

From Our Pastor

September 4, 2022

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Is it right or is it wrong? Is it good or is it bad? Should I or shouldn't I? Do these thoughts ever go through your mind? Do you ever catch yourself going back and forth over issues? I truly believe the element that is missing in the church these days is discernment. The scripture says in I Thessalonians 5:21&22 "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil". We are to evaluate all aspects of our life and make sure that we are coming in line with the Word of God.

Discernment is the process of making careful distinctions in our thinking about truth. It means to separate things from one another at their points of difference in order to distinguish them. John MacArthur, in his book entitled, *Fool's Gold* says, "the discerning person is the one who draws a clear contrast between truth and error. Discernment is black and white thinking and there is a conscious refusal to color every issue in shades of gray."

MacArthur gives three commands that spell out the requirements in having a discerning mind. First of all, he says "we are to judge everything. We should run everything through a grid of discrimination. This is the process of testing something to reveal its genuineness. Paul urged believers to scrutinize everything they heard to make sure it was genuine, to distinguish between the truth and the false, to separate the good from the evil. In other words, he was urging them to examine everything critically and carefully.

Secondly, we are to cling to what is good. He describes this as a militant stance against anything that undermines the truth or does violence to it in any way. We must hold the truth securely, defend it zealously and preserve it from all threats.

Thirdly, we are to shun that which is evil. The word "abstain" means to "hold oneself back" or "to keep away from." It is calling for radical separation from "every form of evil and we are to "hold onto" that which is real, genuine, and good."

Dr. Jay Adams said in his book, *A Call to Discernment*, "spiritual discernment is the ability to distinguish God's thoughts and ways from all others." When asked, "How do you do that?" His response was, "the more you know of what the Bible teaches the less likely you will be caught up in a "wind of doctrine." In essence what these men are saying is that we need to learn to think from the Biblical perspective. Everything must be filtered through the Word. It is not that you are trying to spiritualize everything, but you are trying to be protective and cautious when it comes to the philosophy of this world. Our culture is totally different than what it used to be. As Ken Ham says, "We have gone from an Acts 2 culture to an Acts 17 culture."

Recently in an article by John MacArthur he states, "Failure to distinguish between truth and error leaves the Christian subject to all manner of false teaching. False teaching then leads to an unbiblical mindset, which results in unfruitful and disobedient living-a certain recipe for compromise. Unfortunately, discernment is an area where most Christians stumble. They exhibit little ability to measure the things they are taught against the infallible standard of God's Word, and they unwittingly engage in all kinds of unbiblical decision-making and behavior. In short, they are not armed to take a decidedly biblical stand against the onslaught of unbiblical thinking and attitudes that face them throughout their day."

As we go through the Christian life, we must have a keen awareness of truth when it comes to the evils of this world. We must know the difference between right and wrong. We must be able to discern between what is good and Godly and what is not. The enemy is a master at using truth to steer you and I in the wrong direction. He can disguise himself to be as God but one thing for certain he cannot be God. Discernment is no longer an option for the Christian, but it is a requirement in dealing with today's society.

Bro. Terry

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service NO PM SERVICES</p>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<p><i>7</i></p> <p>6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting</p>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>
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September Birthdays

- 3 Lisa Cook
- 4 Vincent Aaron
- 5 Rachel Jefferson
James Newby
- 12 Mason Lankford
- 13 Ginger Henderson
- 21 Travis Waller
- 23 Cole Lewis
- 24 Michael Henderson
- 26 Jaxon McGhee
- 27 Dylan Burgess
Robert Moss
- 28 Mallory Easley
- 29 Jetty Burgess
Anna Grace Hayes
- 30 JoAnne McFaddin



Nursery for September

Sun September 4, 2022

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Pam Anderson, June Conner, & Pam Kendrick

Sun September 11, 2022

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Misty Bishop, Renee Moore, & Anna Dunn

Sun September 18, 2022

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. James & Sylvia Lumpkins, & Mary Claytor

Sun September 25, 2022

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Donnie & Peggy Moore, & Shelly Lewis

Greeters

- September 4 Brenda Collins & Jetty Burgess
- September 11 Emma Walden & John Moore
- September 18 Patsy Conner & Melody Collins
- September 25 Mary Moon Moore & James Allen

Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher

- September 4 Adam Burgess*, James Lumpkins, Larry Weiss, Roger Walden
- September 11 Karle Byrd*, Daniel Moore, William Tosh, Chuck Easley
- September 18 Bryan Lewis*, Adam Lumpkins, Chris Falls, Terry Moore
- September 25 Donnie Moore*, Tommy Jefferson, Gary Matherly, Dale McFaddin



If your address or phone number has changed, please let Julie know! Also let her know if you'd like to be added to our birthday list!



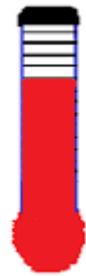
Save the date!

Homecoming

October 16, 2022

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 August 28, 2022 we have collected \$.



The Mission of the Manger

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

2022 Lottie
Moon Goal
\$14,965.00



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 September we focus on games and puzzles! 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: 73/150 Winter Clothing Items February Goal: 900/150 Accessories

March Goal: 165/150 Quality Handcrafts April Goal: 191/150 Stuffed Animals

May Goal: 496/450 Hygiene Items June Goal: 78/150 Small Toys 147/150 WOW Toys

**July Goal: 88/150 Clothing Items August Goal: 800/900 Pencils 15/ 150 Paper
195/150 Crayons/Colored Pencils 183/150 Pencil Sharpeners 42/150 Pencil Pouches**

September Goal: 48/150 Games and Puzzles

Thank you so much for your support of this ministry!



Joy on the Ark is back!

Join us Sunday nights September-May to learn God's Word, play, sing, craft, dance, and have fun!

There are classes for your little ones from ages 2 1/2 – 5th grade.

You can use the QR code below or use this link [https://](https://forms.gle/5twgqnGxuXVTwHQF6)

forms.gle/5twgqnGxuXVTwHQF6 . The ark departs on

September 11, at 5:15 p.m. , you don't want to miss the boat! There will be

food and water games for our kick off, please bring a change of dry

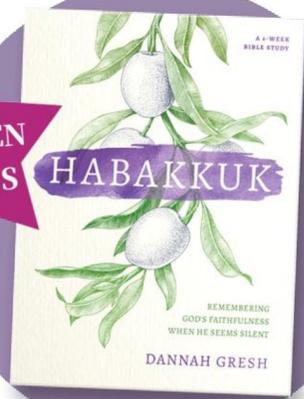
clothes and a towel!



Interested in volunteering? Do you have questions? Please see Daniel

Moore or Shelly Lewis.

LADIES...Here's What is Happening in September:



DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

HBC Multipurpose Building

Books are \$12. Sign up in one of our foyers. If you need your book early or have questions, please see Holly St. John.

DATE: Friday, September 23, 2022

TIME: 6:30 p.m.



HBC Multipurpose Building – GYM

Come join us for a fun night fellowshiping with old and new friends. It's FREE!

There are refreshments, prizes and lots of laughs. This is a perfect opportunity to get your neighbor, co-worker, family member or friend to come to HBC and make connections.

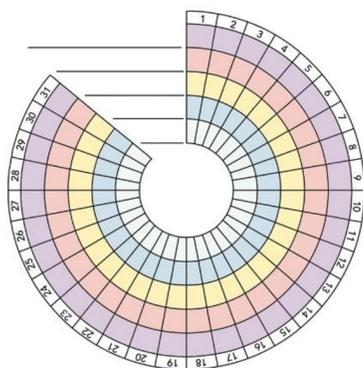


COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES

HBC wants to send some love to our college students. If you have one in your family, please sign them up in one of our foyers.

We need: Names & addresses, suggestions for their fav candy, snacks, gift card, etc. If you would like to help with donations, shopping or packing boxes, please let us know. ☺

Let's Learn a New Habit this month!



They say it takes 21 days to form a habit. Whether you read the Scriptures or write them, whether you follow a devotional or a study... Let's make reading our Bibles a daily habit. **This month's Scripture Writing Plan is in the foyer, but you don't have to use that to be a part of this challenge.** You choose how your time with Him looks. There is also a printout of this tracker in the foyer to keep up with your progress. You can add other goals if you wish. Ex: drink more water. That is up to you!
#1. Read God's Word.

Scripture Writing Plan

Holiness of God

- Day 1: 1 Chronicles 16: 8-11
- Day 2: 1 John 3: 1-3
- Day 3: 1 John 3: 6-10
- Day 4: 1 Peter 1: 13-16
- Day 5: 1 Peter 2:9-10
- Day 6: 1 Samuel 2:1-2
- Day 7: 2 Corinthians 7:1

- Day 8: 2 Peter 3: 10-13
- Day 9: 2 Timothy 1:6-10
- Day 10: Ephesians 4: 20-24
- Day 11: Exodus 3:2-6
- Day 12: Exodus 15:11-13
- Day 13: Exodus 19:4-6
- Day 14: Ezekiel 36: 20-23

- Day 15: Ezekiel 36: 24-27
- Day 16: Hebrews 7: 26-28
- Day 17: Hebrews 12: 7-11
- Day 18: Hebrews 12: 14-15
- Day 19: Isaiah 6:1-3
- Day 20: Isaiah 57:14-15
- Day 21: Leviticus 11: 44-45

- Day 22: Leviticus 19:1-2
- Day 23: Leviticus 20:7-8
- Day 24: Leviticus 20:26
- Day 25: Numbers 15:37-41
- Day 26: Psalm 33:20-22
- Day 27: Psalm 51:10-12
- Day 28: Psalm 93: 1-5

- Day 29: Psalm 99: 1-5
- Day 30: Revelation 4:8-11
- Day 31: Romans 12: 1-2

Children's Church Update

September 2022

Our Children's Church Ministry is growing and thriving. Thanks to all the parents who entrust their children to us each Sunday. We want to be faithful to present the truths from the Bible to your kids each week in a format that they can understand. We are not just

babysitting, but trying to help these kids meet Jesus, and learn how to live out their faith in everyday life. We use puppets, felt board stories, experiments, games etc. to accomplish this. We love your kids, and want to help you with their spiritual training.

Thank you also, to all our youth for being available and willing to help out in this ministry, whether as class helpers, or in the puppet ministry.

And last of all, but not least, thank you to all our many adults who volunteer to help lead on any given Sunday. You are so much appreciated, and I feel so blessed to be a part of it all.

In His Service,

Wendy Byrd





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Upcoming Events

October 12 Regular Business Meeting

October 16 Homecoming