#### From Our Pastor

Time always brings about change. I read recently that if you wanted to travel across country in 1850 you could travel by covered wagon which would take you 166 days. Ten years later, the same journey by stagecoach would take 60 days. By 1870, you could travel westward by train for 11 days. In 1930, the same trip by air would take 26 ½ hours. Today, in a matter of a few hours you can jet from east to west. And, if the space shuttle were an option, you could reduce the travel time from coast to coast to only a few minutes. Just imagine!

As we think about the change that comes with time, has the church moved with the speed of time? Have we kept pace with the change around us? I am not talking about compromising our belief system to stay in step with the world, but have we missed some great opportunities that God has put in front of us because we were too comfortable, or we did not take advantage of the opportunities to believe God to do the impossible? Alfred Adler once wrote, "The chief danger in life is we take too many precautions."

In a book written by Paul Powell, entitled Building an Evangelistic Church he wrote concerning the reason why churches die: "First, churches die because they lose their vision." What is our purpose for existence? What is it that God wants to do through His church? God never intended for you and I to slip into our "spiritual comas" and do nothing or to become too busy that we don't have time to give to the work of the local church. His intent was for you and me to be about the Fathers business in pointing people to Him. May I remind you this is the reason He gave His son.

"Secondly, churches die because they lack sufficient faith." The scripture says in Hebrews 11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." If we want to be a pleaser of the heart of God, then God wants us to trust Him every step of the way. Three different times in the scripture we are told that the "just shall live by faith." It is our God- given responsibility to be faith beings. Paul Powell writes, "Many churches are afraid to venture out, to take risk – even though accomplishment is within reach." He goes on to write, "Making progress means taking the plunge. Those who think they can do nothing, fulfill their expectations. They sever themselves from the source of strength. All successful Christian work is the work of God, accomplished through the faith of His people."

"Thirdly, churches die because people refuse to change. Many times, people are inflexible, negative, and non-progressive." Paul Powell writes concerning this issue, "Churches need to realize that success is a moving target. What must a person or a church do to be successful? There is not any one thing you can do, but things you must keep doing. You are never safely there. The road to success is always under construction. Change is inevitable, but progress is not. If we refuse to change with the times, we will be left behind. Will Rogers was right when he said, "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there."

All these words are so true and should be very convicting to all of us. They should force us into taking a "spiritual poll" of our lives individually and corporately. We only get one "shot" at this thing of Christianity and showing the world Jesus. May we be quick to bloom were God plants us and to make the impact that God intended for us to make. May we always be open to the promptings of the Spirit and follow Him as He works through us to accomplish His will.

### May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>I</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:15 p.m. Church Council 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	2	3	4 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	5	6	7
8 Mother 's Day 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service NO PM Services	9	10	11 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	12	13 6:30 p.m. Ladies Bingo Night	14
<i>15</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:15 p.m. Joy on the Ark/ Mountain Movers 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	16	17	18 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	19	20	21
22 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting 5:00 p.m. Joy on the Ark Closing Ceremony/Fellowship Dinner	23	24	25 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	26	27	28
29 Communion Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	30	31				

- 1 Lydia Nuckols Bowers
- 3 Harry Payne
- 7 Judy Reynolds Karen Riddle
- 8 Kim Jones Mandi Dolan
- 9 Debra Reynolds
   10 Robert Hubbard, Jr.
- 11 Will Roberts
- 14 Matthew Anderson
- 15 Norma BettertonWilliam Tosh
- 16 Hailey Doss
- 19 Samantha AaronJessica Marlowe Burgess
- 20 Earl Nuckols
- 22 Lois Ann Batten Bill Nuckols
- 25 Leon Burgess Ritha Gammon
- 26 Isabelle LumpkinsTim MooreKimberly Matherly Smoot
- 27 Ashley Doss Wallace
- 29 Wendy Byrd Matthew Falls Ashley Norman
- 31 Jessie Henderson



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Sun May 1, 2022	
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Pam Anderson, June Conner, & Pam Kendrick
Sun May 8, 2022	
9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Misty Bishop, Renee Moore, & Anna Dunn
Sun May 15, 2022	
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	James & Sylvia Lumpkins, & Mary Claytor
Sun May 22, 2022	
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Donnie & Peggy Moore, & Shelly Lewis
Sun May 29, 2022	
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Becky Roberts, Anna Dunn, &Heather Lankford

# GreetersMay 1Patsy Conner & Melody CollinsMay 8Mary Moon Moore & James AllenMay 15Joan Nuckols & Mary MossMay 22Brenda Collins & Jetty BurgessMay 29Emma Walden & John Moore

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

May 1	Bryan Lewis*, Adam Lumpkins, Chris Falls, Terry Moore
May 8	Donnie Moore*, Tommy Jefferson, Gary Matherly, Dale McFaddin
May 15	Bobby Mullins*, Kent Bishop, Drake Easley, Randy Gatewood
May 22	Adam Burgess*, James Lumpkins, Larry Weiss, Roger Walden
May 29	Karle Byrd*, Daniel Moore, William Tosh, Chuck Easley

From the depth of my heart I want to express my love and appreciation for all the acts of kindness shown me during my recent illness. It is wonderful to have a church family, and friends and neighbors such as you. I have missed the Sunday School class, church service, Bible study, and prayer meeting so much. God is so good and I look forward to it all again.

> In His Love, Ruth Aaron

#### 2022 Lottie Moon Offering

As a church, you have set a pledge goal of **\$14,965.00**, for the 2022 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of April 27, 2022 we have collected **\$8,145.69**.



#### The Mission of the Manger

2022 Lottie Moon Goal \$14,965.00

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

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We're off to a great start on our shoebox collection in 2022! We are already planning for and looking forward to our packing party in November.



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 May we are collecting hygiene items (soap, toothbrushes, combs, etc.). Thanks to some generous donors we already have a start on this months goals! As a reminder, toothpaste is NO longer allowed in shoeboxes! Please place any donations in the collection box in the foyer near the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please let Julie know.

January Goal: 30/150 Winter Clothing Items February Goal: 900/150 Accessories March Goal: 42/150 Quality Handcrafts April Goal: 102/150 Stuffed Animals May Goal: 40/150 Bars of Soap 38/150 Toothbrushes 66/150 Combs or Brushes Stretch Goal: 18/150 Washcloths Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!



There will be a meeting for our Sunday School teachers in the fellowship hall, Sunday, May 22 at 4 p.m. Please contact Heather Lankford with questions.





# Save the date! VBS June 26-29 If you would like to help, please see Becky Roberts!

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Graduate Recognition— We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 22. If you or a loved one is graduating and would like to be recognized, please sign up by May 15 on the sign up sheet in the foyer or by contacting the church office.

#### Scripture Writing Plan - Spiritual Warfare

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Our Scripture Writing Plan this month focuses on a very real and dangerous enemy that we should NEVER forget or take lightly... Satan. Ephesians 6:12 describes this enemy and this battle known as spiritual warfare:

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Spiritual warfare is the leveraging of God's promises AGAINST everything that opposes God's purpose.

God is a God of purposes and a God of promises. Purposes to redeem the world and promises to judge wickedness. Purposes to grow his beloved children into maturity and promises to unfailingly manage and steward that process. Purposes to love us, to save us and to glorify His name, and promises about our lives and about His great and holy character.

Satan and his spiritual forces oppose every single bit of God's purposes and promises.

Satan battles every day for the hearts of men and women, trying to turn us away from God and separate us from Him. Satan is crafty, sneaky and sophisticated. He works constantly to rule this world. He schemes against us and he HATES those who obey and follow Christ. He is patiently watching and waiting for us to have our guard down, so that he can attack. We must be alert and ready at ALL times.

Because Satan is so wicked and spiritual warfare is scary, people often want to just ignore both completely, BUT that is dangerous. Why?

- 1. Satan is powerful. He's strong and if we aren't careful and watching for his schemes, he can (and will) overpower us.
- 2. Satan is a predator and an opportunist. He is on the prowl. He is constantly waiting to pounce on those who are unsuspecting or distracted.
- 3. Satan is not our friend. He HATES us because God loves us. He knows the power of God's love. He works relentlessly to drive a wedge between us and God.
- 4. Satan is sneaky and strategic and deceitful. He will lie and cheat and steal to destroy us. He wants us to believe lies about God, about ourselves and about what's really important and true. He doesn't show up with a red face, pitchfork and horns, but disguised as something tempting and attractive. He doesn't just use our weaknesses to trip us up, he will also take something we are comfortable and confident in and use that to trip us up.

To battle Satan, we must be aware of what God's Word says. As we write the verses this month, may we become aware of Satan's devices, his schemes, and his plans for our destruction. May we be reminded over and over again that we have NO reason to fear him because Jesus has overcome Satan and this world. May we stay alert to Satan's deceptions and close to the throne of the Lord. May we spend more time in God's Word, learning what is TRUTH, so that we can recognize & resist the lies Satan tells us. Stand firm, Ladies!

PLEASE LET BLAIR LUMPKINS OR PAIGE CONNER KNOW IF YOU COMPLETE THIS MONTH'S WRITING PLAN 😂

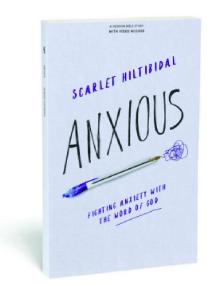
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We invite you to join us this month in the practice of Scripture writing:

- 1. Read the passage marked each day.
- 2. Write the verses down in a notebook, a journal, or on an index card. It's up to you.
- 3. Pray and think about how the passage applies to your life.
- 4. Try to do this every day. Miss a day, two...start again the next. Don't give up! See what God will do.





SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL -BIBLE STUDY Hollywood Baptist Church 10:00 am- 10:45 am

#### College Age (Ages 18- 28) June & July 2022

#### There are many reasons to worry.

#### And one Reason not to.

We live in a broken, sad, scary place. We don't need to watch the natural disasters and political unrest in the news to know what our bodies already know. Our bodies get sick. Our minds are fragile. The mortality rate for humans is astonishingly high. There's plenty to worry about, and the world is full of faulty solutions for our anxieties.

But true peace comes when we learn to hold God's Word up to what worries us. There, we learn we can't fix ourselves; we can't protect ourselves. Instead, the Bible tells us we can rest, knowing that Jesus walked into the broken, sad, scary places to rescue us and love us. He is the One who fixes. His is the only protection that matters.

Join Scarlet Hiltibidal in this 8-session study to learn how we can practically take hold of the perfect peace that is only available through God as we dive deeply into His Word, embrace the practice of prayer, and live authentically in the support of our communities

of faith.

(https://www.lifeway.com/en/product-family/anxious-bible-study)

#### 1st Sunday June 5th: BREAKFAST & COFFEE KICKOFF Last Sunday July 31st: End of summer celebration!

See Heather Lankford or text her (276) 734–2679 for sign up and about getting a book by May 23, 2022.



You're invited to the Joy on the Ark Closing Ceremonies on Sunday, May 22 at 5 p.m. We're celebrating the end of another trip on the Ark with a fellowship meal. The church will be supplying the

main dish, drinks, and condiments. Bring a side dish or dessert and join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship!



## Easter 2022































Thank you to everyone who helped make our Easter celebrations a success! We appreciate all your hard work!

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# Upcoming Events June 5 Migrant Workers Meal June 8 Regular Business Meeting June 26-29 Vacation Bible School