

## From Our Pastor

January 3, 2021

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

2020, what a year to remember!!! This one will go down in the history books. For some it has been the worst year they have ever encountered. The scars and wounds will linger for many years to come and the hurt and pain will be lodged in their memory banks for a long time.

The struggle that I have had is to look for and find the good in all of it. As I have pondered in my heart to try to find the good in the events of this past year, I had to be willing to admit that first, I have learned some flexibility. How many of us had to learn to do things a different way while we trusted for the same results? We had to make the adjustments to do things differently to carry out our responsibilities. Who would have thought that we would be forced to move our church services to the church parking lot? Who would have thought that we would not be able to get within 6 feet of each other and our pews would be marked off by painters' tape in order to practice social distancing? What is social distancing we would ask? Who would have thought that masks would become a part of our regular church attire?

We were forced to put into motion things that we had talked about for several years. The leadership had discussed for a while about the importance of making our services available on Live Stream. Because of the pandemic, we were pushed to moving on this and by doing so, we immediately enlarged our base as far people viewing the services. This means that the gospel is going out in many different directions and people are being challenged to be saved on a larger scale.

Also, we had discussed taking advantage of the online giving services that would open an opportunity for our people to give online. We were able to accomplish this several months into the pandemic and our monies have increased by implementing this service. Both of these adjustments are proving to be an asset to our ongoing ministry.

The second thing that I have had to learn to do during this pandemic is to trust God to minister to our people in their times of suffering. It has been extremely hard not to be involved as closely as I would like to when it comes to our people and their adversities. Some of our people have walked through some "gut wrenching" situations concerning themselves and their family members. Deaths, sicknesses, quarantines, isolation accompanied by a deep sense of loss and pain. As a Pastor you feel the need to minister but you are so limited as to what you can do outside of praying for them and using the limited forms of communication that are available. It is one thing to trust God for paper towels and toilet paper, but it is another to trust God to minister to that hurting heart as they try to converse with their loved one through a dirty window. Or not being able to be with them at all when they take their last breath.

There are many other things that I have had to adjust to and am still adjusting to when it comes to living amid a pandemic. There are fears, dissolutions, aggravations, and many different things that stimulate our emotions, good and bad. However, we must go back to what Paul said in the book of Philippians. In chapter 4 verse 4 he exhorts us to utilize the weapon of rejoicing in the midst of our sufferings. It is a choice of will apart from our feelings where we choose to align ourselves with God instead of aligning ourselves with our problems. We choose to go with God and believe Him to give us the grace to keep going forward. When you and I choose to do that, He promises to give us a peace that is far beyond our comprehension and He promises to give us the strength to carry on.

Would you believe God in 2021 for a great outpouring of His Holy Spirit? For more people to be saved and that God would give us a greater platform to share the gospel around the world or across the street? And would you be faithful to give God praise and glory for all the great things He has done and is doing?

*Bro. Terry*

# 2020 Lottie Moon Offering: Update

As a church, you have set a pledge goal of \$13,822.00, for the 2020 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of December 27, 2020, the church has collected **\$15,075.19\***.



\*Figure includes \$1,000 donation made in 2019 designated for 2020 Lottie Moon.

## *The Mission of the Manger*

**2020 Lottie Moon Goal**

**\$13,822.00**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. — Matthew 28:19-20



## January Birthdays

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

We would like to thank all of you for the cards, gifts and expressions of appreciation that you have shown us over the last couple months. You will never know what that means to us and how much we appreciate everything that you have done to recognize us. God bless you all and we wish you a Happy New Year!!

The St. John Family

We would like to express thank you for all the expressions of love that you have shown us during the sickness and loss of mom. All of the prayers, cards, telephone calls, and texts have ben greatly appreciated as well as the delicious food and visits.

A special "Thank You" to our Praise Team for honoring Mom with her requested songs during her services.

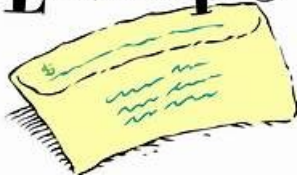
Thank you for being such a wonderful church family.

Love in Christ

The family of Shelby Falls

Chris, Lynita, Christina, and Matthew

## Offering Envelopes



2021 Offering Envelopes are available in the foyer now. If you have questions or need envelopes, please let Julie know!



Happy New Year, Hollywood! We had an amazing year for Christmas Child Boxes at Hollywood last year. Even with a pandemic we still managed to pack 167 boxes! In 2021 we are trusting the Lord that by the time November rolls around this year we will be able to join together again for packing party.

Every box packed at our packing party includes: an age appropriate wow item (toy, ball, etc.), a stuffed animal, clothing items, school supplies, hygiene item, small toys, games, and accessories. Each year we have a goal of packing between 150-175 boxes at our party, with thousands of items packed. We collect items all year long, with a special focus on a particular item each month.

In the coming months, we'll be keeping you updated with how we're doing with collecting items for our party and starting some new projects to make it easier for you to join us in blessing more children, and increasing the number of opportunities for the Gospel to be presented to children.



In January, we're asking for donations of winter clothing items (hats, gloves, or scarves, etc). Crafters this is a perfect excuse to pull out those crochet hooks, knitting needles, or looms! We'd also like to remind our bargain shoppers to keep their eyes open for after Christmas clearance sales for toys or other items that would be a good addition to a shoebox! Please place any donations in the collection box in the foyer near the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please let us know!

### **January Goal: 150 Winter Clothing Items**



Did you get a lot of fabulous new clothes for Christmas? Do you need some space to store them? Was cleaning out your closet and getting organized one of your New Year's resolutions? If so, please remember Grace A Lot, our local clothing closet would love to bless those in need with the items you're discarding. Grace A Lot is located at 1500 Weal Road, and they now have a collection box so that you can drop off your donations whenever is most convenient for you!

## From Our Associate Pastor of Music

Hollywood Friends,

Words cannot adequately express our appreciation for the incredibly generous gifts with which you blessed us. We are overwhelmed by your demonstration of love and appreciation. Thank you so very much!

We are honored to have been able to serve at Hollywood for the last three years. Although this past year has been challenging, it has been a blessing to see how God has worked through the difficulties to push us into new areas of ministry. To be able to reach out through social media and bring the gospel and an opportunity for worship to those who could not join us in person has been wonderful.

As we transition to the next chapter in our ministry lives, please know that we love you and will think of you often. We are not moving from Chatham, so you will see us from time to time. We have some general ideas of what ministry might look like moving forward, but we are waiting for God to fill in the details.

If you are interested in keeping up with how God is using us in the days ahead, please follow us @2els4him on Facebook. If you would like to receive regular updates or are interested in knowing our ministry needs as they arise, please send an email to us at [2els4him@gmail.com](mailto:2els4him@gmail.com) and we will include you in future mailings.

God bless you as you continue to minister to the Callands Community. Oh, and keep honking as you go by the house.

We love you!

In Christ Alone,

Hal, Carie, Matthew, Sammy, and Lilly



**Join the Daughters of Hope as we spend forty days in prayer!**

Hollywood's Ladies Ministry invites you to join us for a prayer challenge! We will be praying through the Psalms from Sunday, January 3 through Sunday, February 14. We'll have charts available to track your progress. You can find support from other believers during this time of prayer on our newly updated Facebook group, HBC Daughters of Hope. So join us for a time of spiritual rejuvenation to start your year off right! If you have any questions, please see Paige Conner.

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