

## From Our Pastor

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

For many of us the doxology was instilled in us at an early age. As long as I can remember as a young boy we would sing this every Sunday morning when the collected offering was carried to the front of the church. I never really thought much about what I was singing. Where did it come from? Who was the one that wrote those stirring words that brought glory and honor to God?

In 1674, an Anglican priest, by the name of Thomas Ken, wrote a simple song of praise for his students at England's Winchester College. Although the understated lyrics expressed praise to God for his wonderful blessings, he was careful to warn the boys to only sing the hymn in the privacy of their dorm room during their personal devotions. Why all the secrecy? At that time, the church believed hymns should only include words directly from the Bible. Using your own lyrics was like adding words to scripture itself.

Blasphemy? No. Praise should be words consistent with scripture. But what beautiful and simple words they were. The hymn shouted its praise to the source of all blessings, and announced with joy and passion for all God's glory. Fortunately, this hymn, which is today referred to as the Doxology," was soon taken from the shadows and its popularity quickly spread. Do you catch the irony here? This hymn, first used in secret, quickly became the most frequently sung piece in public worship! Although the word doxology is not found in the Bible, the themes expressed in doxologies are certainly scriptural.

Verses such as Ephesians 1:3, which say, "Blessed is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Also, Ephesians 3:21 states, "Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." These are verses that give God praise for the great things that He does and the Great God that He is.

Sadly to say, for many those words are just a chorus that we have sung many times over. The truth of what is written has not gripped our hearts with the true reality of focusing our attention on the one that has done so much for us. Are we guilty of taking God and all of His provisions for granted? Do we give Him the rightful praise that He is due?

Last Sunday, I called the church to a praise quarantine throughout the month of November. Quarantine is a restraint upon the activities or communication of persons to prevent the spread of disease, for a certain period of time. We live in a world of negativity and sadly to say most people are infected with it. If anyone should have praise upon their lips constantly it should be us, especially for the great God that we serve and for one another. Will you commit yourself to a month of praise? Intentionally making the effort to praise God daily for all the things that He does and would you deliberately communicate praise to someone that is a part of your life.

When Thomas Ken intentionally penned the words of the Doxology to encourage his students in their devotional time, little did he know how God was going to use his heart for praise to encourage His people for hundreds of years. It all starts by committing yourself to and communicating genuine praise as a way of life instead of allowing our hearts to be soured by the things of this world. Remember according to Matthew 12:34, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." If you have a grateful heart you will express it by praise.

*Bro. Terry*

# November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> <i>6 pm</i> <i>OCC</i> <i>Packing</i> <i>Party</i>
<i>4</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 4:30 pm Hanging of the Greens and Finance Committee Meetings 6:00 pm Not Easily Broken Concert 7:00 pm Ice Cream Social	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 	<i>7</i> 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting/ Youth Prayer & Missions/ JAM  7:45 pm Choir Practice	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:45 pm Joy on the Ark/Escalate 6:00 pm Bible Study 7:15 pm Church Council	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> 6:45 pm Regular Business Meeting/ Youth Prayer & Missions/ JAM  7:45 pm Choir Practice	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 5:45 pm Joy on the Ark/Escalate 6:00 pm Bible Study	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> 7 pm Joint Thanksgiving Service @ Hollywood	<i>21</i> <b>NO PM SERVICE</b>	<i>22</i>  Happy Thanksgiving! Church Office Closed	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 9:00 am Prayer Meeting 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service <b>6:00 pm <i>Hanging of the Greens</i></b>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting/ Youth Prayer & Missions/ JAM  7:45 pm Choir Practice	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>	

# Nursery for November

## Children's Church Workers

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

### Sun Nov 4, 2018

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Mandi Dolan, Faye Shropshire, Becky Roberts, Elizabeth Reynolds, Wendy and Karle Byrd

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm Roger and Emma Walden

### Wed Nov 7, 2018

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

### Sun Nov 11, 2018

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Lori and Caroline Doss, Stephanie and Sara Weiss, Cheryl Waller

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

### Wed Nov 14, 2018

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

### Sun Nov 18, 2018

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Randy and Cassie Gatewood , Drake Easley, Chuck Easley, Cheryelle Easley, Heather Bray

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

### Tues Nov 20, 2018

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Paige Conner

### Sun Nov 25, 2018

10:45 am – 12:15 pm Sylvia and James Lumpkins, Donnie and Peggy Moore, Cheryelle Easley

5:45 pm – 7:00 pm Roger and Emma Walden

### Wed Nov 28, 2018

6:30 pm – 7:45 pm Holly St. John

## November Birthdays

- 2 Andy Reynolds
- 4 Stephanie Weiss
- 6 Gary Matherly
- 7 Paula Reynolds  
Mary Bella Easley
- 8 Julia Nuckols
- 10 Keith Marlowe  
Tracy R. Newby
- 11 Elizabeth Reynolds
- 13 Matt Doss  
Barbara Robertson
- 14 Jim Doss
- 19 Nathaniel Aaron  
Joshua Payne
- 20 Chuck Easley
- 21 Marcus Anderson  
Makailla Davis
- 22 John Moore  
Steve Reynolds
- 23 Holly Muñoz
- 24 Terry Moore
- 29 Cassandra Gatewood
- 30 David Hayden  
Becky Roberts

### Greeters

November 4, 2018 Melody Collins, Julie Ragsdale, Lynita Falls, Jetty Burgess

November 11, 2018 Shirley Fisher, Faye Shropshire, Melody Collins, Paige Conner

November 18, 2018 Judy Reynolds, Joan Nuckols, Christina Falls, Dorothy Fowlkes

November 25, 2018 Julie Ragsdale, Jetty Burgess, Deborah Reynolds, Mary Moss

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

November 4, 2018 Chris Falls\*, Larry Weiss, Chuck Easley, James Lumpkins

November 11, 2018 Donnie Moore\*, Chris Falls, Randy Gatewood, David Burgess

November 18, 2018 Adam Burgess\*, Terry Moore, Dale McFaddin, Hale Crider

November 25, 2018 Bobby Mullins\*, Jared St. John, Bryan Lewis, Gary Matherly



# 2018 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](http://imb.org).



## 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 October 28, 2018, the church has collected **\$12,697.00.**



2018 Lottie Moon Goal  
**\$19,691.00**

# Opportunities for Service



**On Saturday, December 8, we have the opportunity to help process Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes at the processing center in Boone, North Carolina. This special experience allows volunteers to be a part of helping with Samaritan's Purse's ministry, and is a perfect way to celebrate the Christmas season. If you are interested in attending this trip, please sign up on the information board or talk to Julie.**

**Please remember to return all shoeboxes to the church by November 11. If you have any questions about Operation Christmas Child, or our participation here at Hollywood, please see Julie.**

# Trunk or Treat!



Thank you to everyone who donated candy, and those who helped at Trunk or Treat! We handed out 1,700 Gospel tracts! Thank you to everyone who made this night such a great success!



# SENATE OF VIRGINIA



**FRANK M. RUFF, JR.**

15TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT  
ALL OF CHARLOTTE, LUNENBURG, MECKLENBURG,  
AND NOTTOWAY COUNTIES; PART OF BRUNSWICK,  
CAMPBELL, DINWIDDIE, HALIFAX, PITTSYLVANIA,  
AND PRINCE GEORGE COUNTIES;  
AND PART OF THE CITY OF DANVILLE  
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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:  
GENERAL LAWS AND TECHNOLOGY, CHAIR  
AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
FINANCE  
PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS  
RULES

October 15, 2018

Pastor Terry C. St. John  
Hollywood Baptist Church  
6405 Callands Road  
Callands, VA 24531

Dear Terry,

Congratulations on the grand opening for your new facility! What an exciting time for your church!

I truly appreciate the invitation to be a part of this memorable time, but my wife and I have duties at our church and cannot join you.

I wish you much success on your Grand Opening.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank".

Frank M. Ruff  
15<sup>th</sup> District  
Senate of Virginia



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SIXTEENTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (VICE CHAIRMAN)  
PRIVILEGES AND ELECTIONS  
COURTS OF JUSTICE  
TRANSPORTATION

October 18, 2018

Reverend Terry C. St. John  
Senior Pastor  
Hollywood Baptist Church  
6405 Callands Road  
Callands, Virginia 24531

Dear Pastor St. John:

Thank you for inviting me to participate in your ceremony this next Sunday to mark the opening of your new multipurpose building. Although I will not be able to attend, I would like to extend my most sincere congratulations to you and your congregation on this occasion.

For many years, Hollywood Baptist Church has remained a faithful body of Christian believers and a spiritual beacon in the community. I am confident that under your leadership, the use of this facility will aid your ministry in serving the families of Pittsylvania County and Southside Virginia. I trust that this step of faith by your congregation will be blessed in the years ahead.

It is an honor to serve you and your members in the Virginia House of Delegates. If I may ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Les R. Adams".

Delegate Les R. Adams  
16<sup>th</sup> House District

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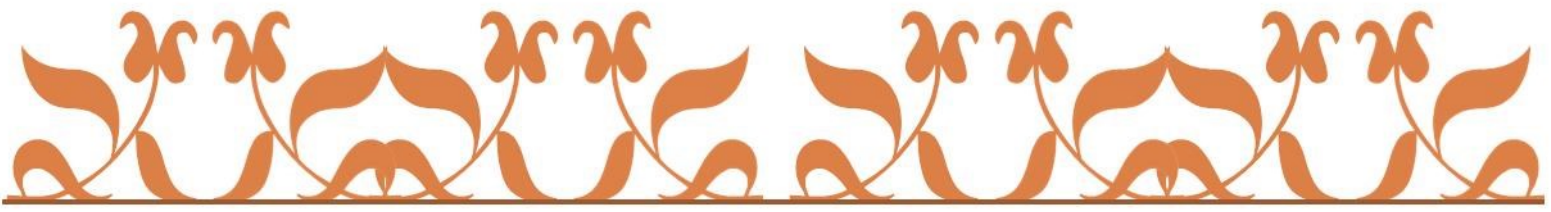




Join us for Joy on the Ark!

Sunday nights at 5:45 pm





# Daughters of HOPE—Helping Others \* Providing Encouragement

Woman to Woman. Older to Younger. Day to Day. Life to Life.

*This is God's beautiful plan. Women of all ages living out the beauty of the gospel together!*



Ever wanted someone to listen? Pray for you or with you? Ever wanted to ask someone how they did it? Admired someone's walk with God & wondered how you could have that? Ever wondered if you were doing what God wanted? Ever felt out of place? Wondered if you were doing this right?

**SEE Holly St. John or Paige Conner to SIGN-UP TODAY. IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

**CONNECT IN ONE OF THREE WAYS:**

1. Be a Mentor
2. Be a Mentee
3. Be a Spiritual Sister



MONDAY, DECEMBER 3 6:00 pm — Home of Mary Moon Moore

Nursery Provided at HBC

## CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

This is such a fun night. Bake a few dozen of your favorite Christmas Cookie and come ready to share!

**SOMETHING NEW:** This year, in addition to sharing with each other...

We will prepare boxes of cookies to share with our **SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.**



# Youth Update



Join us for Maker of the Stars, a bible study that examines biblical truths depicted in Star Wars: The Phantom Menace. The study will meet at Hal and Carie's house on Sunday nights at 5:45 pm. Need a ride? No problem, just be here at the church by 5:30 pm.

**Defeat the Dark Side!**

## Upcoming Youth Events!

**November 5 Young Life Dodgeball  
Tournament**

**December 15 Christmas Progressive  
Aggressive Dinner**

**December 30-31 Winterfest @ Liberty University**



# From Our Associate Pastor of Youth and Music

Wow.

That's about all I can say. Wow.

What an incredible month it has been. Never in the history of ever have we felt so...appreciated.

Thank you so much for all the cards, letters, notes, texts, and verbal statements of appreciation. Thank you so much for all the food and gifts and tangible expressions of support that you have given over the last month.

(Sammy said, about halfway through the month, "How long will we be living in Chatham?" I asked, "Why?" He replied, "Will it at least be until next October? Because I really like Pastor Appreciation Month.")

I have often said over the past year that I can't believe I get paid to do this job. It is such a joy to love on the people of Hollywood. It is so exciting to teach and disciple and spend time with the students. It is uplifting to see so many gifted believers using their talents to the Glory of God!

There is something else special about October. It is that wonderful, important holiday that we all know and love. Reformation Day!

I remember how, when I was a young child, we used to dress up as Martin Luther and go around the neighborhood, nailing paper to all the doors...okay, maybe not. And I am sure, unless you are a church history nerd like me, you have less than a vague idea of what I am talking about. But, as I considered Reformation Day today, it struck me that there is a passage that is familiar to most of us that sums up what came to be understood as the foundation of the Reformation.

Some theology scholar in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century boiled down the doctrines of the Reformation into what came to be known as the *five solas*. I won't bore you with the Latin, but in English they are: Scripture alone, faith alone, grace alone, in Christ alone, to the glory of God alone. These were the "radical" beliefs that Luther and his fellow Reformers put forward as the foundation of the Christian Church.

*Ephesians 2:8-9 (Scripture)* says, "For you are saved by *grace* through *faith*, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift (*Jesus Christ*)—not from works, so that no one can boast (*to the Glory of God*)." (CSB)

You see, Luther et al were really interested in getting back to the basics of the faith. The "Church" had become so corrupt and so misguided that they felt there needed to be an epic reformation of doctrine, back to the foundation of Scripture. In fact, in defending himself before the leadership of the Roman Church, Luther is famously quoted as saying "I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted...Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

As believers, it is important to remember our Christian heritage. It is also important to get back to the basics of the faith. We need to stand firm on God's Word, not on the word of man. We need to fall on the gracious gift of salvation paid for by the precious blood of Christ, not on our own works. We need to stoke the raging fires of our faith in God and live our lives to His glory, not depending on Presidents or kings, living for our own glory.

Happy Reformation Day! May God bless you richly as you stand on Him!

In Christ Alone,

Hal

**HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

6405 Callands Road

Chatham, VA 24531



## Events in December

<b>December 3</b>	<b>Ladies Cookie Exchange</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child Processing Center Trip</b>
<b>December 15</b>	<b>Youth Christmas Progressive Aggressive Dinner</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Christmas Fellowship Dinner</b>
<b>December 19</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Candlelight Communion</b>
<b>December 30-31</b>	<b>Youth Winterfest</b>