

Our Sympathy..

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are offered to Tracey Truesdale and her family, upon the passing of her Uncle Marc. We rejoice with Tracey and her family as her uncle had accepted the Lord as his Savior before his passing. May the family have comfort and peace at this time.

Thank You..

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the love, prayers, food, calls, and cards during the time of Morris' illness and the loss of Mother. A special thanks to the "Hominy cooks" for the family meal. The support of the staff and our church family meant the world to us.

Morris & Jessica Morgan and Family

To My Church Family,
What can I say but Thanks!! Thank you to Pastor Joe, Melissa, Paul, and the Ready Sunday School Class, for all the love and support during the last few months. It has meant so much to me and my family.

Bettie Wright

My most sincere heartfelt thanks to my Church family for food, thoughts, and especially for all the prayers during my recent surgery and illness.

Bill Trexler

"And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, He

Annual Women's Banquet
Saturday, April 6, at 6:00 pm

Wildflowers & Whimsy

Fundraiser for Room In The Inn

Tickets \$25 ~ on sale now

Dinner catered by Curt Collins. To decorate a table, text
Teresa Kagley at 301-5920 or email her at
tkagley@gmail.com

come pray with Me

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT
WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER
Lenten Worship Series 2019

March 24 *Thy Kingdom Come*

March 31 *Forgive Us, As We Forgive*

April 7 *Hallowed Be Thy Name*

April 14 Palm Sunday Lunch & Egg Hunt
*Thine Is The Kingdom, The Power,
and the Glory*

April 18 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm
Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

April 19 Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm
Thy Will, Not My Will

April 21 Easter Resurrection Sunday
Come Alive With Me!

8:30 am Resurrection Service

9:00 am Easter Breakfast

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Easter Worship Service



Easter Lilies \$10

**IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY
OF SOMEONE SPECIAL!**

The lilies will be displayed in
the sanctuary and the list of those
honored will be published
in the Easter morning bulletin.

**Please call the church office
to reserve your lily by April 17.**

I was just thinking.....

Barbara Brown Taylor said, "The hardest spiritual work in the world is to love your neighbor as you love yourself...to encounter another human being, not as someone you can use, fix, change, help, save, enroll, convince or control, but simply as someone who can spring you from the prison of yourself, if you will allow it."

On the one hand, it is impossible to be a growing Christian when uninvolved in the direct, hands-on nurture and care of others. On the other hand, that sinner on the cross whom Christ redeemed in his final minutes had no time to care for others. He was finishing the final steps of his journey. All that was left for him was the hope that if he threw himself at the mercy of Jesus, Jesus would indeed be merciful.

Well, as it turns out, we are all on the final steps of our journey. None of us are here for very long, and I suspect that most of us are here more briefly than we think. Barbara Brown Taylor is reminding us that our moment of getting right with ourselves, others, and with Jesus is a work best done in the NOW. She agrees with Jesus by encouraging us to understand that we cannot grow in Jesus short of denying ourselves in behalf of other people. Yes, like the sinner on the cross, the experience of salvation can come at the very end of the race. However, most of us are unlike that sinner...we have time, we have opportunity. Jesus teaches that no greater love can we have than to lay down our lives in behalf of others. Jesus instructs that the second greatest of all commands is to love others as we love ourselves.

Why is that so hard? Why can we spend an average of four hours and fifty-one minutes DAILY on social networks but have no time to minister to others? How have we decided that posting Christian-ese niceties on Facebook is the same thing as being a faithful Christian? How have we conned ourselves into believing that getting our politics right is a Jesus thing?

Simplicity has been traded (poorly) for exhausting rituals. OFTEN I HEAR PEOPLE SAY, "I don't go to church anymore because I don't get anything out of it." Fair enough. But of course, that's wrong-headed. **The question actually is, "Because I am a Christian, what are people getting out of me?"** Your answer to that question has everything to do with you being a thriving, or a stagnating believer. Church will change for you, once you get yourself "right in the head."

If Barbara Brown Taylor is right, "the hardest spiritual work is to love your neighbor as you love yourself," is that happening in you? Joe

NEWS FROM ABCCM/HOMINY VALLEY

On the 4th Thursday of each month, ABCCM/HV in cooperation with Manna Food Bank provides a free "market" for those facing food disparity. March 28 is the next market, with distribution beginning at 2pm. Come earlier if you'd like to assist with unloading.

Also, be reminded that the next ABCCM/HV fundraiser is Saturday, March 30 at Fatz Café. Breakfast begins at 8am and concludes at 10am. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Finally, please remember that our local ABCCM is consistently in need of volunteers of every stripe. The food pantry shelves are lacking canned goods. Your part matters!

Hominy Staff

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Pastor to Families

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Andy Gibson
Child Care Executive Director

Steering Column



We were all saddened by the news from New Zealand this weekend, and grieve with New Zealanders that are struggling with the realization that "it can happen here." On the way in to work this morning there was also news of a shooting in the Netherlands. As I have said before, armed attacks on churches, mosques, and other public spaces are on the very public menu of ways people with mental illness, hatred, anger, and grievance can express themselves. We pray for those whose lives are shattered by these events. At the same time, I am encouraged that our church is working hard to reduce the risk of something similar happening at Hominy.

Yesterday, our Emergency Response Team and staff met for a "tabletop" exercise led by Chris Miller to run through our responses to a potentially deadly situation. It was surprisingly stressful and yet very helpful. Here are some key lessons to share:

We cannot anticipate every possible scenario, but good planning and good communication will help, before, during, and after a crisis, however unlikely we hope it to be.

Armed response by individuals with personal weapons can be deadly to those individuals, and others, and counter-productive to de-escalating or resolving a situation. Please follow the direction of staff and trained team members.

A basic truth continues to be 'good hospitality is our best defense.' Welcoming guests warmly can help identify and diffuse potential situations before they escalate into a crisis.

Pray for peace, in our world and in the hearts and minds of people who are so broken they feel they must lash out in violence.

Take care
Paul

Brandon Long
Custodian

Karen Morgan & Pat Kirby
Worship Accompanists

Nicole Chockley
Nursery Worker

Volunteers for Sunday, March 24

Acolyte

Jackson Reed

Deacon Prayer Leader

Mary Helderman

Deacon Greeters

Main Entrance:

Mary Helderman

Ramp Door:

Ron Honeycutt

Ushers

Joe Johnson

Bobby Morris

Shelia Morris

Jim Causby

Multimedia

Jessica Willard

Kim Honeycutt

Sound

Tim Honeycutt

Nursery Worker

Jamie Fleming

Children's Worship

Donna McCulloch

Lisa Moore

Security/Parking

TBA

Blood Pressure

Corinne Yelton

Intermediate Breakfast

Rachel & Chris Miller

Youth Breakfast

David Truesdale

This Week At Hominy

SUNDAY, March 24

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Open Gym

MONDAY, March 25

11:00 am Anxiety Awareness Class

6:00 pm Montmorenci Community Meal

TUESDAY, March 26

9:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, March 27

3:45 pm Young People's Choir

5:30 pm Fellowship Dinner

6:00 pm Nursery, Children's Music & Missions, Youth

6:15 pm Adult Study

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, March 28

CBF Annual Gathering in Greensboro

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

11:00 am DayStay Worship

6:30 pm Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts

FRIDAY, March 29

CBF Annual Gathering in Greensboro

SATURDAY, March 30

SUNDAY, March 31

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service



Change of Address:

Ellen Silver

Brookdale Asheville

308 Overlook Road

Asheville, NC 28803

Prayer Requests

Matthew Ferguson is still missing. Please pray for Robin, Tammy, Ian, Jack, and Carolyn as they struggle to find answers.

HOSPITAL:

Ron Piercy, Cardiac Center, Morristown, TN

SURGERY:

Mar. 18: Gina Cade (Georgia Shackelford's daughter)

Mar. 21: Melissa Hughes

Mar. 22: Barbara Hall

Apr. 2: Polly Bryson, procedure

Apr. 10: Michele Robinson

Apr. 12: Anna Joyner

MEMBERS:

Gail Wright Barbara Hall

Christine Morgan Doug Swayngim

Reba Ferguson

FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Ellen Widener (Melissa Hughes' mother)

Cindy Arrington (Blyn Vidock's friend)

Troy & Cora Shelton (Pauline Powell's brother-in-law & sister)

Robert Giorux (Business Partner of Keith & Amy Rice)

Mark Morgan (Pauline Morgan's son)

Christy and Reuben Crigger

Danny Widener (Melissa Hughes' step-father)

Geraldine Berry (Mattie Devlin's sister-in-law)

Amy Sprinkle

Amy Robinson (Mike & Kay Robinson's daughter-in-law)

Devon Michael (friend of Dan McCurry)

ADULT CARE FACILITIES:

Heather Glen: Judy Taylor

Pisgah Manor: Bob Morris, Sr.

Oaks/Sweeten Creek: Clara West

Brookdale/Asheville: Ellen Silver

MILITARY FAMILY:

Air Force: Colby Alexander

Army: Roy Wils

Coast Guard: Marc Todd

Hargrave Academy: Jackson Stewart

Marine Corps: Levi Vess

National Guard: Seth Aaron Wright,

Karina Padilla, CJ Pryce, Chris Rice

COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Chelsea Nave, WCU

Christian Donaldson, AB Tech

Ian Ferguson, AB Tech

Kelsie Hughes, ETSU

Lindsey Bull, NCSU

MacKenzie Rice, UNCA

Nick Williams, AB Tech

MARCH 17, 2019

Attendance

SS 56

Worship 103

Tithes & Offerings

Weekly Need \$ 6,698.11

Received \$ 8,050.07

****This is not the official financial report of the church.**

These are estimates at the time of printing.

PRAYER REQUESTS can be made or re-sent as often as you like to hominy@bellsouth.net or 828-667-4541. They will remain on the list for one month, unless the request is renewed. Adult Care Facilities, Military Family, and College Students will be updated as we receive changes.



Hominy Baptist Church

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

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**HOMINY
BAPTIST
SPRING
BAZAAR**

March 23
9:30 am to 2:00 pm
All proceeds support the Youth Ministry.

**CRAFTS, HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS, HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY,
UNIQUE GIFTS, PAINTINGS, DIRECT SALES VENDORS,
AND MUCH MORE!!**

From our Pastor to Families~

On Palm Sunday, April 14, there will be a free hot dog lunch and everyone is invited. Donations will be accepted for the cost of the food & activities.

We need donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt which will follow the lunch. If you can help, please bring those to the room across from the church office before Monday, April 8. Thank you!! **Melissa Hughes**



From our Pastor of Student Life & Community Engagement~

I have been thinking a lot about what the Bible has to say about talents recently. Talents are skills, abilities, gifting, passions, etc, that has been given to us by our creator. The Bible talks about how we are created to be creative persons. When some people hear that they are a creative person, they scoff at it because they don't feel creative.

Believe it or not, but there has been something put in you to make you creative. It might be in the arts, it might be in languages, it might be in care for people, or it could be in numerous other ways. Creating is not just about turning nothing into something tangibly, but it can be bringing a smile to someone's face who is having a bad day. Creating is bringing something into existence.

When our creator created us, he gave each and every one of us something unique with which we have the capacity to create. The creating that we do can sometimes be in honor of this God given ability, or it can be out of our own nature. Sometimes we create dissension, sadness, anger and hostility. These things are not positive creations.

When we begin to look at the things God has uniquely called us to create, we might ask why? We might think that it was a waste because we are not bold enough to bring about that creation. Yet God gave you that ability to create anyways. He did so, so that, His Church can flourish. Each and every one of our talents and abilities to create are given so that His Kingdom can flourish. We need to be willing to use those talents so that their purposes can be fulfilled.

So the question for the week is, what is God asking you to create for the furthering of His Church and His Kingdom?

Phil Hall

2019 Deacon Nominees

Deacon Selection will be on Sunday, April 7.

Members may vote for no more than seven, including your write in nominations.

Jim Causby



Julia Clark



Terry Clark



Mandy Durham



Kim Honeycutt



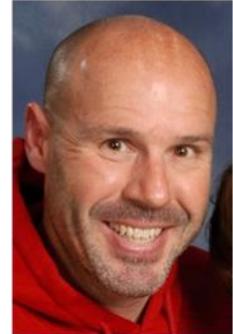
Tim Honeycutt



Greg Hughes



Phil Martin



Donna McCulloch



Zach Newman



Gloria Trexler



Write In Nominations:

Deacons with terms expiring June 30, 2019

Mary Helderman, Charles Kirby, Morris Morgan, Katy Pless, Keith Rice, *Terry Clark, David Truesdale
**Filling an unexpired term.*

Deacons with terms expiring June 30, 2020

Polly Bryson, Ron Honeycutt, Jennifer Reed, Brittany Horrell, Earl Shelton, Gail Wright, Dennis Yandle

DEACON EMERITUS

In the March Church Conference a proposal for designating a former deacon as a “Deacon Emeritus” was approved.

Deacon Emeritus will have;

- A. Expressed a desire to withdraw his or her name from any future elections as an active Deacon and/or can no longer fulfill the duties of an active Deacon.
- B. Served a minimum of 10 years as a Deacon.
- C. Provided significant service to the congregation in his or her capacity as a Deacon.
- D.

Three former Deacons have been recommended by the Deacon Body for this recognition in 2019.

All of these men have served their church with great love and devotion, sharing their skills, leadership, and care with generations at Hominy Baptist Church.

To approve these nominations for Deacon Emeritus, check yes by their names on April 7.

Jack Ferguson, first served as a deacon in 1969 and completed his last term in 2016.

Alvin Hall, first served as a deacon in 1967 and completed his last term in 2011.