

Holiday Hill Baptist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2021

A Word From the Pastor

In November, as we looked toward 2021 and our next steps of ministry in a COVID world and beyond, we discussed what I call, "The Ask." To be effective as we take next steps in ministry, we ask the following of those committing to (joining) us → Attend Sunday worship/ Wednesday ministry as faithfully as possible, connect w/ one or two (at most) small group settings, tithe and give faithfully to church ministry, and serve in at least one ministry to the church/community weekly and faithfully

"The Ask" is fairly simple and understandable. Yet we often struggle with following through on it. This is where motivation and commitment come into play. What creates the desire and ability to carry out such an "Ask?" Growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ will motivate me to seek to be more like Christ. This is why as a church we are challenging each of us to a **Personal Discipleship Plan**. The plan is not magical, but simply a good tool for taking disciplined steps to grow as a disciple. As people, we are each different, so the plan should fit who we are, how we are made, and our schedule. See the panel in this newsletter for some Scriptural and practical steps God will use to grow us as disciples. More detailed ideas are located in both the church lobby and on our website @ www.holidayhillbc.org. If you would like assistance, contact either Pastor Josh (jslocum82@gmail.com) or me (albertbyrd@holidayhillbc.org) via email or by phone through the church office, 721-0721.

Compassion is a very important word and need in our world today. Everywhere we turn, people are hurting, frustrated, alone, disappointed, grieving, etc. How do we respond? As Christ did, with compassion. Scripture defines compassion as being moved to the deepest part of our souls for someone. We see it from Jesus in many places, including Matthew 9:36, "Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, for they were distressed and dispirited, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus more than felt compassion, He acted on it. So, here is a question to challenge us → Do you want a healthy and caring family, friends, community, church, and nation? Then begin exercising compassion yourself. Too often we want people to do the hard work of showing us compassion. That is the wrong perspective. How about deciding, no matter our hurt, frustration, or pain, to choose to show compassion? It will not only help others; it will change us.

In Christ,
Pastor Albert

A GREAT WAY TO PREVENT SPIRITUAL BATTLES BEFORE THEY OCCUR

Finally, brothers,
whatever is *true*,
whatever is *honorable*,
whatever is *just*,
whatever is *pure*,
whatever is *lovely*,
whatever is *commendable*,
if there is any *excellence*,
if there is anything *worthy of praise*,
think about these things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8

GROW WITH US IN 2021 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

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HAPPY Presidents Day

Monday, February 15 - Office Closed

Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday, February 16, 6:30 pm

Congratulations to
Willis & Jackie Holton
On the celebration of their
70th Wedding Anniversary on February 11!

ENCOURAGING PREDICTIONS FOR 2021

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't it great to remember who is really in control, and that; "The Word of the Lord endures forever."
1 Peter 1:25



MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00 pm
To sign up call or email Marvin Brooks 613-4398 or
racing2win@yahoo.com

SERMON SERIES BEGINNING FEBRUARY 21

CREATION TO THE CROSS GOD WAS POINTING TO THE RESURRECTION FROM THE BEGINNING

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 6:00 PM



All proceeds benefit the Youth Summer Camp Fund.

Josh's World

Happy February! I hope the shortest month of the year finds you well. There's plenty of stuff to keep you occupied: Groundhog Day, the Super Bowl, Valentine's Day, and the Dessert Auction (more on that last one later). Let's get started.

Dessert Auction. That didn't take long! The annual Youth Dessert Auction will take place Sunday evening on February 28. Donate a tasty dessert or two. Bid on a tasty dessert or two or three. All the proceeds help our youth get to Orlando (and back). We hope to see you there.

Junior/Senior Retreat. The season of the Junior/Senior Retreat is upon us. Letters went home to parents detailing all the vital information. If there are any more questions please contact me.

It is a pleasure serving you. I hope you have a wonderful February. Take care and God bless.

In Him,
Josh
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North Florida Christian Soccer League

Important Dates

- Early Bird Pricing Ends: February 21
- Final Registration Deadline: February 28
- Player Evaluation Night (required): March 5, 5:00-6:30 pm
- Team Assignments by: March 6
- First Practices: Monday Nights - March 8 | Tuesday Nights - March 9
- First Game - March 20
- No Game - April 3 (Easter Weekend)
- Last Game & Season Jamboree - May 15
- See website for more information
www.northflorida.soccershots.com



February Birthdays

Kim McDaniels	2
Mary Prosser	3
Maria Kuchta	8
Esther Slocum	10
Al Taylor	12
Charlie Ward	15
Shane Whitlock	17
Landon Whitlock	22
Agnes Folsom	23

Sunday Services

Morning Worship - 11:00 am
Live Stream - www.holidayhillbc.org

Wednesday Services

All Ministries Begin at 6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study
"Creation to a Nation:
A Study of Genesis"

Youth Bible Study - 6th - 12th Grade
Children's Ministry - K - 5th Grade
Preschool Ministry - Birth through Pre-K