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## Worship with us Sunday Mornings at 11:00 am

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### Birthday Party

Join us in celebrating  
**Mary Helderman's 90th Birthday!**  
Drop-in anytime on February 11th from  
3:00 to 4:30 pm in the Ministries Center.  
No gifts, please. Cards are welcome.



### Chili Cook-off Fundraiser

**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!



### Thank You

Dear Hominy Church Family,  
Words cannot express our gratitude for all the cards,  
calls, visits, & food during Richards's passing. He loved  
his church so much and knew he was loved in return.  
Please continue to us in your thoughts & prayers as we  
grieve the passing of the wonderful man we all love.  
Sincerely, The family of Richard Elingburg

Dear Hominy family,  
Thank you to our church members for the cards & pray-  
ers while Barbara was hospitalized. We would especially  
like to thank the Ready Sunday School Class and Pastor  
Joe for all they have done.  
Sincerely, Alvin & Barbara Hall

### Traffic/Parking Update

Weather permitting, we should have  
our front Candler School Road  
entrance and some additional parking  
restored by midweek. We will go back  
to a one way traffic pattern.



Please note that our contractor will channel traffic with  
cones to use the "driveway" portion of the future  
breezeway crossing the parking lot. This will help  
establish good habits for the future.

Construction is moving along as quickly as weather al-  
lows. Thank you for your patience.

### Dinner Theatre

The Baptist Student Fellowship groups of UNC-Asheville  
and Western Carolina University are hosting a dinner  
theater at Hominy Baptist Church on February 24, 2018  
at 6 pm.

We will have a catered BBQ dinner and a night of music.  
Come on out and relax to some great music with '50s,  
'60s, and '70s pop songs from some of our duos, or-  
chestral pieces from music majors, and, of course, the  
beautiful guitar and vocal blends from our own Dr. Jim  
McCoy.

Tickets are \$25 each, and tables will seat up to eight  
people. There will be childcare provided as well, so  
please include young families as you are processing who  
you would like to participate. If you have any questions  
or would like to reserve tickets, please contact David  
Stone, Baptist Campus Minister at [\(828\) 337-0682](tel:8283370682).

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### Our Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are offered to Cathy Russell and family, upon the passing of her mother, Betty DeWeese. May they have peace during this time.

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Bill Lewis, who passed away on January 31st. Bill was a participant of our Daily Bread Program.

We also offer our condolences to Gail Coulter in the death of her husband, Dutch, who passed away on February 2. Gail is the CBFNC moderator and coordinator of CBFNC's western region. Dutch was actively involved in CBF life.

...What is required to be a Christian nation? Think about that before answering. A follow-up question might be, what is required to be a Christian? What first surfaces for me is the idea that a nation cannot be Christian, any more than a house can be Christian or an automobile can be Christian. Still, I understand the statement when I hear someone say, "America is a Christian nation."

In my interpretation, a Christian nation is actually a grouping of people who comprise the majority of a larger, national grouping of people. I may identify your home as a Christian home (house) indicating that I've found the occupants of that house to be followers of Jesus, in word and deed. So again, what actually, genuinely makes a person Christian? That's a very large question. Is a person Christian because they go to church? Is a baptized person a Christian? What makes a person....Christian?

Sometimes it helps us determine what something is by first determining what it is not. A Christian nation cannot be achieved by legislation. The theocracy of the Hebrew people 2,000 years ago did not make those people better Hebrews. Regarding their faith, they were more legislated than any other people on earth, yet found themselves repeatedly out of fellowship with God. In fact, Jesus came at that moment in our history not only to show us the way to God, but to overturn the brokenness of a system that confuses religious zealotry with actual faith. We cannot create enough laws and enforce those laws so that we become Christian. Sometimes, legislation works to the detriment of genuine Christian faith. For instance, in the state of Florida right now, there is legislation being considered that would require the motto "In God We Trust" be permanently placed at the front of every public school classroom. If the law passes, and I suspect it will, I cannot imagine how it will make us "more" Christian. Whatever the motivation of the assembly who passes such legislation, whether it is political or from some personal conviction, the end result remains....we are not a more Christian nation if we require such statements upon our schoolhouse walls. To complicate the matter, in Florida those with a cursory understanding of Christian faith now accuse all Christians of trying to force personal faith upon all people. In such instances, I fear that the true Gospel of Christ suffers at the hands of misunderstanding.

What makes us Christian is a personal transformation. In the Men's Prayer Breakfast this past week we discovered that what Christ wants for us is NOT a **changed** life....but an **exchanged** life. At the moment of our conversion, we give our old life to God and God puts it away....forever. In its place, God begins forming within us a new manner of living.

**Being** Christian means we are finding our world-view, our community-view, our family-view formed by our faith....not our opinions. We are no longer in control. The more that happens, the more "Christian identifiable" we become. The less that happens....well, you know.

Do I want our nation to be a Christian nation? That's a loaded question because it is too often answered in politically motivated ways. What I want for our nation is that we become known, not for our might, but our love. That the least of these will discover their worth among us. That the immigrant, the forgotten, the beaten-down, the addicted, the hopeless will all find light where darkness once prevailed. That the struggle of one will become the struggle of all. Come to think of it, that sounds a lot like Matthew 5, 6 and 7....The Sermon on the Mount. We are Christian when we are less ourselves and more like Jesus.

Joe

We've had a number of folks who have experienced the loss of a loved one recently. "Recently" in terms of grief could be a few weeks or a few years, but the process of grieving is not bound by time. The class on grief we offered two Wednesday nights in November helped us see the need to do more for people who are hurting.

Fortunately, there are at least two folks in the Hominy family who have made it part of their life's work to help others who are grieving. Reverend Charles Kirby, retired chaplain, and Reverend Pat Stillwell, nurse and pastoral counselor, have agreed to lead a **GriefShare group Sunday afternoons from 2- 4 pm beginning March 4**. They are well-trained, experienced and kindhearted ministers who will guide this group through a six week process and then help participants decide if they want to continue to meet.

In Grief Share you will find

- \* people who understand your hurts, emotions, and painful experiences
- \* helpful, practical information that will help you recover from the pain of grief and loss
- \* the chance to talk about your experiences and move towards healing.

If you or someone you love is walking through the grief of losing someone you love, let us know if you want to participate in GriefShare starting March 4.

Take care  
Paul

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## Worship Volunteers

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<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Sound &amp; Multimedia</u>
Alyssa Berger	Greg Hughes
<u>Deacon Worship Leader</u>	<u>Nursery Worker</u>
Charles Kirby	Leigh Clark
<u>Deacon Greeter</u>	<u>Children's Worship</u>
<i>Upper Family Life Center:</i>	Chris & Rachel Miller
Charles Kirby	<u>Security/Parking Greeter</u>
<i>Sanctuary Ramp:</i>	Dennis Yandle
Morris Morgan	<u>Blood Pressure</u>
<u>Ushers</u>	Donna McCulloch
Polly Bryson	<u>Intermediate Breakfast</u>
Jim Causby	Jennifer & Joey Reed
David Truesdale	<u>Youth Breakfast</u>
Gail Wright	David Truesdale

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## Attendance & Budget

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Sunday School Adult Study .....	cancelled
Worship Service.....	110
Budget Giving.....	\$ 9,717.67
Budget Receipts Year to Date .....	\$ 221,209.63
Designated DayStay .....	\$ 590.00
Designated Church .....	\$ 907.59
Designated Total.....	\$ 1,497.59
Budget Weekly Need .....	\$ 6,961.54
Budget Need Year To Date .....	\$ 222,769.28
Budget deficit .....	\$ -1,559.65

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

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## This Week At Hominy

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### SUNDAY, February 11

10:00 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Service  
3:00 - 4:30 pm Birthday Party for Mary Helderman "90yrs"  
4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting  
6:00 pm Chili Cook-off Youth Fundraiser

### MONDAY, February 12

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered  
12:00 pm CBF Luncheon at Yao  
6:00 pm Community Meal at Montmorenci  
7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal  
8:30 pm Basketball Game at Hominy; Hominy vs. The Rock

### TUESDAY, February 13

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered  
12:00 pm Pickleball  
12:30 pm Starnes-Grogan Circle Group Meeting at J&S/RiverRidge  
6:00 pm Crawford-Miller Circle Group Meeting in the Ministries Ctr

### WEDNESDAY, February 14

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered  
11:00 am DayStay Worship  
5:30 pm Free Soup Supper in the Ministries Center  
6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, February 15

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast  
10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered  
11:00 am DayStay worship  
12:00 pm Pickleball  
6:30 pm Cub & Boy Scouts

### FRIDAY, February 16

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

### SATURDAY, February 17

10:00 am to 5:30 pm Hominy Valley Rec. Pk. Basketball Games

### SUNDAY, February 18 **First Sunday of Lent**

10:00 am Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Service—Baptism  
12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting  
2:00 pm Open Gym

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## Current Prayer Requests

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### RECOVERING:

Jan Alexander	Reva Ferguson
Jean Penland	Nathan Bull
Barbara Hall	Lana Elingburg

### MEMBERS :

Larry Trimnal	Martha Wolfe
Iva Lee Elingburg	Danny Biddix
Gloria Drown	Clara West/Pneumonia

### 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:

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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Candler, NC 28715  
Phone: 828-667-4541  
Fax: 828-667-8041  
Email: hominy@bellsouth.net  
Website: www.hominybaptist.com  
Minister on Call Cell Phone # 545-8885

Non-Profit Organization  
US Postage Paid  
Permit No. 8  
Candler, North Carolina

## Red Cross Blood Drive



**March 7, 2018**  
**3:00 to 7:30 pm**  
Hominy Baptist Church  
Ministries Center

Sign up by calling  
the church office 667-4541  
**Hurry the time slots will fill up fast !!!**

# Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins  
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer  
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns  
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

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N	R	I	K	Y	P	A	T	E	T	I	Y	X	Y
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## Gatherings

### Life Group (Every 2nd & 4th Thursday)

**February 8 & 22 at 6:30 pm**

Where: Joe & Sandra Johnson's,  
145 Dogwood Road, Candler, NC 28715



### Starnes Grogan Circle Group Meeting

**On Tuesday, February 13th** join us at 12:30pm for lunch at J&S Cafeteria at River Ridge Marketplace.

### Crawford-Miller Circle Group Meeting

**Tuesday, February 13th at 6:00 pm** in the Ministries Center. Bring a snack to share for dinner and join us for a planning meeting. We will begin plans for the Women's Banquet which is scheduled for April 14, 2018. We need your help to make this a great event this year.

### Sunnysiders Valentine Fellowship Luncheon

**On Tuesday, February 20th at noon** in the Ministries Center. Luncheon with Valentine Program & Bingo. Everyone Welcome!

## Board of Deacons Election

April 15, 2018

Election for the Office of Deacon will be held during worship service on Sunday, April 15, 2018. Nominations are now open. If you wish to nominate someone for the position of Deacon you should first determine if they meet the eligibility requirements necessary to serve. Then you should contact them to see if they are willing to serve and, if they are, give their name to the church office. You may also nominate yourself if you meet the necessary qualifications.

### Eligibility for the Office of Deacon

All members of the church (with the exception of church staff in **ministerial** positions) who are twenty-five (25) years of age or older and have been an active member for the past 24 months at the time of election are eligible to serve as Deacon. These persons shall be active in the financial support of the Church and also be actively supporting the programs of the church. They should have previous, positive experience at leadership and Christian ministry. They shall be willing to accept the duties and functions of the Office of Deacon as specified by the Church and also any duties or expectations set forth by the deacons themselves.

### Composition of the Board of Deacons

The Board of Deacons consists of fourteen (14) members, elected to terms of two years, one half being elected each year, and a required year of inactive status before being eligible for another two-year term. Current Deacons who will rotate off at the end of June 2018 are not eligible for re-election during this current election cycle. Those are Jim Causby, Tim Honeycutt, Greg Hughes, Phil Martin, Bobby Morris, Kay Robinson and Vaudie Robinson. Current Deacons who will serve the second year of their term from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 are not eligible for nomination for this election cycle. Those are Mary Helderman, Charles Kirby, Morris Morgan, Katy Pless, Keith Rice, Stephen Swan and David Truesdale.

### Information on Nominees and Voting Procedures

The last two editions of the *Journey* prior to the election will include a listing of all nominees with their pictures. During worship service on Sunday, April 15, 2018 each church member will receive a ballot listing all nominees and will vote for no more than seven (7). If for any reason you cannot be present in the worship service on the day of the election, you may submit an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots will be available at the Church office during the two weeks prior to the election. Completed ballots must be returned to the church office no later than noon on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.



# Ash Wednesday Service

## Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 PM

Join us for a **Soup Supper** in the Ministries Center  
At 5:30 pm ~ *free of charge* (before the Ash Wednesday Service)

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### LENT IS TO EASTER WHAT ADVENT IS TO CHRISTMAS

By Joe Yelton

The Christian calendar doesn't run from January to December. Instead, it begins with the season of Advent (the four Sundays preceding Christmas) to the next Advent season. Following Jewish tradition, our Christian fore-parents understood the importance of focusing on particular aspects of worship. Our Christian calendar is organized around two major centers of sacred time:

1. Advent-Christmas-Epiphany
2. Lent-Holy Week-Easter and Pentecost

"Ordinary Time" are the weeks not included in those two areas. The dates of Lent vary from year to year because they are based on the lunar calendar. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, a time to remember that life is a gift from God. Ash Wednesday reminds us that we came from dust, and to dust we shall return. The Lenten season extends from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (the Saturday preceding Easter). Because the early church and we today believe that every Sabbath should celebrate the resurrection, Sundays are not included in the days of Lent. The season of Lent therefore does not include Sundays, and numbers forty days.

In Lent we are challenged to repent of our sin and fast (reduce our intake of food). This combines spiritual and physical disciplines. As such, it helps us better identify with our Savior who denied Himself on our behalf. Fasting is not something we do in order to achieve something else. It is responsive to darkness we have already involved ourselves in. It is an intentional time to turn from that darkness.

Our theme for worship during Lent will be "Out of the Desert..." and will focus on Jesus and His path to the cross. Our worship on Sundays will connect with our studies on Wednesday nights that we will call "Into the Oasis." We will explore spiritual practices and disciplines to draw us closer to Christ and each other. The first Sunday of Lent is February 18 and our Wednesday night Lenten studies will continue on February 21 with a free soup supper each week at 5:30 pm and the study at 6:00 pm. Join us each week as we journey through Lent together, seeking Christ, and allowing Him to nourish our soul in the desert, so that may find rest in the oasis of His loving care.

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### LENTEN DEVOTIONS AVAILABLE IN THE SANCTUARY

There will be a limited number of Lenten devotion books available in the sanctuary beginning this coming Sunday, February 11. These are free to your family. Please take one per household. Melissa will also provide resources to online Lenten devotions via our church Facebook page. If you're interested in writing a Lenten devotion to share with our church family, please let Melissa know. We want to share our church members' creative writing as well.

# FEVERUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>4 Scout Sunday</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship Service 2:00-4:00 pm Open Gym 12:30 pm Baby Shower for Robbie &amp; Terra Pittman</p>	<p><b>5</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:00 pm Community Meal at Montmorenci 7:00 pm Praise Team 7:30 pm Basketball Game at Hominy; Hominy vs. Lake Hills</p>	<p><b>6</b> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:30 pm Basketball Game at Pole Creek; Pole Creek vs. Hominy</p>	<p><b>7 Mid-WEEK REGENERATIONS</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:00 pm *Youth Group *Music &amp; Missions (3yr -4th) *Intermediate Class (5th-6th) 6:15 pm Adult Studies 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>1</b> 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30 am Daily Bread 11:00 am Day/Stay Worship 6:00 pm Cub &amp; Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 5:30 pm Ladies' Craft Night 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery <b>Weekend Minister</b> on Call: 545-8885</p>	<p><b>3</b> 10:00 am to 5:30 pm Hominy Valley Recreation Park Basketball Games</p>
<p><b>11</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship Service 2:00 pm 90th Birthday Party for Mary Heldman 4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm Youth Chili Cook-Off</p>	<p><b>12</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 12:00 pm CBF Lunch at Yao 6:00 pm Community Meal at Montmorenci 7:00 pm Praise Team 8:30 pm Basketball Game at Hominy; Hominy vs. The Rock</p>	<p><b>13</b> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Daily Bread 12:30 pm Starnes-Grogan Circle Group Meeting at J&amp;S at River Ridge 6:00 pm Crawford-Killer Circle Group Meeting in Ministries Center</p>	<p><b>14 Valentine's Day</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread <b>5:30 pm Free Soup Supper</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30 am Daily Bread 11:00 am Day/Stay Worship 6:00 pm Cub &amp; Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery <b>Weekend Minister</b> On Call: 545-8885</p>	<p><b>17</b> 10:00 am to 5:30 pm Hominy Valley Recreation Park Basketball Games</p>
<p><b>18 First Sunday of Lent</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship Service &amp; Baptism 12:00 pm Children's Ministry Team Meeting 2:00-4:00 pm Open Gym</p>	<p><b>19 President's Day</b> 10:00 am Senior Council Meeting 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:00 pm Community Meal at Montmorenci 6:30 pm Basketball Game at Hominy; Hominy vs. Breaking Free 7:00 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>20</b> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:30 pm Basketball Game at Hominy; Starnes Cove vs. Hominy 12:00 pm Sunnysiders Valentine Fellowship Meal</p>	<p><b>21</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:00 pm *Youth Group *Music &amp; Missions (3yr -4th) *Intermediate Class (5th-6th) <b>6:15 pm</b> <b>Church Conference</b> 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>	<p><b>22</b> 8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast 10:30 am Daily Bread 11:00 am Day/Stay Worship 6:00 pm Cub &amp; Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>23</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 7:00 pm Celebrate Recovery <b>Weekend Minister</b> On Call: 545-8885</p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:00 am to 5:30 pm Hominy Valley Recreation Park Basketball Games 6:00 pm Dinner Theatre hosted by the Baptist Student Fellowship of UNC &amp; WCU.</p>
<p><b>25 Second Sunday of Lent</b> 10:00 am Bible Study 11:00 am Worship Service</p>	<p><b>26</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:00 pm Community Meal at Montmorenci 6:00 pm Day/Stay Board Mtg 7:00 pm Praise Team</p>	<p><b>27</b> 10:30 am Staff Meeting 10:30 am Daily Bread</p>	<p><b>28 Mid-WEEK REGENERATIONS</b> 10:30 am Daily Bread 6:00 pm *Youth Group *Music &amp; Missions (3yr -4th) *Intermediate Class (5th-6th) 6:15 pm Adult Studies 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir</p>			



# FEBRUARY

## February 2

Lucy Flinchum  
Joyce Zink

## February 3

Payton Honeycutt

## February 4

Michael Adams

## February 5

Carol Tyndall  
Jack Ferguson  
Ernestine Moody

## February 8

Nina Walton

## February 9

Selah Hall

## February 10

Taylor Queen

## February 11

Mary Helderman  
Kay Robinson

## February 12

Amanda Proffitt

## February 13

Dennis Morgan  
Nellie Warren  
River Sexton

## February 14

Clyde Morgan

## February 15

Nona Hancock  
Margaret Morgan

## February 16

Kristen Dominguez  
Jeff Wise  
Jaylon Prieur

## February 17

Ciara Owenbey

## February 19

Jason Bennett  
Jack Bassett

## February 20

Diane Davis

## February 21

Mary Clevinger  
David Dominguez

## February 22

Tildon Whiteside  
Jordin Owenby

## February 24

Delaney Phillips

## February 25

Tim Massie

## February 27

Rachel Miller  
Maggie Almand  
Jessica Willard

## February 28

Gail Wright

## February 29

Hazel Williams  
Kurt Berger

