



You never had the pleasure of meeting my father, William W. Hill. My Dad was a wonderful Christian who lived his faith every day. He was an entrepreneur, an author and a tool & die designer during an age before CAD machines were available...it was all designed and calculated in his head. He was also fearless in the face of a challenge (my Mom was also). It made for an interesting childhood...we never knew what in the world we were going to get involved in! Imagine, at the age of 80, packing up three entire households and moving across the country to raw wooded land...no house yet, it still had to be built. My Mom bought him his first chainsaw...If you live in the woods and you have to have a chainsaw!

I know he would have been a real asset to HBC, but for our first five years here we were going to our families home church, Modest Town Baptist. When Dad went to be with the Lord, his death was sort of responsible for us finding you. It was such a devastating blow to all of us,

but for Mom it was particularly hard. They had been together daily since they met when both were in their twenties.

After struggling for a few months, Mom had a mild stroke that affected her foot. She had trouble walking, but those of you who knew her will remember her strong will and refusal to accept limitations. Modest Town BC had a tall staircase in the front and was very difficult for her to navigate. (Now they have an elevator.) We started visiting around various possible churches. When we tried Hollies, Charlotte Hughes was the greeter at that time and she gave us such a warm welcome that we almost never went anywhere else after that. The Lord works in amazing ways!

They are both gone now, but what a wonderful life they gave me! Thank you Lord!

**I'm Giving Thanks For
A Great Mom & Dad!**

Here's What's Coming Up:

- Each Sunday—Sunday School at 9:45 am. Worship Service at 11am
- Each Wednesday—Bible Study, Prayer Meeting & Kid's Meetings 6:30pm
- May 1st—Chuck Duer Speaks
- May 8th—Mother's Day!
Rev. Joe Newman Speaks
- May 15th— Rev. Jim Rizer Speaks
- May 16th—Impact Hunger Deliveries
- May 22nd—Rev. Phillip Botts Speaks
- May 29th—Rev. Steven Miller Speaks
- May 30th—Memorial Day
- June 5th—Brooks Wallace Speaks
- June 14th—Flag Day
- June 19th—Father's Day!
- June 20th—Impact Hunger Deliveries
- June 21st—Summer Begins

MAY 2022

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Here Are Our Speakers

Sunday, May 1st: Chuck Duer—Chuck joined Hollies in 2003. He serves as a Trustee, is our Sunday School Director and teaches the Youth Class. He's also in charge of our Prayer Ministry, and serves on the Nominating Committee, on our Building & Grounds Committee and he is a Teller. He always has something interesting to share from the Bible.



Sunday, May 8th: Rev. Joe Newman - Joe accepted the Free Gift of Salvation when he was 8 years old. Joe grew up in a solid Southern Baptist household where church attendance three times a week was the norm. He felt the Call to Preach while in College. With all the changes in life he has worked most of his adult life self-employed in his own Financial Planning Practice.

Joe has been very active in local mission work for many years. He served as the President of the Norfolk Area Baptist Association (Now called the Bridge Network of Churches). Joe has served as a stand Preacher for many local churches and he has served as Bi-Vocational Pastor of two churches; The Brentwood Baptist Church near Ward's Corner in Norfolk and the Berea Church in the Driver Section of Suffolk.

Sunday, May 15th: Rev. Jim Rizer—Jim is a graduate of Liberty University with a BS in Church Ministries and Virginia Beach Theological Seminary with a MSB Masters in Biblical Studies. He has served as Children's Pastor for London Bridge BC and Pastored 4 other churches in the Hampton Roads area. Jim and wife, Tammie, served as Awana Missionaries for Eastern VA and Eastern NC for 12 years assisting churches in beginning Awana Clubs and training leaders to reach children. Currently, Jim is on pastoral staff at Coastal Church, Yorktown, VA's Chesapeake Campus. Jim and Tammie have been married 46 years and have 3 children and 13 grandchildren.



Sunday, May 22nd: Philip Botts— Philip Botts is an active duty sailor stationed at NAS Oceana. He has been in ministry since 2008 at several different churches and roles.

Philip is married and has three children. He is also the Director & Lead Evangelist at Philip Botts Ministries





Sunday, May 29th: Rev. Steven Miller—Rev. Miller and his wife of 15 years, Vonajeane, live in Chesapeake where he substitute teaches at Christian schools daily. He holds a BA in Bible/Missions from Columbia International University in Columbia, SC, and a Master of Divinity from North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD. He was ordained into ministry in 2002 by North American Baptist (Old German Baptist). During this time he also served 20 years in the U.S. Navy, 4 years as a Missionary in S. Africa, and 25 years in Conflict Management/Church Planting in the Inner City.

Sunday, June 5th: Brooks Wallace—Brooks and his wife Brenda, who have been married for 53 years, joined Hollies BC in June of 2008. Brooks grew up attending Hollies where he was saved as a teenager. He serves as a Deacon, a Teller, on the Finance Team, our Bridge Network Representative and Teaches the Co-Ed Class. Both are thankful for God’s grace in leading them to the loving family at Hollies where they actively serve in many areas.



Mysterious Ways...

On Saturday, about three weeks ago, I went in to the church office to do a few things and saw that there was a message on the phone. I picked it up and found (once again) that someone had died and the family was looking for burial space in our cemetery. This situation was especially tragic. It was one of the families right here in Keller, whose six children frequented our children’s programs on Wednesday night, Thursday’s Good News Club and VBS. They had lost their mother. She had died during the birth of her seventh child. She was just 40 years old.

The next day her husband and one of her sons were here waiting when Brooks arrived to open the church for Sunday services. They renewed their plea. They wanted her buried in our cemetery as their culture demanded that they be close enough that he and the children would be able to frequently visit her grave. It was so distressing because this seemed like an impossibility. It’s heartbreaking to not be able to help someone at their most vulnerable time.

This has been a problem here for some years now. As some of you may know, we have limited cemetery information to work with and without being sure of things you really can’t proceed. But, we were reluctant to just say “No”...Surely there was some way we could make this happen!

Our cemetery is very old and originally did not actually belong to the church. It

was known then as Hollywood Cemetery with some graves dating back to around 1900. It was managed by a group of men, trustees, who are no longer with us. As time passed it became apparent to the surviving trustees that responsibility for the cemetery should be passed on and Hollies Baptist Church agreed to accept that duty. Things happened, however, and now we find that the only records we have are a three ring binder that contains photocopies of a book listing the plots and the original owners with very limited information about them. The original cemetery book, the plot map and related files are missing. But, the Lord had the whole thing in His control.

Over the past year or so a lot of people have tried to help, contributing their time, knowledge and insight about the portion of the cemetery they knew something about. They walked the grounds with us, told us what they knew and gave us sample documents to help us re-create what we needed. Many thanks to Guy Doughty, John Williams, Sr., Judy Wallace, Pat Huffman, Joe Wingfield, Diane Justis and Susie Atkinson. (I'm sure I forgot someone, so please forgive me.)

Plan A, Plan B, and Plan C, were hatched and rejected. The cemetery was walked repeatedly with the records we have and finally a viable solution was found. We were able to find available space that had been donated back to the church. A Very Special Thanks to John T. Williams, whose funeral home was handling this matter. He came to the cemetery, reviewed my findings and verified the gravesites were available, provided guidance, recommendations, documentation and "filled in the blanks" wherever needed.

On Saturday, April 23rd, after two days of visitation at Mappsville Baptist Church, Rubidelia Graciela Roblero-Navaro was laid to rest in the Hollies Baptist Church Cemetery with well over 125 people in attendance at her graveside service. (Her obituary is on the Wms Funeral Home website.) She was well loved and this was truly an impressive thing to see.

Because of this success, Hollies is now in a position to be able to quickly provide space to families in need from this point forward. The Lord truly works in mysterious ways. He brought something really good out of the worst situation. Thank you, Lord!

Carol Hill for the Cemetery Committee





TOTAL COLLECTED \$2,650!!!
Way to Go Hollies!

Let's Stay Healthy



Sunday services are on-going with Adult & Children's Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship Service at 11am. Wednesday Youth Meetings have also resumed at 6:30pm. Here are the guidelines the deacons have established for a safe ministry time together.

1. Practice social distancing. Seat spread out throughout our sanctuary.
2. Try not to sit directly in front of or behind someone.
3. Wearing a mask is optional. Everyone in the church should have a mask in their possession to use when they cannot social distance. **(All children and adults who have not had covid shots should wear a mask at all times except when they can social distance.)** They are available at both doors.
4. Offering plates are on the front table to receive your tithes and offerings before or after the service.
5. If you bring children, please do not allow them to roam. Please encourage them to sit with you.

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Deacons: Jimmy Campbell, Nat Atkinson
& Brooks Wallace

Standard Hours of Worship & Meetings

Sunday Morning
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am

Wednesday Evening
Kids & Youth Meetings 6:30pm