

Happenings @ HHBC

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MAY 2020

“FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN”



These last several weeks have been “unprecedented” in so many ways. We have had to make changes that we would never ever thought in our lives, in our community, in our church and personal lifestyles. We have missed the opportunity of worship and fellowship even though we have worshiped with our families or watched television ministries or “streaming” from other churches. We have had members who have been sick, several hospitalized, some injured and even death in our church family.

We are praying for, hoping and planning for collective worship opportunities again as soon as the President and Governor lifts restrictions on churches and communities. We are planning to have our first worship service on Mother’s Day, May 10, beginning with Sunday School and then regular worship even though we will be implementing some changes in the way we worship. I hope that you will be understanding and follow these necessary changes. We will begin Bible Study and Choir Practice on Wednesday, May 12.

We are grateful to you for your prayers and financial response to the needs by your tithes and offerings and will be encouraging a time of “catching up” in the near future.

The good news is that God is still on the throne and He is still in control!

Looking forward to seeing you on Mother’s Day!

Pastor Gene

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to the family of Maxine Thornton who departed this life on Saturday, April 25. A private graveside service will be held May 1 at 1 pm.

Notice! Notice! Notice! FROM DEACON’S MEETING

Pastor Gene met with the deacons on Monday night, April 27 to discuss procedures for reopening the church once NC Governor Cooper lifts the current restrictions. Based on these restrictions the earliest date we can reopen the church is May 10, 2020. (Mother’s Day). We need to remain aware, however, that the Governor may extend this date at any time. We assume the authorization for churches to resume worship services will recommend the continuing use of face mask and social distancing among the congregation. For the safety of the congregation, we encourage each of us to adhere to these recommendations. Pastor Gene has secured a supply of hospital grade face masks, which will be made available at the church door for anyone not having a mask. These masks are washable for continuing use, so until this restriction is lifted, please bring it with you each Sunday.

We encourage that we all refrain from congregating (hugging or shaking hands) while entering or exiting the church. You will notice that for safety purposes we have suspended fellowship time from our worship services. To assist in proper distancing while exiting the church, we request that you remain in your row until prompted by an usher to exit. Offering plates will be placed at the back of the sanctuary for collection of your tithes and offerings.

At this time we plan to resume Sunday school activities on the day that the church is reopened. However, it is recommended that all committee meetings be limited to those of a critical nature and that masks and distancing safety guidelines be followed.

With your help and cooperation, we can make our worship time as safe as possible during this trying time. However, the best solution is to **just stay home if you have any possible symptoms of the virus such as a fever, sneezing or cough.**

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING
GOAL \$1,300
Given To Date \$1,060**



Evangelism Is Her Passion

Deborah Warner serves as chaplain—as well as school nurse and music teacher for third and fourth graders—at Florida Christian School (FCS) in Miami. In addition to serving as the [Operation Christmas Child](#) project leader at her school, she also [volunteers year-round](#) as a prayer mobilization coordinator.

As the 1,100 students of FCS packed 1,331 shoeboxes in 2017, many were recovering from the effects of Hurricane Irma. Some lost roofs; others had trees fall on their homes, and most were without power for a week or more. Still, they committed to send gifts to children in need around the world.

About 60 percent of students at Florida Christian School come from unbelieving families. Their parents simply want them to have a private education. But the Lord has used Deborah and Operation Christmas Child—both the project and its promotional resources—to encourage, motivate, and even lead children at FCS to salvation.

“As a result,” Deborah said, “kids have said, ‘I want to give Jesus my heart. I want Him to be my Lord and Savior.’”

“It’s working on both ends. Recipients of these boxes are getting saved, and at my school at least, kids are getting saved.”

We will continue to collect soap, washcloths, toothbrushes, and hair items for the month of May. As always a complete list of items we collect are in the vestibule to be donated all year.



Meals-on-Wheels

Monday, May 25: Holiday
 Tuesday, May 26: Eldridge & Vicki Matkins
 Wednesday, May 27: Randy & Vickie Godwin
 Thursday, May 28: Allen & Connie Swisher

SERVICE TIMES

Sundays: Sunday School: 9:15 am
 Worship Service: 10:30 am
Wednesdays: Choir Practice: 6:00 pm
 Prayer/Bible Study: 6:45 pm
Secretary's Hours:
 Mon & Wed. 8:30—2 pm
 Thurs. 8:30-12 noon
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BIRTHDAYS



1. Tom Bland
7. Vicki Matkins
8. Betty Baker
15. John Samuel Collins
16. Tom White
25. Ray DeBruhl
26. Steve Sharpe, Bob Rogers
29. Brenda Tilley

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ANNIVERSARIES



5. Tom & Charlotte White (57th)
10. Dale & Kat Herring (34th)
11. Ralph & Joyce Tyree (18th)

NOTE: 48th Anniversary—We became Holly Hill Baptist Church on May 21, 1972, with 109 charter members after initial meeting on 11/23/69 at the home of Tom and Jean Hill.

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	Deacon: Ken Stout					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No Services			No Activities			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Happy Mother's Day! Church Re-sumes			Choir 6 pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:45 pm			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Choir 6 pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:45 pm			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Office Closed For Memorial Day			Choir 6 pm Prayer/Bible Study 6:45 pm			
31			Meals on Wheels Delivers			