wrote this resolution in his journal: "Not renouncing, but repeating and ratifying all my former Covenants with God, and lamenting them, that I have not lived up more closely to them; I do in the beginning of this New Year solemnly make a fresh surrender of myself, my whole self, body, mind, and spirit, to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, my Creator, my Redeemer, and Sanctifier, covenanting and promising, not in any strength of my own, for I am very weak, but in the strength of the grace of Jesus Christ, that I will endeavor this year to stand complete in all the Will of God."

As I read through this resolution, the Lord immediately spoke to me concerning my own heart. As I reflected back over 2016 I was convinced that there is definitely room for improvement in 2017. I asked myself these questions, Did I pray enough? Did I witness enough? Could I have made better decisions and taken a stronger stance for Christ? Did I bring glory to God in my lifestyle? Did I honor Him in my decision making? Was my heart yielded to Him in everything? Did He have first place in my heart? Did I preach with power and a fresh anointing upon my life? Could I have served Him better in ministering to the people that He has entrusted me with? Did I follow His prompting and witness when I was moved by the Spirit of God? Was I quick to obey? Was I slow to speak? I could go on and on when it comes to a personal evaluation of my own heart. However, the important thing is that we keep ourselves under the x-ray vision of the Holy Spirit and be quick to make the proper adjustments. If we are going to see the fresh blessings from above in this New Year, we must keep our hearts open to receive truth, and as God speaks we move.

As the New Year begins, we have the opportunity to start fresh and recommit ourselves to the Lord. We already understand that the New Year is going to bring new blessings, new opportunities, and many, many new challenges. I don't know about you but I am thankful that our God is a God of the second chance, and that He is always ready to forgive and renew us and use us for His glory.

I am excited about the future here at HBC. Coming off a great year in which our attendance was the largest it has been since I came here 11 years ago. We averaged 163 people per Sunday for the year. We saw many people saved and baptized. Several people became members. Our giving for the general fund was up 5% and our Lottie Moon Offering for 2016 was the largest it has ever been. We launched a building program and we are moving forward in seeing the Lord supply a brand new Multipurpose Center.

Only He knows the future and what is best for us. We make plans, resolutions, and set goals, but He is the One who leads us and brings about His will in our lives. Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps. None of us know what the future holds for us in 2017, but the Lord has never failed us and He will always come through.


May I encourage you today to take the time to evaluate your heart before the Lord. May you approach Him with a desire to be different in 2017. Would you be willing to move on the things that He brings to your attention?

Would you break through the barriers of passivity and make the adjustments necessary to gain great victory in your life and your walk with Him? May 2017 be the most fruitful year that we have ever experienced as individuals and as a church family.

Bro. Terry

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January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting Youth Bible Study Children's Choir	5	6	7 11 am Whitni Burnette Baby Shower
8 9 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 6:00 pm Bible Study/FORGE/ AWANA	9	10	11 6:00 pm Violin Ministry 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting Youth Bible Study Children's Choir 7:30 pm Church Council	12	13 6 pm GRACE Pancakes and Pajamas	14 11 am Becky Roberts Baby Shower
15 <i>Sanctity of Life Sunday</i> 9 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 4:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 6:00 pm Bible Study/FORGE/ AWANA	16	17	18 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting Youth Bible Study Children's Choir	19	20	21 3-5 pm Game Night
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Children Church Workers

- 1 Linette Nuckols
- 8 Natalie Oakes and Madilyn Moss
- 15 Drake and Brittney Easley
- 22 Randy and Cassie Gatewood
- 29 Darren and Paige Conner

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
29	Nathan Robertson
30	Sierra Burnett
30	Jeorgia Robertson
31	J. Robert McDaniel
31	Robert D. Nuckols

Nursery Calendar – January 2017

Sun Jan 1, 2017

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Sylvia & James Lumpkins, Lori Doss, and Ashley Norman

Wed Jan 4, 2017

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Brenda Reynolds

Sun Jan 8, 2017

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Stephanie, Larry and Sarah Weiss & Helen Moschler

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Helen Moschler

Wed Jan 11, 2017

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Linette Nuckols

Sun Jan 15, 2017

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Donnie and Peggy Moore, Lois Batten & Cheryl Waller

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Julia Marlowe

Wed Jan 18, 2017

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Paige Conner

Sun Jan 22, 2017

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Drake and Brittney Easley, Chuck Easley & Devin Motley

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Helen Moschler

Wed Jan 25, 2017

6:45 pm - 7:45 pm

Julia Marlowe

Sun Jan 29, 2017

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Mary and Madylin Moss, Jessica Waller & Debra Reynolds

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Donnie & Peggy Moore

Greeters

January 1	Hailey Doss, Chuck Easley, Jetty Burgess, Judy Reynolds
January 8	Jared St. John, Emma Walden, Julie Ragsdale, Shirley Fisher
January 15	Emmalee Ayers, Mary Moss, Ben & Cheryelle Easley
January 22	Logan Mills, Melody Collins, Guy and Courtney Robertson
January 29	Jacob Doss, Joan Nuckols, Helen Moschler, Jetty Burgess

Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher

January 1	Bryan Lewis*, Gary Matherly, Terry Moore, Chris Falls
January 8	Bobby Mullins*, Dale McFadden, Chuck Easley, Hale Crider
January 15	Seth Elmore*, Daniel Moore, David Burgess, Dale McFadden
January 22	Drake Easley*, Earl Nuckols, Adam Lumpkins, Adam Burgess
January 29	Karle Byrd*, James Lumpkins, David Burgess, Leon Haynes

2016 Lottie Moon Offering

BECAUSE YOU GAVE

- 1.75 million people heard a gospel witness
- 275,000 became new believers
- 14,000 new churches and 4,000 new groups were formed
- 21,000 leaders were trained to start new churches
- 444,263 nationals met in on-going Bible studies

Statistics taken from the 2014 Annual Statistical Report available at imb.org. Lottie Moon Information also available on imb.org.



The Mission of the Manger

As a church, you have set a pledge goal of \$17,360.00, for the 2016 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of December 25, 2016, the church has collected \$17,660.00.

Congratulations Hollywood! We have met and exceeded our 2016 goal!

2016 Lottie
Moon Goal
\$17,360.00



Lottie Moon
Offering in
2016 to date
\$17,660.00



Something truly special happened this year at Hollywood. We sent 174 shoeboxes around the world to help Samaritan's Purse spread the gospel and plant churches. We answered the call and helped do our part to spread the gospel and provide 174 children with concrete proof that God loves them, and that they are not forgotten.

While we may not know the true impact of these gifts on this side of eternity, we can see in the smiles on their faces as they open their gifts, and in the stories told by those who have received these gifts in the past that these simple gifts are making a huge difference!

Our gifts went to Ghana, Togo, and places so hard to reach that Samaritan's Purse can't tell us where they were sent to insure the safety of the missionaries working there. If you used a follow your box label and have additional locations that your boxes went to, please let us know! Stay tuned though out 2017, we'll be sharing the item of the month for those of you who would like to pack your boxes throughout the year, and tips on how to get the best deals on things to include in your shoebox.

December was a big month for Operation Christmas Child! Members of our church made the trip to Boone, North Carolina to help prepare boxes for shipping. There shipping location was scheduled to ship more than a million shoeboxes! Please remember to pray for the children receiving these boxes!



The story of Yves, a Rwandan boy who was forced to flee religious persecution in 3 countries in his short life, shows us just how valuable a simple scarf can be. At 11 years old he received a Shoebox. He lived in Togo, and was initially disappointed with his scarf (it was far too hot to need a scarf there). But he couldn't bring himself to get rid of a gift sent from someone who showed him love when his family had known so much hatred.

Three years later, Yves and his family were granted political asylum in Buffalo, New York, one of the coldest cities in the US. For a child raised in the tropics, a scarf now became a true blessing. Yves says: "My precious scarf is still meaningful today. It is a promise to me that Jesus knew my past, and He knows my future and what I will need." Yves came to know Christ shortly after receiving his shoebox, a gift that he will be forever grateful for!

Calling all crafters! This month we will be collecting **winter hats, scarves, and gloves** for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Place your items in the Operation Christmas Child donation box located underneath the weekly offering board. We will be hosting a church wide packing party this coming November!



The HBC Sunday School Department

would like YOU to make US one of your NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS!

While your attention is on improving your life...being the best you in 2017, why not set aside some time each week to *study God's Word learn something new *make new friends *enjoy old friends *receive encouragement *give encouragement *make a difference through prayer *give yourself & your family the tools needed to thrive and grow spiritually...

Come & see how good God is!

Congratulations to our Colossians Challenge Winners

During the month of November, we had 41 students accept the challenge of reading the four chapters of Colossians as many times as they could. Many read all four chapters each day (120) which was WONDERFUL. A few students went above and beyond that and we say WAY TO GO!!

Adult Class Winner.....**James Lumpkins**.....480 chapters

Children's Class Winner.....**Matthew Falls**.....45 times (read assigned verses)

Class Winner**THE FAITHFUL**(highest percentage of participants)

"We...have not ceased praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may live worthily of the Lord and please Him in all respects..." Colossians 1: 9-10



Pancakes and Pajamas!

Grace Girls grab your fuzzy slippers and your favorite pajamas and join us on Friday, January 13 at 6:00 pm for Pancakes and Pajamas. We'll be having pancakes with a topping bar, fellowship, and even have the chance

to work on a winter craft. You don't want to miss out on this special night! Sorry gentlemen, this event is for ladies only, but keep your eyes peeled for your next special event!



GAME NIGHT!

We're having a church wide game night on Saturday, January 21 at 3:00 pm.

We have card and board games for all ages! So bring your family and friends, and lets play a game! If you have a family favorite that you don't see below, feel free to bring it to share! The church will be providing drinks, and guests are welcome to bring snacks to share if they would like. If you have questions, please see Julie.



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| *Uno | *Phase 10 | *Monopoly | *Apples to Apples |
| *Life | *Scrabble | *Clue | *Settlers of Catan |
| *Battleship | *Jenga | *Card Games | Many more! |

The St. John family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your cards, food, gifts and prayers over the Christmas holidays. We appreciate your love for us and we are so thankful for your generosity. Also we want to thank you for the love gift of money that the Sunday School department gave to us. You will never know what that meant to us.

Holly and I would like to thank each one of you that sent food, cards and prayed for us during our recent surgeries. We are doing a lot better and we contribute that to your faithfulness in prayer. God bless you and thanks again for your care.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind remembrance of me this Christmas. The gift card was lovely, and I appreciate you thinking of me! It is a joy to serve as your secretary! May God bless you in the coming year!

Much love,

Julie

Thank you church for your kindness to me and Holly this past Christmas. The love offering you gave us helped us greatly. I am thankful to the Lord for placing me here.

Yours Because His,

Brother Luis

New



Choir Members
Welcome!

Attention Choir Members! Choir practices are resuming on the 15th. As a reminder, Adult Choir Practice is on Sunday afternoons at 4:45 pm.

New members are always welcome! If you've been considering becoming a member, 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 feel the need to make a joyful noise, join the choir when practices resume on January 15. See Luis for more information.

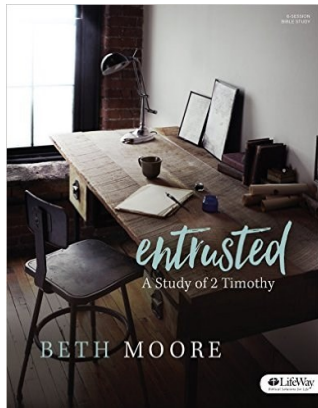
Baby Showers



We are being blessed with two more beautiful babies in the New Year! The church will be hosting a baby shower

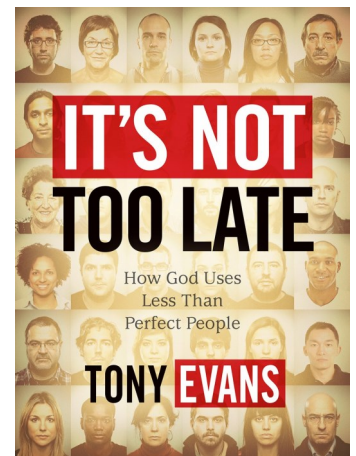


for Whitney Burnette on January 7 and one for Becky Roberts on January 14. Both showers will be at 11 am in the Church Fellowship Hall. Whitney is expecting a girl and is registered at Target. Becky is expecting a boy and is registered at Target. Anyone interested in helping with either of these showers, please sign up on the sheets on the message board or contact Shelly Lewis.



On January 8 at 6 pm the ladies of the church will be beginning Entrusted, a six week study by Beth Moore. This study examines 2 Timothy, and calls upon us to guard and share the gifts which God has entrusted us with. This study is open to all women aged 18 and over, and all are encouraged to attend this time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

On January 8 at 6 pm the men of the church will begin a Tony Evans DVD series entitled "It's Not Too Late: How God Uses Less Than Perfect People". 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.



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Events in February

February 25

Sportsmen's Banquet