



How Can You Serve Him?

It's that time again....We're coming up to our Annual Business Meeting on August 16th. We do two things at that meeting; Vote on the churches Budget for the new fiscal year and vote on our new Slate of Church Officers and Sunday School Workers.

Our Nominating Committee spends July asking people where they want to serve. It's like pounding on an unanswered door. The same few people end up covering the vacancies, and people wonder why the same few people seem to "control everything". Well guess what...someone has to!

I know....You're too busy, too old, don't have special talents, (That's not true...we all have certain talents!) You don't want to get more involved. You just want to come to church on Sunday once in a while...no Sunday School, no Prayer Meeting. We've all been there at some point in our life.

But, think of the trouble we'd be in if God had that same attitude. What if you called on Him in desperation and He said, "I'm too busy, too old, my talents are needed elsewhere and I really don't want to get involved." Time to step up! When you look at that Nominating Committee questionnaire that's in your bulletin, take a "leap" and check a box or two. It's really not going to take that much of your time. You might even enjoy having a closer connection with the other members.

Come to the Business Meetings. Listen to what is said. Speak your mind and cast your vote. Take an interest in your church. It will enrich your relationship with the rest of us and your Lord.

Ladies Craft Fellowship Saturday, July 15th from 10 to 11:30 am



Join as We make Bags & Bracelets for the
Operation Christmas Child Boxes!
Demonstrations of Crocheting, Tatting & Quilting
For Those Who Want to Learn.
Bring a Snack to Share if You'd Like.

Here's What's Coming Up:

- ◆ Each Sunday—Sunday School at 9:45 am.
Worship Service at 11am
- ◆ Each Wednesday—Prayer Meeting/Bible
Study & Kid's Meetings 6:30pm
- ◆ July 2nd—Building & Grounds Mtg following
Worship Service
- ◆ July 4th—Independence Day
- ◆ July 9th—Finance Team Meeting following
Worship Service
- ◆ July 15th—Ladies Fellowship 10—11:30 am
- ◆ July 17th—Impact Hunger Deliveries noon
to 1 pm
- ◆ July 30th—The Lord's Supper
- ◆ August 16th—Annual Business Meeting
- ◆ August 21st—Impact Hunger Deliveries
noon to 1 pm

JULY 2023

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2 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service I Ia Bldg & Grounds Mtg	3	4 Independence Day	5 Kids Mtg 6:30p Bible Study/Prayer Mtg 6:30p	6	7	8
9 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service I Ia Finance Team Mtg	10	11	12 Kids Mtg 6:30p Bible Study/Prayer Mtg 6:30p	13	14	15 Ladies Fellowship 10—11:30a
16 Sunday School 9:45a Worship Service I Ia	17 Impact Hunger Deliveries Noon-1pm	18	19 Kids Mtg 6:30p Bible Study/Prayer Mtg 6:30p	20	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:45a Don Shire Praise & Worship Service I Ia	24	25	26 Kids Mtg 6:30p Bible Study/Prayer Mtg 6:30p	27	28	29
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A Note from Your Pastor,

July 2023



This is my second start at putting this letter together. This morning I lost my brother to cancer. A little surprise, but he's with the Lord and I'm sure being pain free for the first time in a while. He will be missed as he was my youngest brother and there are many memories of growing up together. Remember our family in your prayers. He had one son living in Texas and the rest were in Indianapolis, IN. (another Son and Daughter)

As we start another year together, we need to pray for Christ to lead us in a direction that will produce some growth and stability in our church. As a church family we have several opportunities to do this as we move through the summer and into fall.

It will start with a Concert with Don Shire on July 23rd, invite your friends and as you meet people in the coming weeks invite them also as a witness and opportunity to share.

This Fall we will be doing several things:

- * School will be starting up again and we need to help get the kids ready for school. Maybe even the Breakfast for the teachers at Pungoteague Elementary School.
- * A Ladies Fellowship and Bible Study—Who could you invite and bring that would enjoy fellowship and a study in God's word.
- * A Mission project that is a routine, "Christmas Shoeboxes." How do we get excited about reaching kids around the world for Christ. Challenge—In the past we've done 50 or maybe 75 but what about this year let's pray for 100 shoeboxes.

Don't forget our food pantry is a mission reaching needy families and being a witness to them. What are we doing to invite them to church? All these opportunities will give us a chance to help people in our area and overseas.

As I close, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and help during these past weeks with the surgery and recovery. Thanks so much for everything, the cards, cutting my grass, and helping with meals.

Thank you and may the Lord bless,

Pastor Steve

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PLACE: Hollies Baptist Church!

DATE: Sunday, July 23rd TIME: 11 am Worship Service

NO ADMISSION CHARGE: AN OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN

Don't Waste this Opportunity to Bring Your Friends & Family to Church for a Very Special Event! Plan for this Now!



Be Ye Doers of the Word! James 1:22

Operation Christmas Child – We all know that we collect shoebox gifts filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items for children all around the world. Just imagine the joy as they open their boxes as this is the first gift that many children have ever received!

Did you know that every shoebox delivered to a child is an opportunity to share Jesus? Since 2009, 35.4 million shoebox recipients have participated in The Greatest Journey, a 12-lesson discipleship course created by Samaritan's Purse. Over 17.5 million boys and girls have made decisions for Christ!!

Last year, Hollies Baptist Church filled 62 boxes! This year our goal is 75. (Pastor Steve thinks we can do 100.) Our theme this year is "Operation Christmas Child-All Year Long". Please pray for God's guidance for your participation and for the children receiving a shoebox.

We are asking for your help as there are expenses associated with this ministry. Right now we need to order 100 Shoe Boxes and other items from Samaritan's Purse. The cost is \$72.00. Also, there will be a \$10.00 per box shipping and handling fee. Our youth will assemble several boxes. We currently have almost \$25.00 to cover these fees, but that is just a start. Any donations you can make between now and November are greatly appreciated.

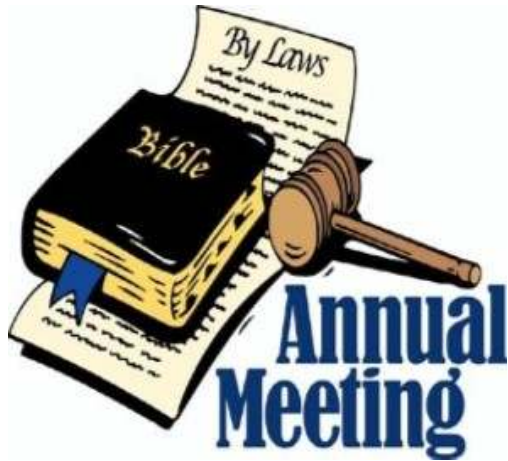
Envelopes specifically for Operation Christmas Child donations are provided in the pews. Please make checks payable to Hollies Baptist and indicate that it is for Operation Christmas Child. Cash donations are also appreciated. Also, remember the "Change for Children" box in the sanctuary is for your loose change.

We suggest that you might want to start preparing your individual boxes now to avoid the rush in November. Here's an idea...get certain items monthly instead of having to purchase everything at once. For example, one month get hygiene items-toothbrushes, combs, brushes, washcloths, etc. Another month, purchase school supplies. Another month, a sport item or toy, etc. Also, please consider getting some extra items to help fill additional church boxes.

See Dawn or Karen with any questions and suggestions.

Thank you so much and God bless you! Dawn & Karen





Attention Members!
Wednesday,
August 16th At 6:30 pm
Help Us Make Decisions
For our Next Fiscal Year!



Celebrate Our Independence!

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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
Adult Bible Study & Prayer 6:30pm