# Holiday Hill Boptist Church

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## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Have you ever wondered how a group of around 120 people at Pentecost (Acts 2) could turn into an explosive movement of God where many were saved, the church grew, and communities and governments took notice? The truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit moving are main answers to this question, and no movement of God takes place without either occurring. However, what cannot be missed next is the influence and engagement of people and the culture by the disciples who followed Christ. Those who came to Christ did not sit idly by in a church building and saying this was God's work. Instead, they acknowledged what God alone can do (save people & change hearts) and did what they were called to do (influence/engage people with the Gospel that leads to salvation). When they obeyed and God worked lives, communities, and the world were changed.

The way God worked in the first century is the way He has worked since then, and still works. He does what He alone can do, and we do that to which we are called. Our call is to influence and engage people with the Gospel, and we will focus on this reality on Sundays, September  $12^{th}$  – October  $3^{rd}$ . We will investigate God's Word on ways to influence and engage. We will look at ways to directly influence and engage  $\rightarrow$  @ home/work, through events we have scheduled: *Love Jax* – a community ministry event with more details to come; a community movie night on November  $13^{th}$ ; our *Creation to the Cross* Christmas walk-through event on December  $18^{th} \& 19^{th}$ ; and training on how to engage others and share our faith on Saturday, October  $9^{th}$ . As we engage directly, we also engage indirectly when we tithe & give to both the church and special offerings such as our *Maguire State Missions Offering* in September, which helps to plant churches, replant churches, and minister to those in need.

For some reason, though we follow Christ and take our faith seriously, we struggle with the responsibility of influencing and engaging. We are nervous and do not want to make a mistake; we do not think we are worthy of influencing/engaging anyone because we know our own struggles are real; we make excuses or deny what Scripture says so that we do not have to accept our responsibility to influence and engage. Whatever the reason, I pray each of us will allow God to help us overcome it & instead embrace our place and blessing in influencing and engaging others with God's truth & the love of Christ.

In Christ, Pastor Albert



**COING FROM A VOICE TO AN IMPORTANT VOICE** 

Children begin to form ideas and beliefs based on how their parents communicate with them. When parents communicate effectively with their children, they will

#### GO FROM <u>A</u> VOICE TO AN <u>IMPORTANT</u> VOICE

in their children's lives. This 5-week class, led by Pastor Josh Slocum, starts Wednesday, September 8, 6:30 p.m. Please sign up on the church's website or by email: office@holidayhillbc.org



Sunday Services Worship Team Rehearsal 9:15 am

> Morning Worship 11:00 am

### **Wednesday Services**

All Regular Ministries Begin at 6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study Youth Bible Study - Grades 6-12 Children's Ministry - Grades 1-5 Preschool Ministry - Birth-K

#### THREE WAYS TO GIVE

- Offering box as you leave the service
- By mail 730 Mandalay Rd
- Online holidayhillbc.org

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September 11, 2001 was twenty years ago. That date is ingrained into my generation as December 7, 1941 and November 22, 1963 is to the generations before me. We remember where we were. We remember our first thoughts of denial and skepticism. We remember playing out all the scenarios, thinking what this new future will now hold. The young people who were born shortly after that date are now in high school and college. Time moves on. I shared with a young person not too long ago

that time is arbitrary; it is what we do with the time we have that makes the difference. I hope we all make the best of the time we have.

#### **Building Blocks**

September 8 is the start of Building Blocks – Parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Sign up is available online. Please sign up before you arrive. This is one of those rare moments I am away from the teens and get to spend some quality time with the moms and dads. The information shared will be

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No School / Church Office Closed	Monday, September 6
Neighborhood Meetings 7:00 pm	Thursday, September 9,
Prayer Walk	Saturday, September 11
Movie Night Team Meeting 6:00 pm	Monday, September 13,
Church-Wide Work Day 8:30 am	Saturday, September 18,
Stewardship Meeting	Tuesday, September 21,

WEEK OF PRAYER SEPTEMBER 12-19

6:30 pm

## #ReachFlorida #RightBesideYou MAGUIRE STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

This offering is dedicated to funding new initiatives in Florida (partnership between Florida Baptist Convention and the North American Mission Board). Together, let's help our Florida Church Planters! helpful to the parents of anyone who still has kids living in the household. I hope to see you there.

If you have any questions please contact me. I love to hear from you. Have a wonderful September. I hope to see many of you in Building Blocks this month.

In Him, Josh Micah 6:8,



By Baptism David Shilby Devon Brooks

<u>By Letter</u> Drew Rhoades Diana Rhoades

# KNOWLEDGE OF The Holy

## Rockholt Community Group

Knowledge of the Holy: A focus on distinct traits of God (actual and misconceptions) by answering key questions, such as 'What is God like?' 'How do we know?' 'How is He revealed to mankind?'

12-week study on Monday Evenings at 6:30 PM Fellowship Hall September 13 – November 29

## But you will receive power when the Holy

Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.