

## From Our Pastor

Have you ever listened to yourself pray? Have you ever stopped to consider your motives when you pray? Do our prayers really make sense? Are our prayers about us instead of Him? What are we really praying for? Do we pray to be heard of man or to be heard of God? These are legitimate questions that need to be asked as we pray. Next time you pray take time to listen to what you are saying to God. Are we making an impression upon God?

An author who needed money, wired his publisher and asked, "How much advance will you pay for my latest novel of fifty thousand words?" The publisher wired back, "How important are the words?" What are our words worth when it comes to talking to God? Is there truly worth in our words? How important are our words?

The scripture says in James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Our prayers should be for the extension of God's Kingdom and for Him to be glorified. So many times we pray with selfish motives and then we wonder why God does not answer our prayers.

In Luke 12:13-15, a man was asking Jesus to speak to his brother about dividing their family inheritance. His intent was legitimate but his motive was selfish. He desired more to receive his money than for God to be glorified. Jesus did not answer his request because he was asking amiss. Jesus rebuked him in verse 15 when he said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Lehman Strauss once stated, "The true purpose of prayer is not to obtain the things we want from God but rather to make us content with the things He wants us to have."

The best thing to do when we pray is to release the results to God and make sure that our intent is for God to be glorified no matter which way He chooses to answer. It does not mean that I cannot ask but it does mean that I want God's favor in my prayer life more than I want my own way. Prayer is not me bargaining with God trying to get something out of Him that is not in His heart to give me, but rather it is me yielding to the Spirit of God, and asking the Holy Spirit to give me wisdom in prayer.

For me evaluation is the key. Just taking the time to listen to what I am saying and making sure I speak from a heart that "wants God's will done on earth."

*Bro. Terry*

# April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i>	<i>2</i> 11 am Kimberly Matherly's Bridal Shower
<i>3</i> 9 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 4:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 6 pm AWANA/FORGE/Men and Women's Bible Studies	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i> 6:45 pm Prayer Meeting Youth Bible Study Children's Choir	<i>7</i> 6:30 pm Couponing 101	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>
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<i>24</i> <i>Youth Sunday</i> 9 am Prayer Meeting 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship Service 4:45 pm Adult Choir Practice 6 pm AWANA/FORGE/Men and Women's Bible Studies	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i> 6 pm WISH Bible Study	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i> 6:30 pm Couponing 101	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>

## Children Church Workers

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

## April Birthdays

1	Mary Alice Hayes
2	Ricky Brock
2	Vicky Brock Easome
2	Robert J. Mills Jr.
3	Julie Ragsdale
3	James Collins
4	Renee Moore
5	Randy Collins, Jr.
6	Lynita Falls
7	Brittany Conner Shelton
11	Peggy Moore
13	Cindy Mills
13	Donnie Moore
14	Faith Tosh
18	Katelynn Carter
21	Christina Falls
21	Janice Ramsey
25	Holden Mills
25	Keith Shorter
27	Sarah Grace Weiss
30	Joshua Matherly
30	Allen Shelton

## Nursery Calendar – April 2016

### Sun Apr 3, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Daniel & Sabrina Moore & Lori Doss**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Donnie & Peggy Moore**

### Wed Apr 6, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

**Holly St. John**

### Sun Apr 10, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Donnie & Peggy Moore & Lois Batten**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Faye Shropshire**

### Wed Apr 13, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

**Brenda Reynolds**

### Sun Apr 17, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Stephanie, Larry & Sarah Weiss**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Julia Marlowe**

### Wed Apr 20, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

**Sylvia & James Lumpkins**

### Sun Apr 24, 2016

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

**Melissa Waller, Ashley Norman &**

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Heather Lankford**

### Wed Apr 27, 2016

6:45 pm - 7:35 pm

**Donnie & Peggy Moore**

### **Greeters**

April 3, 2016	Sherry Reynolds, Faye Shropshire, Joan Nuckols, Shirley Fisher
April 10, 2016	JoAnne McFaddin, Julia Marlowe, Judy Reynolds, Dorothy Fowlkes
April 17, 2016	Brittany & Drake Easley, Ashley Norman, Heather Lankford
April 24, 2016	Chuck Easley, Jetty Burgess, Emma Walden, Keenan Nuckols

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

April 3, 2016	Robert Mills*, Earl Nuckols, Chris Falls, Gary Matherly
April 10, 2016	Jacob Waller*, Terry Moore, Randy Gatewood, Larry Weiss
April 17, 2016	Bryan Lewis*, James Lumpkins, Keenan Nuckols, Earl Nuckols
April 24, 2016	Matt Carter*, Donnie Moore, David Burgess, Daniel Moore

Dear Hollywood Family:

Thanks so much for the love showered on us when my Dad passed away. We appreciated all of the visits, food, cards, hugs, words of comfort, and prayers we received. We are so blessed to have a church family that is so caring and supportive.

With love,

Barry and Carol Cundiff

I would like to thank the Sunday school classes and individuals for the many cards and birthday wishes. You were a real blessing.

Holly St. John



On May 7, 2016 we will be hosting our annual Daughter's Choice Tea. Our speaker this year is Robin Foutz. Robin is a mother, writer, blogger, and a daughter of God, with an incredible story of the healing power of God in times of trouble and pain.

In 2012 her youngest son, Elisha, was hit by a car riding his bike. He had a traumatic brain injury and has since been re-learning basic life skills like talking, eating and walking. God wasn't done with Robin's family yet. Her son's healing process has baffled doctors, and Robin uses these experiences to minister to others as a speaker, a teacher at Brentwood Church in Lynchburg, VA, and as the International Women's Ministry Director for Sports Outreach International.

Join us for this very special event and enjoy the company of wonderful women, a fabulous speaker, and delicious food and drink served by the men of the church. We encourage ladies to invite family and friends to join us, all women are welcome! Keep an eye out for additional information, and if you have questions about the tea or setting up a table please contact Holly St. John.

# Easter Extravaganza 2016





# 2016 Lottie Moon Offering

2016 Lottie  
Moon Goal  
\$17,360.00

## 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).



As a church, you have set a pledge goal of \$17,360.00, for the 2016 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of March 27, 2016, the church has collected \$5,498.00.



Lottie Moon  
Offering in  
2016 to date  
\$5,498.00.

## The Price of Procrastination

Have you ever driven through town and seen things that have caused you to say: "We really should do something to help that woman, it must be tough taking care of that many children." Or wondered: "Where does that man sleep at night?" Have you driven down a backroad in your neighborhood and thought: "That house really needs paint, I guess they just couldn't afford it this year, maybe next summer we can give them a hand." Too often we stop with those well meaning thoughts and never follow through with actions that will actually improve the situation or make people's lives better.

There are always going to be reasons that we put off things that we had fully intended to do. Our plans to paint the back bedroom or organize the pantry may be interrupted when a friend stops by for coffee. Then we tell ourselves that the day is almost done anyway, and we'll get to it first thing tomorrow. Of course the next day something else comes up, and the cycle repeats until it is the end of the week and the job still hasn't been begun.

We struggle with too many tasks and too little time in our personal lives, and we struggle with overwhelming community needs and too few willing hands to minister to them in our church life. Too often we are like the men in Luke 9: 57-62 who responded to a call to follow Jesus with things that they needed to do before they could begin. Think of all the chances that we lose to minister to others and to advance our Father's kingdom with the thought, **I'll get to it tomorrow.**

Consider the ideas that were mentioned in church, those that sounded promising in the beginning, but fizzled out before they were completed. Look around your neighborhood and consider the needs that you see all around you. The price we pay for our procrastination is high.

Now imagine our community if we followed through on those fleeting impulses to do good for our fellow man. What would it look like if we phoned that friend who missed church? If we visited the sick and the lonely? Helped out those who were in need of support and comfort? It's a very different picture isn't it?

As we look around our world today there are so many people lost. So many people hurting. So many in need. It can seem over whelming, but remember you are not working alone! Philippians 4:13 tells us that we can do all things through Christ, who gives us strength. But for God to use us mightily, we first have to be willing to take that first step. We have to stop saying: **"I'll get to it tomorrow."**

# We love our HBC YOUTH Class



"I have no greater joy  
than this: to hear that  
my children are living  
according to the truth."

3 John 1:4



Our Youth Class is for students in 7th - 12th grade. They meet Sunday mornings for class time, Sunday nights for FORGE & Wednesday nights for Bible Study. They are boldly and lovingly led by Bobby & Terri Mullins. This group enjoys fellowshiping together & fun activities such as concerts. They are committed to growing in their walk with God by attending the Student Prayer Advance this summer. They are also involved in service projects on a regular basis. We were recently blessed by a generous donation plus the effort of several people to give our teens a new fresh space. We call it the "Coffee & Jesus" room! THANK YOU TO \*Adam & Jessica Burgess \*Paige Conner \*Adam Lumpkins \*Sylvia Lumpkins \*Liz Powell \*Julie Ragsdale \*Debbie Sparks You each had a part in making this renovation possible. We praise our Lord for the spirit of unity, love & generosity that covered this project!

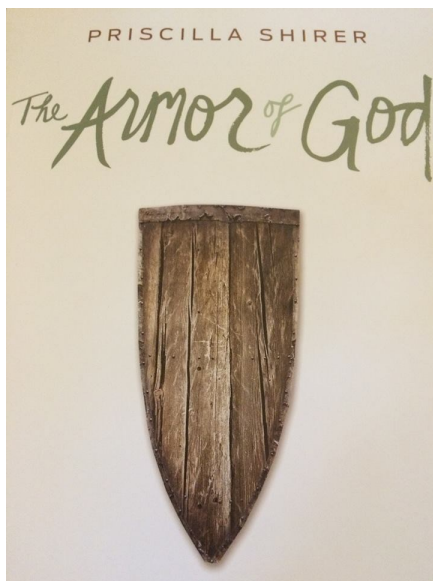
COME JOIN US IN SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR A BLESSING THIS WEEK!



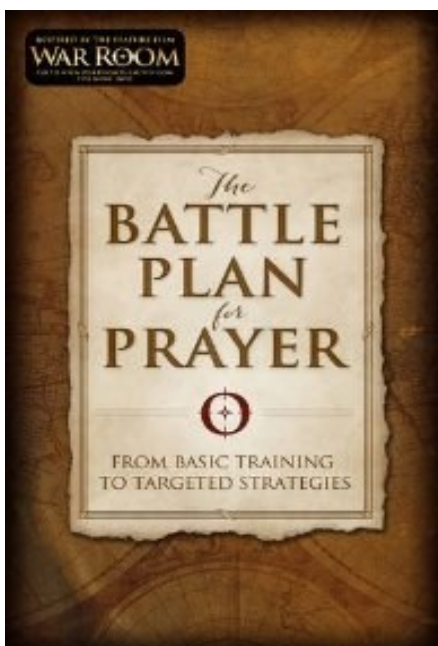


# COUPONING 101

Learn how to fight rising grocery prices, try new items for pennies on the dollar, and live more abundantly using the purchasing power of coupons! Join us for **Couponing 101**, starting April 7 at 6:30 pm. If you've ever been interested in learning to coupon, this is your chance. Julie will be teaching a one month free class covering basic fundamentals of couponing, such as where to find coupons, how to use them, and how to stock up when prices are low so that you can save big!



In our last Ladies study we learned how to pray boldly, knowing that prayer is one of the most powerful weapons that we possess. On April 3 we'll be beginning Priscilla Shirer's study: *The Armor of God*. In this seven week study we will learn how to make sure that we are properly dressed to face the enemy as he seeks to steal our joy, kill our spirit, and destroy our hope! This study addresses how to protect yourself from spiritual warfare, and discusses ways to insure that you are using your armor to its full effect to send the enemy running from you and your family! This study is held every Sunday night at 6 pm.



**On April 3 we are also beginning a new study for the gentlemen of the church. This study "The Battle Plan for Prayer: Attacking Life's Struggles Through Prayer" by Alex and Stephen Kendrick, comes highly recommended from the ladies of the church. This study is an eight week exploration of how to harness the power of 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 for all men ages 18 and up, and provides a powerful explanation of how to become the prayer warrior God desires you to be!**



Last year we explored the wonder of God's creation out to the very edge of the universe. This year we're diving into the depths of the sea to study Noah, and what his story can still teach us about the wonders of our God.

We're still looking for volunteers, and it's sure to be an experience that you don't want to miss! Contact Cheryl Waller if you're interested in helping make our VBS a reality!

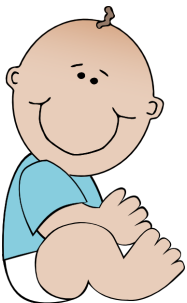
## The Commotion Commences

**June 22-26, 2016**

More information will be coming soon, but for now save the date!



The youth are hosting a luncheon on Sunday, April 10 after worship service to recognize the contributions of and honor the senior saints of our church. This event is open to those 65 and up, and will be held in the fellowship hall. Please contact Terri Mullins for additional details.



### Attention Parents and Grandparents!

We are having a Baby Dedication ceremony and a Graduation ceremony in May. If you are interested in having your child recognized in either ceremony please sign up on the sheets on the table beside Luis' office!





# 2016 LADIES PRAYER ADVANCE

WE ARE OVERCOMERS



(L to R) Tara Harper, Holly St. John, Faye Shropshire, Carolyn Marlowe, Wendy Byrd, Kim Miles, Terri Mullins, Paige Conner and Julie Ragsdale . Not pictured: Holly Munoz



The excitement began with Carolyn. She was on the bus & ready to go 30 minutes before anyone else arrived!



Thank you, Terri Mullins, for being our driver...You are awesome!

We were tremendously blessed by the time we spent together sharing, laughing, praying & going deeper into God's Word.

We cannot encourage you enough to **PLAN NOW TO ATTEND NEXT MARCH**. The devil is a deceiver who will tell you "You can't go...You don't have time...You can't afford it...You don't know those ladies...They will make you pray in front of people...That's not for you" and a host of other lies. Don't listen to him!  
Pray about it and see what God does :)



## YOUTH SUNDAY!!!

Our youth are busy preparing for our YOUTH SUNDAY service to be held on April 24th, 2016. We are rehearsing skits and music, preparing sermons, and having a great time together as we practice!

YOUTH: We will have a **pizza fun night/ practice on Saturday evening, April 16th**, at 5:00-8:00pm. All youth planning to participate in Youth Sunday should attend.

Parents and church family: we ask for your prayers for our service as we prepare. Pray for our youth, leaders and those that will be attending the service. We seek to bring glory to Jesus!



Stuffed Animals

April

## *Operation Christmas Child April Collection Item*

During April, youth are asked to bring in Stuffed Animals for our OCC collection service project. We have a great collection of items so far. GREAT JOB youth (and parents)! This is not a project limited to youth. If any of our church family would like to donate items each month you are welcome and encouraged to help out! Just keep a watch for the new item each month. We are having fun seeing the collection grow! See

Terri Mullins for details on how to join in the collection process!



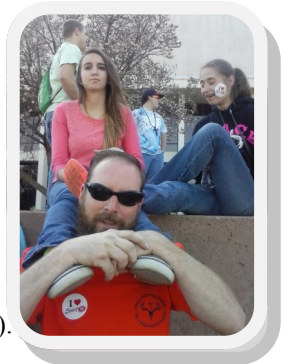
# WinterJam Fun!



Above: Trevor, KB, James, Corey, Kevin, and Jared. KB answered questions, signed autographs and took pics with the group.

Our youth enjoyed a SPECTACULAR time going to the WinterJam 2016 concert in Roanoke, VA on March 24th. After waiting in line for 3 1/2 hours our group snatched up great seats to see ELEVEN popular Christian artists from all genres. Artists included KB, Sidewalk Prophets, Red, David Crowder, Lauren Daigle, For King & Country, Matthew West, Newsong, Trip Lee, Stars Go Dim, We are Messengers, and speaker Tony Nolan who shared his testimony and a very powerful gospel message. Five people from our group were able to meet KB and get pictures and autographs during the evening. Needless to say it was a great night for all. We look forward to the next Winterjam tour!

Right: Bobby, Emmalee, and Makailla waiting in line for the concert (and goofing off a little).



## What's Happening



### ***SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS***

**Sunday, April 10th**—Youth will host a **SENIOR LUNCHEON** for everyone 65+. We ask that all youth set aside this day to help serve and honor our seniors.

**Sunday, April 24th**—Youth Sunday!!



**Sunday evening—May 22nd—Graduation Celebration!!** : We will be honoring our seniors with a graduation celebration 5-7pm.

**July 27—30th**— Student Prayer Advance. The Student Prayer Advance will be held in Chantilly, VA this year. Since we will be so near to DC we hope to add in a bit of touring prior to our meetings. Please see Terri Mullins for details and to register.



## **HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH**

6405 Callands Road  
Chatham, VA 24531

### **Events in May**

**May 5**

**National Day of Prayer  
(No Wednesday Services)**

**May 7**

**Daughter's Choice Tea**

**May 11**

**Business Meeting**

**May 14**

**Cassie Gatewood's Baby Shower**

**May 15**

**Baby Dedication**

**May 18**

**Church Council**

**May 22**

**Graduation Sunday**

**May 29**

**Memorial Day Fellowship Cookout**