



# Holiday Hill

## *Baptist Church*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2021

## **A WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

Happy New Year! I pray as you enter 2021 you are looking forward to the opportunities and blessings God will place before you.

COVID has challenged all of us in new ways this year, but for the most part all went smoothly here at church. That is until around December 13<sup>th</sup> and what I am calling, *The December Debacle*, when we had several COVID infections, and many quarantines as a result. Unfortunately, our *Creation to the Cross Walk-Through Event* was postponed, and all services, including Christmas Eve, were moved to on-line only for a period of time, which was disappointing. However, we will move forward in this 'season of disappointment' and will release the next date for the *Creation to the Cross* event soon.

Due to the rising COVID cases in our church and community, we are strengthening our protocols when holding events at our facilities. Masks are now **mandatory** whenever in the building and even when social distanced and seated in the sanctuary. We are asking that masks not be removed unless there is an extenuating health situation. Though I would rather not have the masks mandatory, not doing so would likely lead to having on-line services only, and we want to avoid that if possible. If you do not feel well, are uncomfortable being around others, or are not

comfortable wearing a mask for a lengthy period of time, please join us via live stream.

As a follower of Jesus Christ, I am to be His disciple, seeking to emulate Him in all that I do and growing to be more like Him. Such a task and goal require actions on my part as the Holy Spirit works in me. I want to challenge you to develop a *Personal Discipleship Plan* this year. Though the elements included should be taken by all of us, they become personal when we fit them into our own schedule and personality. Here are the elements in a 'nutshell' → A daily Bible reading & prayer plan; join a Discipleship Group (D-Group), which consists of three-five likeminded persons meeting weekly/consistently to grow in Christ; attend worship service weekly; attend a small group gathering weekly; find a place of service, weekly; and commit to tithing your income/giving beyond the tithe. Some of these steps are easy; some are difficult. God will use such actions to grow me as a disciple and to impact others around me. Please see me or Pastor Josh for assistance getting started, as well as information that will be posted on-line or around the building.

In Christ,

Pastor Albert

## **CHURCH EVENTS**

- Prayer Walk, Saturday, January 9
- Neighborhood Association Meetings, Thursday, January 14, 7:00 pm
- Work Day, Saturday, January 16, 8:30 am
- Church Office Closed, Monday, January 18
- Stewardship Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 6:30 pm

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# PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP PLAN

**Daily Prayer plan** → Set aside a time daily to pray is wise and was modeled by Jesus

**Daily Bible reading plan** → Set aside a time daily to gain a better understanding of God, His commands, and how He works

**Join a D-Group** → Invest time with other followers of Christ in Bible study, prayer, accountability, and sharing life

**Attend worship service weekly** → Corporate worship allows us to engage God with fellow followers of Christ, encourage one another, and learn together

**Attend a small group once per week** → Small groups of different varieties meet throughout the week, on and off the church campus, for Bible study, prayer, encouragement, and serving

**Find a place of service within the church or community, once per week** → Serving leads to spiritual growth because we must rely on God to be effective and stay committed

**Commit to tithing and giving beyond the tithe** → When we give God control of our finances it opens a level of trust that can lead to great growth and honors Him

Contact the church office ([office@holidayhillbc.org](mailto:office@holidayhillbc.org)), or see Pastor Albert or Pastor Josh, for assistance

## JOSH'S WORLD

Remember the 1920's? After coming out a global pandemic, people dressed to the 9's in celebration. I propose we bring that back. Roaring 20's part 2, here we come! Though more from the 30's and 40's, I want a zoot suit!

I hope and pray your 2021 is better than 2020 whether 2020 was good for you or not. I hope better days lie ahead for all of us. I hope your family is healthy and we have opportunities to laugh and play. In a grim culture rife with fear, may we be shining beacon of hope and life.

God bless you and have a wonderful 2021.

In Him,  
Josh  
Micah 6:8

*Dear Holiday Hill Baptist Church,  
I just wanted to take a moment from this busy day and say thank you! The generosity that we received from the church and its members truly touched my heart.  
The families that we helped were overcome with joy and were so thankful for this blessing.  
Thank you for helping us help others!  
Therese Burgess - Holiday Hill Elementary School*



### ECUADOR MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

Sunday, January 10, following the service

## NEW SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Upon ENTERING the building, we ask everyone to adhere to the following COVID protocols

### MASKS ARE MANDATORY

Please wear them at all times, including when social distanced and when sitting down in the sanctuary or classroom

We ask that you remove your mask only if there is an extenuating health issue, and that you do so as briefly as possible

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

Please practice social distancing at all times and in all spaces

### WE KNOW THESE ACTIONS ARE BOTH INCONVENIENT & FRUSTRATING

However, due to rising COVID cases in both our church & community, and the reopening of schools after Christmas break, these actions are necessary

Thank you so much for understanding and helping out in this time!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ben Carder .....	3
Diamilie Simmons .....	3
Hayley Butts .....	5
Sharon Shelton .....	10
Andrew Byrd .....	12
Carolyn Graham .....	12
Kevin Mott .....	13
Willis Holton .....	15
Bruce Crawford .....	16
John McSwain .....	22
Malynda Rice .....	22
Maxine Cooper .....	24
Abigail Harrison .....	26
Peggy Brooks .....	28
Paula Baxley .....	29
Loyce Kimberly .....	29
Stephen Thoburn .....	30