

From Our Pastor

August 4, 2024

HOLLYWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH

“John Adams said, *“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”* It follows then that if the leaders and the people turn their backs on God, not only will they forfeit God’s blessing, but it will corrupt our system of government, which protects us from tyranny. Without a moral civil society, liberty is not possible.” This statement is from an article written by Scott Jones.

Our country stands at a crossroads. As our national culture becomes increasingly godless, lawlessness and chaos are increasing. There seems to be more conflict on every hand. 2 Timothy 3:1-5 states, “this I know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” Does this sound descriptive of where we are as a nation? The thing we have to remember is even though it seems we are in the last days, we still have a responsibility to be intentional in combating the powers of darkness. Not caving in to the powers of this world but standing in the victory that we have in Christ. All throughout history God has used the prayers of His people to set the stage for great moving’s of His mighty Spirit.

The greatest weapon that God has given to you, and I is the weapon of prayer. I am convinced that we must pray more than we have ever prayed before. This is such a pivotable time in history and for our nation. The Bible says in Proverbs 14:34, *“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people”*. I believe that we might be facing a level of judgement even as this article is being written. How could God be pleased with us. We have fallen so short, been so passive and made such horrible decisions.

I have been deeply burdened over the condition of our country and I have felt constrained of the Lord to call our church to *30 days of prayer and fasting*. The events of the last few weeks have caused me to be moved in my heart that prayer is the best thing we can do to bring about the results that we need. That is why I am asking you to join me in setting time aside to seek the face of God on behalf of our country. I am asking that we have at least one person doing some level of fasting and praying every day throughout that 30-day period. There will be a sign-up sheet that will be available for you to mark which day or days you will be responsible for throughout the month. You can take as many days as you would like, but let’s make sure every day is covered. You will be able to sign up throughout the month of August and we will begin fasting period September 1. The words found in 1 Timothy 2:1-4 are there for our admonition and they are as follows, “I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.”

It is time for God’s people to get back to what works and to step up and begin to do what God intended for us to do. He says in His word in Matthew 6:33, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” We must begin to seek him for a mighty moving of His Spirit. A revival *is a work of God not a work of man*; however, every great moving of God can always be traced back to a kneeling figure. God has always had a remnant that saw the need to be a seeker of His face. Vance Havner added, “Revival is a supernatural work, but the fact that men have prayed for revival and received it proves that God will turn to His people in answer to fervent, effectual prayer.” We should not underestimate the ability of God to work through a group of praying people who have set time aside to seek His face in behalf for their nation. Would you be willing to set time aside to participate in some level of prayer and fasting for our future and the future of our kids and grandkids? Please sign-up today and let’s believe God to honor our level of sacrifice and do something that is GOD SIZED.

Bro. Terry

August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Back to School Festival</i> 10 a.m.- 1 p.m.
4 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Youth Meeting	5	6	7 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Youth Meeting	8	9	10
11 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Youth Meeting	12	13	14 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Youth Meeting	15	16	17
18 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 5:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Youth Meeting	19	20	21 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Youth Meeting	22	23	24
25 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship Service 4:00 p.m. Church Council 5:30 p.m. Bible Study/ Youth Meeting	26	27	28 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting/ Youth Meeting	29	30	31

Nursery for August

August Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Dunn
Trey Fuller
- 3 Caroline Doss
- 4 David Betterton
Gayle Hubbard
Tim Tosh
- 5 Sabrina Moore
- 7 Emma Walden
- 8 Corey Matherly
- 9 Damon Mullins
- 10 Misty W.
- 11 Ricky Matherly
- 12 James Nuckols
- 13 Victoria Cox
- 14 Karen Carlsen
Nora McFaddin
Jared St. John
- 15 Easton Nuckols
- 18 Keenan Nuckols
- 19 Carolyn Marlowe
Sammy
- 25 Aiden Mullins
Lisa M. Shorter
- 26 Melody Collins
Lori Matherly
- 29 Brandon Shelton
- 31 Jamie Eanes

Sun August 4, 2024

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

Sun August 11, 2024

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

Sun August 18, 2024

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

Sun August 25, 2024

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

Greeters

August 4 Patsy Conner & Brenda Collins
 August 11 Mary Moon Moore & Paige Conner
 August 18 Emma Walden & John Moore
 August 25 Nancy Power & Jetty Burgess

Deacon of the Week(*)/Usher

August 4 Adam Burgess*, Damon Mullins, Larry Weiss, Roger Walden
 August 11 Sid Lankford*, Adam Lumpkins, Bryan Lewis, Terry Moore
 August 18 Chris Falls*, Aiden Mullins, Gary Matherly, Dale McFaddin
 August 25 Tommy Jefferson*, Bobby Mullins, Drake Easley, Randy Gatewood

Children's Church

August 4 Lynita & Christina Falls, Shane Pressley & Drake Easley, Sherry Reynolds & Mary Claytor
 August 11 Wendy Byrd, Isaac Hammock, Nancy Power
 August 18 Wendy Byrd, Mary Moon Moore, Tim & Alyx Miller
 August 25 Wendy Byrd, Hannah Shaw



2024 Lottie Moon Offering



As a church, you have set a pledge goal of **\$22,930.00**, for the 2024 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. As of July 28, 2024 we have collected **\$16,690.17**.



2024 Lottie
Moon Goal
\$22,930.00

The Mission of the Manger

Happy August, Hollywood! We off to a great start on our shoebox collection in 2024! We are already planning for and looking forward to our packing party in November.



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 have a goal of packing between 175-200 boxes at our party, with thousands of items packed. We collect items all year long, focusing on a particular item each month.

In January, we asked for donations of winter clothing items (hats, gloves, or scarves, etc.). In February our focus was accessories. In March we focused on quality hand crafted items, and our crafters did not disappoint. We received bracelets, necklaces, bags, dresses, scrunchies, jump ropes, and more! In April we collected stuffed animals, because every child needs something soft and fun to cuddle. In May we focused on hygiene items. In June we focused on everyone's favorite: toys! In July we collected clothing items. In August we focus on school supplies. 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: 95/175 Winter Clothing Items February Goal: 736/175 Accessories

March Goal: 149/175 Quality Handcrafts April Goal: 56/175 Stuffed Animals

May Goal: 305/175 Toothbrushes 305/175 Combs

June Goal: Wow Item Girl: 75/90 Wow Item Boy: 31/90 Small Toys: 450/175

July Goal: 97/175 Clothing Items

August: 600/900 Pencils 100/150 Paper 98/150 Crayons 10/150 Coloring Books

Mission of the Month: August



Our Mission of the Month for August is House of Hope. House of Hope is a homeless shelter in Danville. House of Hope provides shelter, food, and clothing to those in need of a hand up in the city of Danville. They aim to share the Gospel and the love God has for all of His people by providing basic needs for this vulnerable population.

We support House of Hope with a monthly gift of financial support, and have collected and donated needed items to them in the past. If you are interested in learning more about House of Hope or any of the Missions organizations we support, please contact a member of the Missions Committee.



OCTOBER 10-12, 2024

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STEADFAST
LOVE

COUPLES' >>
ADVANCE

Join us for the Couples' Prayer Advance in Roanoke, October 10-12. Take time away together in the beauty of God's creation to strengthen and refresh your relationships with each other and with the Lord. Register at <https://christlifemin.org>



Save the date!

Homecoming

October 6, 2024

Got friends or family you'd like us to invite? Please let Julie know by August 15.

Ridge Update July of 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Your prayers are very much needed and very much appreciated!
God is so very good and faithful. Thank you for your support of the Lottie Moon Offering and the Cooperative Program.

Recently, we celebrated the third-year anniversary of Iglesia Bautista Rios de Agua Viva (Rivers of Living Water Baptist Church). It was a time to look back at what God has done, and pray for the future of the church. Ed shared a message from Joshua 1:1-9 and also challenged the church to be faithful to the Great Commission. We also celebrated the Lord's Supper.



In June, we made a trip to Oaxaca, which is about 7 hours away. We served alongside our good friends and colleagues. The week's activities included, evangelism, prayer walking, children's ministry, and many house visits. While prayer walking in the center of town, we were able to see two people come to faith in Christ. One was a young 19-year-old man, and the other was a 23-year-old young lady. We were able to connect them to local believers who are the same age, pray for Isaac and Yasmine as they follow up with the new believers.

Also pray for Pedro and his family as they minister in their village about an hour from Oaxaca. Pedro and his daughter Rachel took us to see a number of families in the village, and we were able to share the Good News, Bible stories, and testimonies. Some of the older members of the village do not speak Spanish, and Pedro translated for us into the indigenous language. Pray for Javier and Yolanda; they were both open to the Gospel and were very glad we visited. Pray they will come to know the Savior.

We are currently in the states until July 20 for vacation. We are spending time with our children and our 5 grandchildren. We have been driving a lot during this time as our kids live in 3 different states. Thank you for praying for traveling mercies.

May He continue to bless and keep you in His grace and love,
Ed and Elenir, your IMB missionaries in Mexico



Join us as we fast and pray for our nation in the month of September. Sign up to commit to some level of fasting and prayer on the sheet in the foyer.



Mission Trip to Guatemala

March 30-April 5, 2025

Sign up in the foyer if you're interested in going, or would like more information.

HBC Daughters of Hope Women's Ministry

August 2024



August Applause = Practicing Gratitude

Gratitude is a small thing that can benefit us in a big way. An article in *Psychology Today* says that *acknowledging all you have and giving thanks can transform your life.* Many stressful things happen in life, but we can *still choose* to focus on God's goodness. God created us, He knows what is best for us, and He tells us in His word to consider what great things He has done for us (1Samuel 12:24) and to always give thanks to Him. (Eph. 5:20) Give thanks to the Lord for He is good (Psalm 107:1) and rejoice and be glad in this day. (Psalm 118:24) Looking for God and the ways He has provided changes our mindset and this changes our days.

So...for the month of August...You are challenged to write down 3 things each day that you are thankful for. You can write more than three, but at least write three. There are Practicing Gratitude sheets available in the foyer. Let's give God the applause He deserves for ALL He does every day 24/7. We are blessed!



CONGRATULATIONS to Cherie Swanson for being the winner of our June Give Away!! Miss Cherie won a CSB Personal Size Study Bible, The Bible Recap Guide by Tara-Leigh Cobble, a beautiful journal, post-it note pad and Bible highlighter... everything she needs to make her study time fresh and beautiful!

We have a FaceBook group "HBC Daughters of Hope" where we make time in God's Word a priority, encourage one another and pray for each other. We also love to give gifts! There are Scripture Writing guides and Reading Plans available in both foyers. You can follow one of these or your own plan. Come join us. We'd love to have you! 😊

Bible Reader Winners' Recap for 2024:

January: Bonnie Ragsdale, Melanie Wade, Jessica Waller, and Alyx Miller

February: Susan Holmes, Leslie Davis, Anita Motley, Alyx Miller, Rosemary Bennett, and Misty Bishop

March: Julie Ragsdale

April: Mandi Dolan

May: Jackie Hammock

May Scripture Memorization Challenge Winner: Wendy Byrd

WE ARE SO PROUD OF THE MANY LADIES WHO CONSISTENTLY SPEND TIME WITH GOD IN HIS WORD! It matters. It changes things. Join us.

"God, You are my God; I eagerly seek You. I thirst for You; my body faints for You in a land that is dry, desolate, and without water." - Psalm 63:1

"Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory because of Your faithful love, because of Your truth." - Psalm 115: 1

ABC

Congratulations to those who have completed letter packets in the ABC's of Spiritual Growth! Rhonda Pruitt (Letter A), Ginger Shelton (Letter A), Lori Humston (Letter A) and Nona Roach (Letters A, B, C, D, E, F). Keep up the good work! If you haven't started yet, pick up Letter A today, complete on your own time and turn back in.

Joy on the Ark Registration!

It is time to Register for Joy on the Ark!

We are super excited about our littles being in the word!

Help us plan ahead and register your kids now!

Please see Mike and Dana Wells with any questions or if you would like to help.



download this invitation @ dolanpedia.com

The Ark departs September 8 at 5:15 p.m. Don't miss the boat! Come join us for a fantastic voyage at Joy on the Ark!

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Upcoming Events

September 8

Joy on the Ark Kickoff

September 15

Church Cookout

September 22

Church Council