



Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 am

STARTING FEBRUARY 4TH
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
will begin at 11:00 am.

Sunday School will remain at
10:00 am and will extend
to 10:45 am.



NEW WORSHIP TIME

Worship January 7—February 11

We leave Scrooge on Christmas Day as a redeemed person making a new way in life. So how do we make a new way in life?

We look to the beginning of Jesus' ministry in the Gospel of Mark as inspiration for beginning a new year in our lives.

Along the way we might see and hear some echoes of a famous movie about treasure seekers.

On Wednesday nights we will focus on finding treasures like self-respect, time, strength, and forgiveness.

Join us in January for *O Treasure, Where Art Thou?* and maybe you'll find what you're looking for!

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the all the prayers, cards, and meals during my husband's passing. It has been such a difficult time and I especially want to thank Joe, Paul, and Melissa for the visits while Eddy was in the hospital. It has all meant so much.
Sincerely, Joyce Simmons

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 PM
Begin the Season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday Service. Lent is a time of 40 days marked by penitence, reflection, and preparation for Easter.

Wednesday Night Bible Study for Adults,
Intermediates, Youth, & Nursery & Children's Missions

January 31	Finding Strength Enough
February 7	Finding Forgiveness

Welcome

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Kelly Rose and Jessica Fincher
joined on January 14th by Profession of Faith.

Their baptisms are scheduled for February 18th in our Sunday Morning Worship Service at 11:00 am.
If you would like to send them a greeting of welcome, please address it to: 80 Queen Terrace, Candler 28715

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are offered to the following families, may they have peace & comfort:

Joyce Simmons and her family on the death of her husband, Eddy (January 6th).

Shelia Morris and her family, on the death of her Uncle, Russell Maney.

Jean Penland and her family on the death of her husband, Tom Penland.

Tim Clark on the death of his grandmother last week.

David Truesdale on the death of his stepfather Fred Clark. Please be in prayer for his mother and family.

Our sympathy to Phil Martin who was Ayden's coach. Ayden passed away Friday, Jan. 12.

Cuba Mission January 25—29th. Please pray for Pastor Joe as he travels to Cuba to evaluate needed mission work.

...As I write, the government shut-down has just concluded....at least for the moment. What I heard most of all from our employees in Congress and the White House is that it's the other guys fault. "Total culpability rests with the other party." Another thing I heard many say is that our Washington employees are more interested in party than nation....more dedicated to appealing to their base than to reasonable discourse. I've heard it said, "In ministry we are responsible for irresponsible people." That's also true in politics and in faith.

It all leads me to assess another reality: Is it a coincidence that monumental nationwide political angst is accompanied with nationwide faith-based angst? I don't think so. Nothing exists within a vacuum. Everything that happens is systemic (system-wide)affecting things we will never know, in ways we cannot imagine. This week in Baptist News Global I found this statement: "Religious affiliation and participation continue to dive, driven in part by young generations uninterested in belonging to anything, least of all church."

The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion has concluded that the drop in congregational involvement is largely due to a generation of people who have come to believe that they can develop their own belief system...a bit of a do-it-yourself religion. In their exhaustive study of more than 1,700 people (various ages, genders, religious backgrounds, traditions), they discovered that the more a person is on the Internet, the less they are involved in local congregational life. Again for emphases "THE MORE A PERSON IS ON THE INTERNET, THE LESS THEY ARE INVOLVED IN LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL LIFE." The result, fewer people feel obliged to remain loyal to religious institutions and beliefs.

Friends, if this is true, it not only speaks volumes to the present condition of congregational participation (including Hominy), but is also cautionary regarding what lies ahead for the church. Hominy is providing more ministry than at any point in my twenty-one years as your pastor, and each year, we are providing it through fewer church servants. Nationally, too many believers are moving from the center to the fringe, and too many on the fringe are moving out altogether.

I have some suspicions that, if true, offer a glimmer of great hope for us.

Most trends have a bottom....a place where decline will cease. That is historically true and, especially true of the church. This Jesus we follow will not let us move to oblivion.

Those churches that survive this generation's "self-created faith" are the ones who stay true to Scriptural imperatives (which have practically nothing to do with gun-rights, homosexuality, etc. and everything to do with loving God so much that we can't help but love others, even others quite different from ourselves).

People are beginning to grow weary of loud, dimly lit worship mega-houses.

The Gospel has always been personal, gentle, up-close. Those in those mega-experiences of worship are gravitating back to congregations where love, faith, and grace abound.

Judgmental houses of worship, like judgmental people, will always exist and will always appeal to certain mentalities, much like gory movies appeal to certain people.

My prediction: HOLD TIGHT....it's going to get tougher before it gets better, but for a church like Hominy, it's going to get better. As best we understand the Scriptures, we are trying to be true to them. We are in it for the long run. 206 years of service to the community is no guarantee that we will be here fifty years from now....but faithfulness to God is! You are the most faithful people I know. Stay the course, especially when it is a hard-course to stay. Good days are coming. In you, good days are here. Joe

At Deacons meeting this month we talked about letting people know about Hominy, and the point was made that a small business grows customers by word of mouth. One person tells another person about a good experience and when that second person needs that service, they either call the business they heard good things about or they call their friend and get the information they need. Then they have a good experience and so on and so on. So how can you share word of mouth about your church? Here are some thoughts:

When you hear a friend expressing frustration with how churches have treated them or people they love, or how churches respond to the needs and issues in our world. Simply ask "Can I tell you about my church? It's different." You don't have to (and shouldn't) get into trashing another church, just tell your story.

When something good happens at Hominy tell folks. You can tell them over coffee, at lunch, at school, at the gym. You can say "Can I tell you about the coolest thing that happened at my church this week?" Or "I heard the most interesting thing at church this week!"

Do the same thing on Facebook. "Like" or "Share" the public Hominy Facebook page as well as the Facebook group.

"Check in" at Hominy Baptist And be the sort of person that when you share the good news, people go "oh yeah!" not "really?"

Take Care
Paul

Worship Volunteers *January 28*

<u>Acolyte</u> Zachary Rice	<u>Sound & Multimedia</u>
<u>Deacon Worship Leader</u>	Keith Rice
Bobby Morris	<u>Nursery Worker</u>
<u>Deacon Greeter</u>	Candace Osteen
<i>Upper Family Life Center:</i>	<u>Children's Worship</u>
Bobby Morris	Jennalee & Mike Sexton
<i>Sanctuary Ramp:</i>	<u>Security/Parking Greeter</u>
Kay Robinson	Bobby Morris
<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Blood Pressure</u>
Caleb McCulloch	Corinne Yelton
Larry Brooks	<u>Intermediate Breakfast</u>
Greg Hughes	Michele & Bobby Robinson
Tim Honeycutt	<u>Youth Breakfast</u>
Bill Trexler	Melissa Hughes

Attendance & Budget -January 14 & 21

Sunday School Adult Study	67
Worship Service.....	95
Budget Giving.....	\$ 4,516.28
Budget Receipts Year to Date	\$ 203,571.28
Designated DayStay	\$ 465.00
Designated Church	\$ 405.00
Designated Total.....	\$ 1,926.92
Budget Weekly Need	\$ 6,961.54
Budget Need Year To Date	\$ 208,846.20
Budget deficit	\$ -5,274.92

Please be aware that this is not the official financial report of the church. These are our best estimates at the time of printing.

This Week At Hominy

SUNDAY, January 28

10:00 am Bible Study
10:45 am Worship Service

MONDAY, January 29

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
6:00 pm Community Meal at Montmorenci
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal
8:30 pm Basketball Game at Hominy; Hominy vs. Ridgeway

TUESDAY, January 30

8:00 am WNCBF Ministers Retreat at First Baptist Asheville
10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
12:00 pm Pickleball

WEDNESDAY, January 31

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
11:00 am DayStay Worship
6:00 pm Bible Study for Adults, Intermediate, Youth, Children's Missions, & Nursery
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

THURSDAY, February 1

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
11:00 am DayStay worship
12:00 pm Pickleball

FRIDAY, February 2

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered
7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery

SATURDAY, February 3

SUNDAY, February 4

10:00 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Baby Shower for Terra Pittman in the Ministries Center
2:00 pm Open Gym

Current Prayer Requests

HOSPITAL:

Lucille Rice; Mission, Casey Osteen's grandmother

RECOVERING:

Mary Helderman Sam Capps

Lana Elingburg Susan Bull Jan Alexander

MEMBERS :

Larry Trimnal Martha Wolfe Jean Penland

Gloria Drown Danny Biddix

FAMILY & FRIENDS :

Gerald & Barbara Kirby (parents of Charles Kirby)

Jennifer Owenby (partner of Terri Meadows)

Vicky Moore (daughter of Laura Debord)

Mary Stewart in Franklin (Sister of Polly Bryson)

ADULT CARE FACILITIES:

Aston Park: Barbara Hall

Heather Glen: Judy Taylor

Tellico Village: Kitty Swayngim

Pisgah Manor: Louise Gosnell, Betty Lewis, Bob Morris, Sr.

Oaks/Sweeten Creek: Clara West #307

VA Hospital Nursing Care: Lee Long

MILITARY FAMILY:

US Air Force: Colby Alexander,

US Marine Corps: Levi Vess

National Guard: Seth Aaron Wright,

Karina Padilla, CJ Pryce, Chris Rice

Hargrave Academy: Jackson Stewart



Hominy Baptist Church

*Loving God, Loving Others, Loving You
with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!*

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Temporary Traffic Change

**HOMINY CHURCH ROAD ENTRANCE
IS NOW OPEN TO TWO WAY TRAFFIC.**

The front entrance of the parking lot is closed. Access from the lower to the upper lot is also closed.

On weekdays we are limiting traffic beyond the cemetery bottleneck to DayStay, Daily Bread, and FFLC use only.

On Sundays and Wednesday nights we will have someone in the parking lot to direct traffic.

If the weather cooperates, we should have access again by February 1.

Monthly Gatherings

Ladies Craft Night, Friday, February 2 at 5:30 pm

Join us for the fun and fellowship in the Ministries Center. Carol Yandle will be teaching an ornament sewing class. If interested, bring sewing machine, white thread, scissors, and buttons for decoration. Bring your own supplies, a snack to share, and your own drinks.

Starnes Grogan Circle Group Meeting, Tues., Feb. 13th

Join us at 12:30pm for lunch at J&S Cafeteria at River Ridge Marketplace.



Sunnysiders Valentine Luncheon, Tuesday, February 20th

Luncheon with Valentine Program & Bingo.
Everyone Welcome!

Baby Shower



Join us for a baby shower for
Robbie & Terra Pittman on February 4th
at 12:30 in the Ministries Center.

They are expecting a baby boy named
Lincoln Charles, due on March 5th.

Youth Events

Youth Ski Trip January 26-28.

Please pray for our Youth and Chaperones as they travel to the CBFNC Ski Trip in Winterplace, WV.

Youth Fundraiser Chili Cook-off

February 11th at 6:00 pm. It's that time of year again! Come on out of the cold and get warm with Chili!!! Bring your best dish, or come and eat everyone else's. The youth will vote on which one wins!