

## From Our Pastor

July 5, 2023

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

Freedom? What is freedom? It is a word that you hear used a lot, especially this time of the year, but do we really understand the true meaning of it? I have learned over the years that if I don't really understand the true meaning of the word it could result in bondage and enslavement. A young man told me years ago that he wanted to be free from his parents bossing him around, so he was going to join the Marines. Yeah, right!! Wonder how that worked out for him???

From a Christian worldview, true freedom is not a matter of doing what you want without restraint but cultivating a life in obedience to God's will. In other words, freedom results when our wants align with God's will. Many times, when we choose to do whatever we want, it results in bondage or enslavement and that is not freedom. Freedom is the ability to choose to do the right thing.

God has told us in His Word that we are free to choose between good and evil. We may choose liberty and eternal life by following Jesus Christ. Freedom is not the ability to do whatever. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 6:12, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." Basically, what Paul was saying here is, I have access to everything, but I am not going to allow myself to be brought into bondage of anything that is not good for me. He was exercising his freedom to choose to do the right thing and protect himself from potential danger.

God gives us the free choice and free will to live our lives the way we desire. That gift of freedom is the greatest gift that He can give. However, He wants us to choose to do right, because of our love for Him and that we want to obey Him, and to make our decisions within the overall blueprint of His will for our life. That results in true freedom.

In Judges 16, we are told the story of Samson. Samson was a mighty man that God was going to use greatly in setting His people free. But amidst all the decisions that Samson made, he created a lot of problems for himself. He had the freedom to make decisions for himself, but his problem was he always made bad decisions. And that does not bring us into freedom.

First of all, he defied his parents. He would not listen to anyone. You could not tell him anything. He saw a woman in Timnath and he told his parents that he wanted her. They tried to discourage him from entering into a relationship with her but he made his choice. He said in verse 3, "Get her for me; she pleases me."

Secondly, he disregarded his upbringing. God had a plan according to chapter 13:5. God was going to use him to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. But Samson chose to throw it all away.

Thirdly, he defiled his purity. He had an attraction to sin, an ambition that was stubborn and an arrogance that was selfish. He chose to do what was best for him, he thought.

Fourthly, he denied God's promptings. He paid no attention to the will of God for his life. He was not willing to follow God's promptings at all.

What Samson thought was freedom in his decision making was really the opposite. He did not realize that choosing to do the wrong thing would take him further than he was willing to go, keep him longer than he was wanting to stay, and cost him more than he was willing to pay. In that "so called freedom" to choose to do whatever, Samson ended up in a blinding, binding, grinding, reminding bondage that he was never able to get free of. It is all found in verse 21 in chapter 16 of the book of Judges. It states, "But the Philistines took him, and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison house." Yes, God ended up using Samson in the end to a degree, but he never lived up to his greatest potential because he never came to understand the true meaning of freedom. Are you free today? Have you come to that place of understanding as to what true freedom is? It is not just a definition of a word but it is something that we can experience personally. Galatians 5:13 "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty (freedom); only use not liberty (freedom) for an occasion to the flesh (to do evil), but by love serve one another. In the words of Peter Marshall, "May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."

*Bro. Terry*

# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i>
<b>2</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service NO PM SERVICES	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<b>5</b> 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>
<b>9</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<b>12</b> 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice/ Fellowship Meal 7:00 p.m. Regular Business Meeting	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>
<b>16</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Church Council 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<b>19</b> 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i>
<b>23</b> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<b>26</b> 6:00 p.m. Praise Team Practice 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>
<b>30</b> <i>Communion Sunday</i> 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study	<i>31</i>					

- 3 Eileen Moore
- Hunter Moss
- 4 Kristin Riddle
- 5 Heather Lankford
- Joan Nuckols
- 6 Dickie Barbour
- Camryn Kendrick
- 7 Judy Jones
- 8 Gina Bulloch
- 9 Amy Tosh
- 11 Jack Hammock
- Zack Henderson
- Madilyn Moss
- 13 Elizabeth Conner
- Betsy Eanes
- 14 L.J. Burgess
- 16 Ruth Aaron
- Jonathan Smoot
- 18 David Burgess
- Leon Haynes
- Debbie Sparks
- 19 Martha Crider
- Wanda Gammon
- 21 Madison Nuckols
- Bonnie Ragsdale
- Roger Walden
- 22 Katelyn Gatewood
- Michael Nuckols
- 26 Karle Byrd
- Patsy Nuckols
- 29 Ginger Shelton

## Nursery for July

### Sun July 2, 2023

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Pam Anderson, Dana Wells, Pam Kendrick, & Hannah Shaw

### Sun July 9, 2023

9:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Mary Moss, Renee Moore, Anna Dunn, & Samantha Pressley

### Sun July 16, 2023

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

### Sun July 23, 2023

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

### Sun July 30, 2023

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Adam Kendrick, Misty Bishop, Drake & Brenda Easley

#### **Greeters**

July 2	Brenda Collins & Jetty Burgess
July 9	Joan Nuckols & Ben Dunn
July 16	Emma Walden & John Moore
July 23	Patsy Conner & Melody Collins
July 30	Mary Moon Moore & James Allen

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

July 2	Karle Byrd*, James Lumpkins, Larry Weiss, Roger Walden
July 9	Adam Burgess*, Adam Lumpkins, Bryan Lewis, Terry Moore
July 16	Donnie Moore*, Chris Falls, Gary Matherly, Dale McFaddin
July 23	Bobby Mullins*, Tommy Jefferson, Drake Easley, Randy Gatewood
July 30	Karle Byrd*, Daniel Moore, William Tosh, Chuck Easley



# 2023 Lottie Moon Offering



As a church, you have set a pledge goal of **\$16,145.00**, for the 2023 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of June 30, 2023 we have collected **\$10,356.22.**



## *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

**2023 Lottie  
Moon Goal**  
**\$16,145**



Happy July shoebox friends! Everyday is Christmas when you're packing shoeboxes! Thank you for your generous donations! Our packing party in November is shaping up to be one for the record books!



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

We reached our January, February, March, and April goals! In May we focused on hygiene items. We reached our goals for toothbrushes and combs thanks to a generous donation from Watson Memorial Methodist Church. We are still looking for soap donations. In June we focused on toys. We're doing well on Girls WOW toys, but our boys still need some love! In July we focus on clothing items. Due to a generous donation earlier this year we're doing well on girls clothing items, but could use some more boy items. Please place any donations in the collection box in the foyer near the sanctuary.

**January Goal: 176/150 Winter Clothing Items February Goal: 350/150 Accessories**

**March Goal: 215/150 Quality Crafted Items April Goal: 191/150 Stuffed Animals**

**May Goal: 174/150 Toothbrushes 12/150 Bars of Soap 159/150 Combs**

**June Goals: Girl Wow Toy: 144/150 Boy Wow Toy: 150 Filler Toys: 150**

**July: 150 Clothing Items**

## Mission of the Month: July



Good News Jail and Prison Ministry is celebrating 45 years of sharing God's word with inmates and correctional officers. This ministry provides Bibles, counseling, and Bible study opportunities to people in our local jails.

An inmate from Danville City Jail had the following to say after working with the Chaplin:

"I have been filled with anger my entire life. I was angry with everyone including myself. I was especially angry with God. For the first time in my life I am free from the anger. God has set me free. I could never have dreamed I would find freedom in jail!"



*Pray for Ed and Elenir Ridge*

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

"Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!" Psalm 67:3 Esv

Dear Pastor Terry and Hollywood Baptist Church,  
We thank God for your prayers and faithful support for us and other missionaries serving around the world. Please pray for us as we finish up a 2-month stateside assignment and fly back to Mexico. We will begin a new role, helping our IMB teams to develop scripture resources in order to evangelize, disciple, and plant churches among the unreached of Latin America.

We are so glad to be your partners in the Great Commission. Elenir and I pray for you regularly. Please let us know how we can pray for your ministry in Pittsylvania County and beyond.

In His Glorious Name,

Ed Ridge, Your IMB Missionary

Acts 4:12: "There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

We want to say thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, and visits over the past two weeks . Your remembrances of Leighana have meant a lot to us. We are all part of the same family, so showing your love as brothers and sisters in Christ has helped us deal with our loss. Please keep us in your prayers as we will keep you in ours.

With Love,  
The Malpass Family

Dear Friends at Hollywood Baptist Church,  
Thank you so much for packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Your efforts and giving are making an eternal difference for children, their families, and communities.  
God Bless You!  
Tiana Hudson & The Piedmont  
Operation Christmas Child Team

Dear Hollywood Baptist Church Congregation,  
Thank you all so much for the journal and gift card. It was so thoughtful. They will be very useful to me.  
Thank you for your prayers as well.  
Love,  
Jake Nuckols

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for your love and support through the years. Your love, encouragement, and support has meant the world to me. Parents, thank you for sharing your kids with me in Children's Church. Thank you for my graduation gift. I know I have one big family cheering me on as I continue my education in the fall at DCC.  
Love,  
Christina Falls

Members of Hollywood,  
Thank you so much for my graduation gift! I will use this journal to help myself walk with God as I enter the next chapter of my life.  
Love and thanks,  
Cody Scarce



We will be having our Regular Business Meeting, Wednesday, July 12, at 7 p.m. A fellowship meal will be served prior to the meeting at 6 p.m. Come join us for a time of food and fellowship, and stay as we discuss the business that keeps our church running!



## Happy July from Daughters of Hope!

The Ladies Ministry of Hollywood Baptist Church

We invite you to join us at the table as we make spending time in God's Word a priority in our lives.

**\*You can find us on Facebook at "HBC Daughters of Hope."**

**\*We have a table to the right of the sanctuary doors in the foyer where you can find print outs of Scripture reading and writing and info regarding current studies & fellowship opportunities.**

**\*Our Co-Leaders are: Paige Conner & Blair Lumpkins. Please reach out to either of us if you have questions or we can help you find your spot!**

Blair hosts a **"community" Bible study called WISH** in her home every other Tuesday night. Friends, neighbors, co-workers, ladies from HBC...all join together for a time of fellowship, connection, and study of God's Word. This group focuses on ladies in their 20's - 30's.

**Our new Scripture Writing** sheets are available in our foyers and online. This month's theme is: Freedom in Christ. Reading and writing a verse or two each morning has become such a sweet time for me. It really helps me focus on the words and apply them to my life. I hope you will give it a try!

All Ladies are invited to a **Bible study beginning in August**. The WISH group has done this one a couple of times and it sounds great. "Revelation - Extravagant Hope" by Margaret Feinberg. More details coming soon!

**CONGRATS TO ALL OF YOU WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE "READ EVERY DAY IN THE MONTH OF MAY" Bible Challenge!!** Gifts are coming...but for now, **I applaud each of you and your husbands!** Keep up the great work! (These turned in their sheet or posted on FB group. If you participated and don't see your name, let me know.)

Linda Barbour  
Wendy Byrd  
Karle Byrd  
Nancye Bowman  
Kim Chumley  
June Conner  
Ricky Conner  
Paige Conner  
Patsy Conner  
Linda Gardner

Jackie Hammock  
Susan Holmes  
Pam Kendrick  
Carolyn Marlowe  
Alyx Miller  
Anita Motley  
Joan Nuckols  
Linette Nuckols  
Sylvia Lumpkins  
James Lumpkins

JoAnne McFaddin  
Emma Walden  
Roger Walden  
Cheryl Waller  
Charlotte Worrell



# Freedom in Christ

## SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

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|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Day 1: Exodus 6:5-7           | Day 17: Galatians 1:3-5    |
| Day 2: Exodus 16:2-3          | Day 18: Galatians 4:8-9    |
| Day 3: Leviticus 26:12-13     | Day 19: Galatians 4:21-26  |
| Day 4: Joshua 24:16-17        | Day 20: Galatians 5:1      |
| Day 5: 1 Samuel 12:21-22      | Day 21: Galatians 5:13-15  |
| Day 6: Psalm 118:5-7          | Day 22: Colossians 1:13-14 |
| Day 7: Matthew 11:28-30       | Day 23: 1 Timothy 1:15-16  |
| Day 8: John 8:31-33           | Day 24: Hebrews 2:14-15    |
| Day 9: John 8:34-36           | Day 25: Hebrews 4:8-10     |
| Day 10: Act 13:36-39          | Day 26: Hebrews 10:1-4     |
| Day 11: Acts 15:10            | Day 27: Hebrews 10:12-14   |
| Day 12: Romans 6:17-18        | Day 28: James 1:22-25      |
| Day 13: Romans 6:19           | Day 29: 1 Peter 2:15-17    |
| Day 14: Romans 8:19-21        | Day 30: 2 Peter 2:18-20    |
| Day 15: 2 Corinthians 1:10    | Day 31: 1 John 4:9-10      |
| Day 16: 2 Corinthians 3:15-17 |                            |

This writing plan can be used any month, hence the 31 days. Write each day's Scriptures in a notebook or our Faith Journal. Feel free to underline important words, read them aloud, or use these Scriptures as a springboard for your prayers.





**Children's Church Update for Summer 2023**

Our Children's Church ministry continues to grow and thrive here at Hollywood Baptist Church. Thank you to all of the parents who entrust their children to us each week. We are trying to aid you in teaching your children about how much Jesus loves them, and how they can learn to trust and follow Him.

We are finishing up a unit called, "Clash of Kingdoms," where we learned about how God delivered his people from many strong enemies. He can do that for us in the many battles we face in life also.

We will be starting a unit called, "Crayons-The Colorful Life of David," in which we will see how God prepared David as a young boy to become one of the greatest kings in history. Along with all the ups and downs of his life, David learned to love and trust God; and God promised David that through his family the eternal King, Jesus, would eventually come.

Great stuff!!! True story!!! The Bible for everyday life. We encourage our kids to read the Bible every day to learn more of God, and to practice what they learn. Good for kids and adults.

*( Here's a suggested Checklist to help your children keep on track with reading the Bible every day. By initialing it each day you are reinforcing the importance of it and may have opportunities for discussion.)*

<u>Daily Bible Reading</u>	<u>Parent initial</u>	<u>Daily Bible Reading</u>	<u>Parent initial</u>
Sunday _____	_____	Thursday _____	_____
Monday _____	_____	Friday _____	_____
Tuesday _____	_____	Saturday _____	_____
Wed. _____	_____		

**Thank you to all the many leaders who serve each week. We could not do this ministry without you!**

**Leaders for July 2023:**

July 2, 2023	Missions Sunday	
July 9, 2023	Chad and Amy Kistler	Hannah Shaw, Wendy Byrd
July 16, 2023	Mary Moss	Mike and Dana Wells
July 23, 2023	Megan and Dan Rouleau	Blair and Adam Lumpkins
July 30, 2023	Karen Carlsen	Sabrina and Daniel Moore

# STELLAR

SHINE JESUS' LIGHT



**Thank you to all our students, teachers, and volunteers that made VBS such a **STELLAR** experience this year! We can't wait to see you next year at **VBS!****







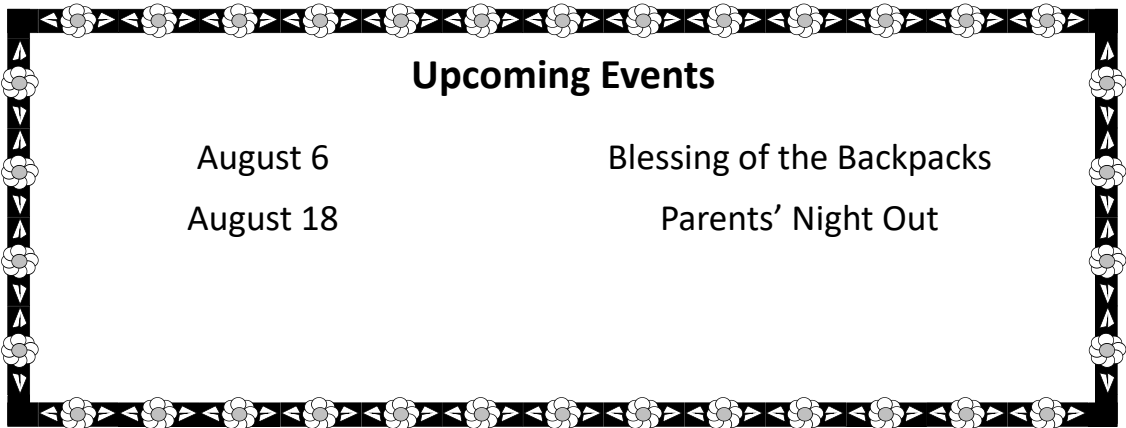






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**Upcoming Events**

August 6	Blessing of the Backpacks
August 18	Parents' Night Out