



This coming Sunday, April 14, is our Palm Sunday celebration. The children are invited to participate in our annual palm processional at the beginning of the service. If your child is in Sunday school the teachers will bring them to the new lobby outside of the sanctuary. If they are not in Sunday school, please meet the children there at 10:50 am.

After worship, there will be a hot dog lunch followed by the egg hunts. The Preschool & Kindergarten children will hunt eggs on the playground. The older children will be on the softball field. Please make plans to join us for this fun event.

- 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*

IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF SOMEONE SPECIAL.

The lilies are \$10 and will be displayed in the sanctuary. A list of those honored will be published in the Easter morning bulletin. Please call the church office to reserve your lily by April 17.

## *House Blessing and House Warming* for Caleb McCulloch

On Sunday, May 5 from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm  
At 342 Hunter's Ridge Road, Canton, NC 28716.  
Come and celebrate Caleb's new home. Gift cards for Lowes, TJ Maxx are appreciated and Caleb is registered at Way-fair.com. Caleb could use some help moving on April 20 around 10 or 10:30 if anyone is available.

## *Wedding Shower* for Rosemary Yelton and Kevin Bila

On Sunday, April 28 from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm at Hominy Baptist Church in the Ministries Center. The couple is registered at Bed, Bath, & Beyond and Target. Come join the fun at the drop-in shower, eat some cake, and celebrate a couple "Simply meant to be!"

## *Our Sympathy*

Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers are offered to Julia Clark in the loss of her Mother, Janet Chandler Shawn.

## *Save the Date*

### **DayStay's Bluegrass & BBQ**

Saturday, May 18  
3:00-7:00 p.m.

### **Smith Werhan Distinctively Baptist Preaching Event**

Sunday October 6, Dr. Pam Durso, Executive Director of Baptist Women in Ministry, will be our speaker for the Smith Werhan Distinctively Baptist Preaching Event. This event honors the pastorates of Rev. M.D. Smith, 1945-1970, and Dr. Fred Werhan, 1973-1995, by focusing attention on the distinctive beliefs, ideals and characteristics of the Baptist tradition.

Do you know the number one answer to the question, "How did you become active in this church?" (be aware, this is a nationwide sampling...not exclusive to Hominy nor to Baptists) Answer: 61% of those who are active in congregational life joined by way of an invitation from a friend. 11% became involved because of the congregation's reputation for a strong youth, music, education, or missional, program. 9% joined because the worship experience resonated. 7% grew up in the church they still attend. The remaining 12% joined for various reasons including location of the church facilities, denominational identity and.....wait for it.....because the pastor invited them.

It was not so many years ago that the primary reason a person joined a particular congregation was that it belonged to their denomination of choice or, resonance with the pastor. No more!

Clue #1 from last week's Journey article was a challenge to participate in one, or all of the upcoming home-prayer gatherings. This week we receive **Clue #2: Never miss an opportunity to invite someone to join you whenever your church gathers.**

Long ago I heard a pastor preach on the idea, "sheep begat sheep...shepherds don't begat sheep." Back then, he was right. He's right today. Encouraging people to join you at your church is the surest way to see your church grow. Yes, congregations need competent shepherds. However, when it comes to enlarging the flock, that work is best accomplished by way of the sheep (the laity).

**An ancient illustration:** Growing up in First Baptist, Asheville was a splendid opportunity. As a child, I looked forward to being old enough to be in the youth group. The year I joined, our youth pastor left for a new ministry. He was amazing and we knew instantly that we were in for some changes. We were right. The next youth pastor was a terrific guy, but he lacked the energy and charisma we had come to appreciate in his predecessor.

Almost instantly, attendance began dropping off. Before long, our huge youth group had become a tiny youth group. I too wanted to quit...something I knew my parents would never happen. A small core remained in place, filled angst. Before long, my mom had a pow-wow with her boy. Essentially, what she said was, "Joe, if you don't like the way things are with the youth group, change it!" I knew what she meant. If I wanted to return to a time in which I actually wanted to go to youth gatherings, I needed to invite people I wanted to be around. So, that's what I did.

Within a couple of weeks, two of my friends began attending with me. The very next week, one of their friends joined them. Eventually, that tiny youth group was replaced with a growing, thriving, alert and active youth-group...a youth-group I actually wanted to be involved in.

Sheep begat sheep. Find others whom you care for, others with whom you share a common interest and bond. Invite them to join you. THAT'S HOW CHURCHES GROW. The absence of that, is how churches dwindle.

**Clue #2: Never miss an opportunity to invite someone to join you whenever your church gathers.** Joe

*Thank You...*we give thanks to God for the a generous gift given by Homer and Elizabeth Clark's children as a memorial to their brother Les. These are people of excellence who always find ways to encourage their Hominy church family.

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### *Hominy Staff*

**Dr. Joseph E. Yelton**  
Senior Pastor

**Dr. Paul Raybon**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Melissa Hughes**  
Pastor to Families

**Rev. Phil Hall**  
Student Life  
& Community Engagement

**Kristen Dominguez**  
Minister of Music  
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**Kody Joyner**  
Ministry Assistant

**Rachel Miller**  
DayStay Executive Director

**Andy Gibson**  
Child Care Executive Director

**Brandon Long**  
Custodian

**Karen Morgan & Pat Kirby**  
Worship Accompanists

**Nicole Chockley**  
Nursery Worker

Jesus told a mini parable in Luke 14: "Is there anyone here who, planning to build a new house, doesn't first sit down and figure the cost so you'll know if you can complete it? If you only get the foundation laid and then run out of money, you're going to look pretty foolish."

We have been busy working on the ministry budget for the coming year and the Stewardship and Finance committee is coming up against some hard realities. They will be presenting proposals to the Deacons this month and then to the congregation at our Church Conference on May 15. Some of the numbers are hard to digest, but here are some bite-sized pieces to consider. Think of it in terms of how much it costs per week for;

Wednesday Night Studies	\$13
Sunday Bible Study materials	\$67
Maintenance	\$250
Insurance	\$500
Cleaning the building	\$625
Utilities	\$1250

Those are pretty easy to count. Much harder to calculate are things like staff hours preparing and leading worship on Sunday, which I estimate at close to \$2000, or Wednesday night programs at about \$2400.

So what is our part? How much do each of us contribute to making sure that these things happen? We each have to decide how much the ministry of our church is worth to us and make a plan for reflecting that value in our giving.

Take care

Paul

# Volunteers for Sunday, April 14

## Acolyte

River Sexton

## Deacon Prayer Leader

Keith Rice

## Deacon Greeters

*Main Entrance:*

Keith Rice

*Ramp Door:*

*(closed while under construction)*

Terry Clark

## Ushers

Jeannie Roberts

Rickie Hall

Gloria Trexler

Vaudie Robinson

## Multimedia

Jessica Willard

Kim Honeycutt

## Sound

Gene Willard

## Nursery Worker

Candace Osteen

## Children's Worship

Volunteers

Needed

## Security/Parking

Morris Morgan

## Blood Pressure

Corinne Yelton

## Intermediate Breakfast

Shannon Proffitt

## Youth Breakfast

Michele Robinson

# This Week At Hominy

## SUNDAY, April 14

### *Palm Sunday*

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

& Children's Palm Processional

12:30 pm Hot Dog lunch & Egg Hunt

4:00 pm Deacon's Meeting

## MONDAY, April 15

6:00 pm Montmorenci Community Meal

## TUESDAY, April 16

9:30 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Praise Team rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY, April 17

*(no Wednesday night activities)*

6:30 pm Celebrate Life Group

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

## THURSDAY, April 18

### *Maundy Thursday*

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

11:00 am DayStay Worship

6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service  
in the Youth Room

## FRIDAY, April 19

### *Good Friday*

3:00 pm DayStay Closing Early

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

in the Sanctuary

## SATURDAY, April 20

## SUNDAY, April 21

### *Easter Sunday*

8:30 am Resurrection Service

9:00 am Easter Breakfast

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Easter Worship Service

## MONDAY, April 22

Campus Closed

# Prayer Requests

## HOSPITAL:

Paul Parker, St. Joseph's

Gina Cade, St. Joseph's (Georgia Shackelford's daughter)

## SURGERY:

Apr. 11: Michele Robinson

Apr. 12: Anna Joyner

## MEMBERS:

Nellie Warren

Larry McCall

Gloria Drown

Ross Trantham

Joe Johnson

Barbara Hall

Carol Yandle

Doug Swayngim

Reba Ferguson

Matthew Ferguson is still missing.

## FAMILY & FRIENDS:

Waylon Hensley, 1 yr. old w/cancer

Danny Andrews

Ron Piercy, Morristown, TN

Ellen Widener (Melissa Hughes' mother)

Danny Widener (Melissa Hughes' step-father)

Cindy Arrington (Blyn Vidock's friend)

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

Mark Morgan (Pauline Morgan's son)

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

# APRIL 7, 2019

<u>Attendance</u>		<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings</u>	
SS	67	Weekly Need	\$ 6,698.11
Worship	109	Received	\$ 10,612.00

**\*\*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](mailto: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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# Ladies Craft Night

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12**

**5:30 TO 10:00 PM.**

**All ladies are welcome!!!**

April 12: Lesson 2 (of 4) – Scrapbooking.

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



**Monday, April 15th at 7 p.m. we'll gather at the home of Donna McCullough & Lisa Moore.**

**Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 p.m. we'll gather at the home of Jim & June Causby.**

Will you participate in one of our upcoming one-night house meeting? Prayer will be our singular purpose. There will be no food and no agenda other than connecting with one another in prayer.

II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Come to one of these opportunities, or all of them. We are going to bathe ourselves in prayer and seek the face of God. Each of you...each and every one, is invited.

### **From our Pastor of Student Life & Community Engagement~**

Last Fall the youth and I were on a retreat. Something magnificent happened when we went to share in communion together. I forgot the bread.

Often times when we take communion we have a very nice grape juice and a very nice piece of bread or the fancy wafers with the little cross in the middle of them. I find comfort in the fact that we have these elements for our communion. It seems to regiment the meaningful ceremony. But something marvelous happened when I grabbed a hamburger bun and the good grape juice that I did bring.

This occasion allowed for us to talk about how the bread is a symbol of the body of Christ, broken and shattered for us. We then took that bread and dip it in the cup that is a symbol of Christ's Blood. We took it a bit further that morning and I began to talk about how the body of Christ is now us, the Church.

We are his Body, the Church, his people. Often times, if not always when we think about it, we come to Him simple, nothing fancy, just broken pieces in need of His blood to make us meaningful and useful. As the Blood of Christ infuses into us and changes us and transfuses his power into us, we become something greater than how we arrived. We become beings with purpose.

So as we took the bun and watched the grape juice change it from ordinary to extraordinary, we got a glimpse of what God is doing inside of us if we let Him. He can take our ordinary "bun-like" lives and make them into lives with purpose.

So the question for this week is, are we dipping our lives into the blood of Christ so that we can be taken out of the ordinary and into the extraordinary? ~Phil Hall