Holiday Hill Baptist Church

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2021

A Word From the Pastor

Sometimes in life everything moves slow, and it seems as if nothing is getting done or little progress is being made. At other times in life the pace is so fast that we cannot seem to keep up. Change is so rapid that we cannot remember what the old used to be.

At Holiday Hill, our season of COVID has emulated both of those realities at times. Sometimes, things have seemed to move very slow and we cannot get certain things going. This has often been due to protocols and shutdowns, or people out due to being ill or nervous about health issues. The 'wheels of progress' have even grinded almost to a halt at times because of these realities. At other times, the pace of ministry and change has never been more rapid. We have adapted to new climates and new realities so quickly, that remembering how things 'used to be,' is challenging.

One of the areas of slowness of late has been in placing people in new ministry positions and 'rebranding' our church as we continue deeper into a post-COVID world. On Wednesday, November 3rd, in a business meeting we will address some of these issues. Our nominating committee and deacons will recommend members of our church family to serve in various positions for the coming year. Our properties committee and 'sign' team will present a recommendation for a new sign to replace our old one. Vandalism and age have dictated it is time to make a change. Along with the sign change will be a recommendation that the church name on the sign be "Holiday Hill Church" versus "Holiday Hill Baptist Church." Though the church will do business as Holiday Hill Baptist, we will be known as Holiday Hill Church.

Concerning the name change, we have had several meetings, discussions, and newsletter articles on the topic in the last year, but this topic has been slowed by COVID and extraneous issues as much as any other. A brief reminder of reasons to adjust our name: Unfortunately, the name 'Baptist' is a stumbling block to many in our culture and can be a hindrance to ministry; people seeking a church do not look for denominational ties as they used to and so are not looking for a denominational brand; some people see Baptists and think the church is not for them; and finally, in following Scripture's mandate to reach people, we feel we need to remove any barriers that might exist. The decision our church founders made in 1964 to name us Holiday Hill Baptist Church was a wise decision as it fit the day and time; it is felt that making such an adjustment now, fits the day and time.

One final change (for now), that fits in with 'rebranding' the church, is a new logo. We have used the current logo since building the current building, over eight years ago. To freshen things up some, and fit the name adjustment, we will have a new logo as well. The 'reveal' will take place November 21st.

Office Closed in Observance of Veteran's Day Thursday, November 11

> Prayer Walk Saturday, November 13

Movie Night Saturday, November 13, 6pm

Stewardship Meeting Tuesday, November 16, 6:30 pm

Winter Community Market Saturday, November 20, 10am-3pm

Church Office Closed Wednesday, November 24 (No Services) Thursday, November 25



In Christ, Pastor Albert



November is upon us. Other states enjoy changing leaves, cool weather, and wearing fashionable sweaters. Not us and not here. I guess it's pleasant – at least it looks that way in commercials, TV programs, and motion

pictures. I guess we will just enjoy our 80+ degree weather.

In Him,

Josh Micah 6:8

Lock In. The youth are having a Lock-In on Friday November 12 at 6pm to Saturday, November 13 at 7am. Flyers have gone home that included a bar code for sign up. The cost is \$30. The flyer is also available on our Instagram (@hhbc.youth). If your teen plans on attending, please have them sign up. If they wish to bring a friend, make sure the friend signs up as well. We need a definite head count for food and transportation.

Summer 2022. Stay tuned as we should have information on next summer's big event soon.

As always it is a pleasure serving you. Stay cool this November, sip the PSL, and imagine living in autumn and not hotumn.



Turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday, November 6

In Loving Memory Carolyn Graham ^{January} 12, 1927 October 12, 2021

Testimony and Communion Service November 21st