

# Happenings @ HHBC

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**SEPTEMBER 2018**

## **F**rom the Pastor's Pen:

### HOW FAITHFUL ARE YOU?

I am intrigued by many church newsletters and what is happening in the lives of the churches. There appears to be many churches like ours that need renewal. Look at some of this material that appears to be happening in many of our churches and recognize that there is relevance for all of us.

We have read and heard about “employee discount pricing for everyone” and that marketing strategy many times gets our attention. Well if it does get our attention, I want us to give attention to a most important matter. I want to talk to you about Church Attendance. There is not anything to buy at a discount price or to be given away, but to see the importance of being in God’s House every Sunday. It alarms me that we have such a casual attitude towards Bible study, worship attendance, tithing and outreach.

For those of you that are always faithful in attendance, study and worship, you can skip the rest of the article and turn this page over and read the other events for the upcoming month. This article is for those who, for some reason and at some point along the way, lost your dedication to the Lord and His Church. There are many reasons people become unresponsive, apathetic and inactive in the Kingdom’s work, but there are no good reasons—only excuses.

Some have stopped coming because of sin. Big time sin. They are living immoral lives that are not pleasing to God and they feel guilty and coming to church reminds them of those bad choices. If you are reading this and fit into this category, the good news is that God loves you and it is not too late to change your life.

Another reason some people stop attending church is because they think they get a better offer. Racing, ballgames, golf, fishing, recreation and shopping take place over worship, Bible study and spiritual growth. Take time out to enjoy life, but leave Sunday for rest and renewal.

Some people stop attending church because of anger or hurt. A careless word by a fellow believer or misunderstanding may affect some individuals sense of need and they come only on a casual basis or stop completely. There are hurts such as personal loss, health or other items that affect some people’s lack of attendance. Many ministers say that of all reasons cited by parishioners for nonattendance, this is the most cited area. If this is your reason, give me a call and let’s talk about these issues.

With casual attendance comes a lack of commitment and giving of oneself and an opportunity to grow and mature the way God intended for you to grow.

There are lots of reasons stated for lack of attendance but I think you see a picture evolving. I am very aware that some are sick, home bound, serve as care-givers or have to work on Sundays. God knows about these and God cares, but there are many of us who need to make a new commitment to get involved again.

I can’t offer you “employee discount pricing”, but I can offer you something much better—God’s free gift of salvation and His seeking to communicate with you about how much He loves you and wants the best for you. Come to church this Sunday and I will share this with you.

Pastor Gene

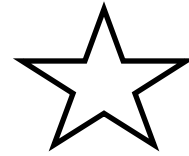
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**NGO (Never Grow Old)  
Tuesday, September 18, 2018  
11:30 a.m.  
The Cutting Board  
Please join us!**

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## **PASTOR APPRECIATION**

September is Pastor’s Appreciation month. Please, pray for the pastors serving in churches in our area; specifically during the month of September.



### **IMPORTANT MEETINGS**

**On Wednesday, September 19, the budget will be presented to the church members for discussion as well as Committee nominations, Sunday School Teachers and Officers.**

**A called business meeting will be held on Sunday, September 23, after morning worship to vote on the Budget, Committee Nominations, Sunday School Teachers and Officers for next year.**

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sept. 3 Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 4 Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Sept. 10 Deacons Will Meet, 6:30 pm
- Sept. 10 NAMI, 7:30
- Sept. 11 Class for NAMI begins, 6-9 pm
- Sept. 18 NGO, Cutting Board, 11:30 am
- Sept. 18 NAMI Class, Fellowship Hall, 6-9 pm
- Sept. 19 Business Meeting, 6:45 pm, (Budget & Officers, presented)
- Sept. 20 Bingo, Ralph Scott Homes, 6:30-9 pm
- Sept. 23 CALLED BUSINESS MEETING, AFTER MORNING WORSHIP
- Sept. 24 Deadline for October Newsletter, 9:30 am
- Sept. 25 NAMI Class, Fellowship Hall 6-9 pm
- Sept. 30 Communion

### **WE GIVE YEAR ROUND ASSISTANCE**

The Allied Churches Pantry needs your donations of canned and nonperishable food. Please, place your donations in the container always located in the vestibule. Thank you!

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

### Our Goal for 2018 is 150 boxes.



*For September we are requesting toys.*

Ideas are: small balls, jump ropes, small stuffed animals, small cars and trucks, slinkies, playdoh, small dolls, yoyos, playing card games, harmonicas, kazoos, small flashlights with batteries.

**Remember** items must fit in a shoebox and must be new.

**Place your donations in the box in the vestibule marked Operation Christmas Child.**

You may make a monetary donation anytime for the cost of sending our shoeboxes to the many children who will receive them by making your check out to HHBC (\$9.00 per box) and putting a note in the lower left hand corner of your check for "OCC". Thanks!

**\$1,350.00 needed to send 150 boxes. Given to date \$660.00**

### SENDING GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY

Discover how Operation Christmas child shoebox gifts lead to evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication of believers and churches.

#### EVANGELISM

In addition to receiving their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a storybook that shares the message of salvation. The booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 80 languages.

After the boys and girls hear the Good News, they receive a surprise that may be their first gift ever. They get to hold in their hands a tangible expression of God's love, a shoebox filled with gifts just for them.

#### DISCIPLESHIP

After receiving shoebox gifts, many children are invited back to participate in a discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Through this 12 lesson course of Bible stories and memorizing Scripture, the children learn how to follow Christ in their daily lives. More than 14.9 million children have enrolled in this course since 2009.

#### MULTIPLICATION

Since 2009, more than 6.9 million children have reported decisions for Christ while taking these courses. Not only children but their families and communities have received the message of salvation. After completing the Greatest Journey children attend a graduation celebration and receive a certificate. Most importantly they receive a copy of the New Testament. For many this is the only Bible they have ever had or their family.

#### PRAYER

The most important part of the journey of a shoebox is **prayer**. As we **pray** over the shoeboxes we pack, **pray** for the boy or girl who will receive them. **Pray** for the teachers who will share the Good News and those who will disciple them. The key word for the ministry of Operation Christmas Child is **PRAYER**.

## Meals-on-Wheels

Monday, Sept. 17: Allen & Connie Swisher  
 Tuesday, Sept. 18: Eldridge & Vicki Matkins  
 Wednesday, Sept. 19: Randy & Vickie Godwin  
 Thursday, Sept. 20: Ken & Jean Stout

## 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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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 5 Delrita Cottle  
 Sept. 6 Bill Thomas, Charlotte McGuire,  
 Rick Burnham  
 Sept. 14 Delma Thomas, Ann Allen  
 Sept. 18 Wilma Huff  
 Sept. 25 Betty Ellington  
 Sept. 29 Tracy Tolley

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES



6. Wes & Tracy Tolley (15th)  
 12. Bill & Rose Marie Vickrey (71st)  
 20. Ursel & Wilma Huff (60th)

(Please let us know, call 336-584-8040 if you were left off the September Birthday or Anniversary list.)

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	Deacon: Ken Stout					
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