

# Holiday Hill Baptist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2021

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

**IMPACT** – ‘the effect of one thing on another’ (‘American Heritage Dictionary’). Most of us want to impact others. We want to know we make a difference in what is going on around us, both with those we love, and maybe even those we do not even know. As a follower of Jesus Christ, what are actions in my life that can lead to impact?

**Prayer.** ‘The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.’ (James 5:16) My prayers can make a difference. Most of us say we pray and that we believe in prayer, but are we truly seeking God’s presence and will in our prayer life, or merely presenting our ‘wish list,’ hoping God will respond? If you and I will seek God’s face and holiness, put His will and purpose at the heart of seeking Him, and deal with sin that may be hindering our prayers, we can truly see God @ work. On Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 for the rest of the summer our focus will be concerted prayer; please join us.

**Obedience.** We never like it when we are told to do what someone else wants; that push back is part of our human nature. However, when Jesus died for our sins and rose from the dead, He gained the authority to not only save us, but to guide our lives. Where is God calling you to obey, and maybe you are struggling? Do you need to seek forgiveness from someone you have hurt, or accept the forgiveness of someone who has wronged you? Do you need to deal with an issue in your life God’s way? Do you need to openly declare your faith in Christ and follow Him in baptism? Will you join the church as an act of commitment and being part of something greater than yourself?

**Service.** Ministry can be challenging work, but it is @ the heart of who we are to be as followers of Christ. You can sit back and watch, or you can engage and make an impact. Serving is meeting a need in your home, neighborhood, or @ work. Serving is volunteering for ministry here @ church → preschool (we need a lot of help here as more babies and little ones are coming with their parents), children’s ministry, greeters . . . the list goes on. Pastor Josh has a great statement → “God may not need your good works, but your neighbor does.” You want to make an impact? Stop being focused on you and serve others; it is the Jesus way.

**Giving.** When I follow Christ, I am called to make everything available to Him, including my financial resources. We had a marvelous week of VBS recently, but it required finances to make it happen. We host church and community events consistently on our property, seeking to bless others, but finances are required to maintain the property and keep the AC working. As Florida Baptists, we partner with other likeminded churches around the state, and our giving has helped provide shower trucks for the emergency workers at the condominium collapse in Miami.

So, you want to make an impact? Commit to *prayer* that seeks God, His presence, and His purpose. Be *obedient* to God’s call and work in your life. *Serve*, because people need you in their lives. Make *giving a priority*, because it grows your trust in God and allows ministry to impact people, literally around the globe.

In Christ,  
Pastor Albert

VBS was a great success, serving 55+ children with the help of over 40 volunteers!

**THANK YOU VBS VOLUNTEERS**



Thursday,  
August 5 - Noon

Back to  
School  
Luncheon



No one wants to hear **BACK TO SCHOOL**, but we need to start planning! Please contact the church office to volunteer! (904) 721-0721 | [office@holidayhillbc.org](mailto:office@holidayhillbc.org)

**JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

SUNDAY | 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY | 6:30 PM



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 Office Closed	6	7	8	9	10 Prayer Walk
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Work Day 8:30 am
Youth Summer Camp - Orlando, FL						
18	19 Stewardship Meeting 6:30 pm	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## JOSH'S WORLD

Happy Birthday, America! You don't look a day over 215! Oh, the youth summer trip is also fast approaching. We may want to address that.

**Addressing BOT Retreat 2021.** We leave on July 11 after church. We encourage your teens to have a bag lunch in their possession before church service begins. This way your precious youth will have a scrumptious and nutritious meal before we get on the road, and we do not have to needlessly wait for people to clear the 2 mile wait line at the local What-a-Burger. Remember, July 11 is a Sunday so the Lord's chicken (Chick-Fil-A) will not be available for daily consumption.

**Paperwork.** Your medical release forms and other various clearance forms are due July 7. They need to be notarized. If I do not have your paperwork, you cannot join us on this fantastical journey.

**Money.** Any remaining balance for the trip is also due on July 7. The money needs to be in the church's possession. If you do not have the money, we will make you wash dishes, mow lawns, and clean the gunk in between peoples' toes (they will be toes you will not like).

I think that clears everything up. Hope to see you at BOT Retreat. If you have any other questions, please contact me before July 11. Take care and God bless.

In Him,  
Josh  
Micah 6:8