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# Hominy Baptist Church

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

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## The Journey

### DROP-IN BABY BOY SHOWER

Saturday, August 12

for Tammy Clevinger McElroy

From 1:30 to 3:00 pm in the Ministries Center.

Tammy is the daughter of Mary Clevinger.

Tammy is registered at Target, Babies' R Us, & Amazon.



*On Sunday, August 20 please join us right after worship to bless the start of construction for the new sanctuary foyer!!*



### Friday, August 18 at 9:00am

Summer Social for the Bible Study Class taught by Chris Miller and Jerry Sutton.

ANYONE INTERESTED

IN THIS CLASS IS WELCOME.

Meet at the J & S at River Ridge.

Breakfast Special is \$5.65



### Hominy Valley Community Blood Drive

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

3:00 -7:30 pm at Hominy Baptist



American Red Cross

Please call 667-4541 or email [hominy@bellsouth.net](mailto:hominy@bellsouth.net) to schedule your appointment.

### Candler School Neighbor Day

Saturday August 19

8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.

Candler Elementary is our closest neighbor and community partner for over 125 years! Come work alongside our neighbors to strengthen our church and our community.

#### Projects Include:

- Trimming bushes and shrubs
- Pressure washing sidewalks
- Weeding/mulching flower beds
- Hauling trimmings
- Painting a fence
- Breakfast/Snack Crew
- Childcare & Room Set-up



**Be A Good Neighbor! Bring a Neighbor!**

Sunday, August 20th

### Youth Share Holders Luncheon!

The youth ministry has been doing a lot this summer. We plan on continuing to do many activities throughout the school year to engage our students and their friends. To do this we are making an effort to raise funds through a luncheon. In the hallway leading to the church library you will find a board with a lot of envelopes on it. I hope that you will pray about supporting the youth here at Hominy through generous giving above and beyond your normal tithe. Take an envelope and hand it into the office. If you feel called to support the ministry with a gift of \$50 or more before August 16th, we will be hosting a "Share Holders Luncheon" August 20th after the morning service. At this lunch, the youth will be serving a dinner and presenting what they have done over the summer.



### Candler School Staff Breakfast

Friday, August 25 at 7:00 am

We need several items and folks to help with set-up.

If you can help with juice, fruit, sweet & savory goodies, and/or your time, please contact Paul.



## ➤➤➤➤➤➤➤➤➤ DAWNINGS UPDATE

The Dawnings team would like to have your input on topics that are important to how we do ministry at Hominy! We are looking for a group of people who would like to develop and implement some questions for church members about how we engage with each other and our community. We also would like to have a group of people dream and vision about our outreach ministries into our community. If you are interested in being involved in these gatherings that will meet to talk and fellowship around these points, contact the church office, or join in one of our upcoming gatherings. On **Sunday, August 13**, folks will meet for lunch at El Chapala to discuss **reaching and engaging our community**. The following week, a group will gather at 8:00 am (**Sunday, August 20**) for breakfast at Bojangles in Candler to begin developing a **series of questions and topics** to share with the congregation for input. A third group will gather in the coming weeks to focus on **how we build up our relationships** with each other within the church. Let us hear from you if you would like to take part in these important conversations!

**I Was Just Thinking...** I don't drink alcohol. In my younger days I drank too much.....way too much. For as long as there have been governments, there have been efforts to curtail or eliminate alcohol consumption. All of them have invariably failed. There are 308 million Americans and about 7% of us are alcoholics (about 22 million). That has happened in spite of millions of public service announcements, millions of arrests, and trillions of hours of parents pleading with their children, children pleading with their parents and spouses pleading with each other.

600 years ago in India, King Aurangzeb tried to curb alcohol consumption across his vast empire. He did it in the name of his Islamic faith, declaring that to drink alcohol was thoroughly un-Islamic. In spite of the fact that you could be put to death for drinking, his was a colossal failure.

The Christian community in our own nation have opinions about alcohol consumption that are as varied as the number of people willing to hold opinions. Some believe that a little wine does the body good, just as the Good Book says. Others say that occasional social drinking of harder spirits holds no detriment. Then, there are millions of Christians who adamantly believe that to consume alcohol in any form is sinful, even an abomination.

If you've ever been to an old-time revival, you've heard strong preaching against "evil-drink." Typically the message goes something like this: "You can't be a true Christian and drink. Those who draw from the bottle are destined for hell." I've personally heard that kind of tent-revival preaching.

I didn't believe those preachers....I still don't. That kind of judgment comes from a similar adamancy to those who say "you can't be a Christian and a homosexual.....you can't be a Christian and a Democrat (yes, I've personally heard that, too)....you can't be a Christian and an adulterer." I'm so glad that judgment belongs ONLY in the hands of God. It is not my task nor is it yours to declare who God will and will not allow into His family. Aren't we glad that God is a much better judge than we?

Still, most will admit that consuming alcohol is a most horrid epidemic throughout our nation. Interestingly, in the past two years, alcohol consumption has leveled off. Professionals suggest that the reason for this is that, in that span, opioid addiction has dramatically increased. In other words, the drug of alcohol is sometimes being replaced by other drugs.

The addicted among us are to be prayed for, cared for with solid counsel and strategies made available. How sad that the loudest voices out there seem very eager to condemn the addicted, very eager to cut off government programs ("taxes better used elsewhere") aimed at curbing use and more importantly, rehabilitating the addicted. Condemnation is easy. Grace and compassion take work.

What would Jesus do with an alcoholic? Yes, anyone can be redeemed from an addicted life. However, this is especially difficult for those with no safety net beneath them. Not everyone has the family/social/educational/congregational support systems I and others benefited from. I think Jesus would wrap His glorious arms around the alcoholic and declare that His love for that individual will outlast their addiction. Jesus would be willing to sit up late hours with them as they struggle to remain sober. When they fall, Jesus would forgive them and remind them to begin again. Jesus would declare that they are more than alcoholics....they are the beloved creation of God. In fact, Jesus is already doing that. Right now He is healing wounds, holding strugglers, and believing in those most of us have written off. Man, I want to be more like Jesus. Joe



Our sympathy to Carolyn Ivey and her family in the loss of her grandson, Jamie Smith. May they have peace and understanding at this time.

Our dear friend Danny Biddix is now home from Care Partners. Although he still continues to recover, he has a way to go. Brief visits are important and needed. While his wife Joy continues to work, she would welcome anyone who is willing and able to check in on him. Please speak to Joe if you would be able to help.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:

**August 21:** Trip to Stuart Nye Factory & Lunch. Leave at 10:30 am.

**September 19:** Sunnysiders Fellowship Lunch

**October 18:** Lunch at Pisgah Inn. Coach leaves at 10:30 am.

**November 21:** Sunnysiders Thanksgiving Lunch, with a program from Jana Williams & friend.

**December 13:** Trip to Old Salem Cookie Factory (Winston Salem). Coach leaves at 9:00 am.

**December 18:** White Christmas Packing from 8:00 to 12:00, then lunch at Cracker Barrel.

*Details of above will follow in the Journey the months trips occur. For reservations call Sandra Johnson at 667-4082.*

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST Aug. 17— John 11:26

Each Thursday of month at 7:00 am. After discussion and prayer we have breakfast at the Miami Restaurant.



## STEERING COLUMN

In a few weeks (August 30) all our teachers will gather together to prepare for a new year of Sunday Bible Study. We will be looking at how we can best form healthy Christians through Bible study. We will be examining content, methods, times, and places that will be most conducive to helping the Hominy family grow spiritually stronger by connecting with God's word and each other.

I heard recently that churches need to structure Bible Study "around the people we haven't reached as much as the ones we have." Who is not engaged in learning together from Scripture and how can we help them get engaged?

One step in that process is to listen to folks who are not involved in regular Bible study. We are asking "why is Sunday Bible Study (as we know it) not working for you? What would work for you?" If you are not here on Sunday mornings please let me know how you would answer that question.

If there are people in your family and circle of friends who are not joining you in Sunday Bible Study, ask them, and be open to their answers without presenting arguments.

We really want to know, because if we are not creating effective opportunities for people to get into God's word, we are not fulfilling our responsibility as a church to "make disciples."

Take care  
Paul

## 34-WEEK BIBLE READING PLAN

**Week 30**

**Day 1** 2 Corinthians 1-7

**Day 2** 2 Corinthians 8-13

**Day 3** Ephesians

**Day 4** Phillipians

**Day 5** Colossians

**WORSHIP LEADERS:**

**Acolyte**  
Jonathan Truesdale  
**Blood Pressure**  
Jennalee Sexton  
**Children's Worship**  
Chris & Rachel Miller  
**Deacon Worship Leader**  
Stephen Swan  
**Deacon Greeter**  
Smith: Stephen Swan  
Ramp: Keith Rice  
**Invocation**  
Kay Robinson  
**Multimedia**  
Keith Rice  
**Nursery Worker**  
Arlene Whiteside  
**Security/Parking Lot Greeter**  
Donna McCulloch  
**Sound**  
Keith Rice  
**Ushers**  
Jim Causby, Bill Trexler  
\*we need two more volunteers  
**Youth Breakfast**  
Katy Pless

**Weekly Attendance Report**

Sunday School Adult Study..... 72  
DayStay Worship (Thursday)..... 24  
10:45 Worship Service..... 119

Please be aware that the church voted in conference to change the fiscal year to July 1-June 30 of each year.

**This Week's Budget Receipts**

Regular Budget ..... \$ 4,045.91  
Electronic Gifts ..... \$ 2,710.00  
Total ..... \$ 6,755.91  
Budget Receipts Year to Date ..... \$ 38,362.37

**This Week's Designated Gifts**

DayStay ..... \$ 140.00  
Church ..... \$ 2,695.85  
Total ..... \$ 3,035.85

**Budget Need**

Weekly Need ..... \$ 6,961.54  
Budget Need Year To Date ..... \$ 41,769.24  
Budget Deficit ..... -\$ 3,406.87

**In regard to financial information listed in the Journey:**

Please be aware that this is not the official financial report of the church. These are our best estimates at the time of printing. The monthly financial report is the official accounting of all church funds and has been verified by reconciled deposits. A copy of the monthly report can be obtained from the church office.

*Prayer Requests*

**HOSPITAL:**

Reva Ferguson; Munich, Germany  
Ron Piercy; Tennessee

**RECOVERING:**

Danny Biddix  
Tom Penland; Pisgah Manor, Rm F6  
Gail Wright  
Terry Honeycutt  
Ron Honeycutt  
Bettie Wright  
Mary Clark  
Betty Deweese (Cathy Russell's mother)  
Wanda Wilde (Patsy Trantham's mother)  
Nellie Warren  
Cindy Swayngim—cancer diagnosis  
Derek Bezemer  
Gloria Drown  
Don Hancock  
Larry Trimnal, cancer treatment  
Bryan Kinser, cancer (Jack & Carolyn Ferguson's son-in-law)  
Diana Johnson

**MEMBERS IN NEED OF PRAYER:**

Debra Uyeoka Emily Stewart  
Lana Elingburg Betty Sanders  
Kim Edwards Iva Lee Elingburg  
Barbara Hall Charlotte Sanders  
Jack Ferguson Joyce Zink  
Don Brinkley Don Hancock  
Nona Hancock Michele Jolly Burnette  
Renea Turner Sandy Wright  
Jody Bezemer Martha Wolfe

**CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Alicia Ybarra; cancer (Debra Uyeoka's cousin)  
Eleanor Barraza (Debra Uyeoka's mother)  
Jackie Collins, Pastor at Ridgeway  
Coach Mike Hayes  
Fred Clark (David Truesdale's step-father)

Teresa Weatherford Fowler (friend of Shirley Bate-  
man in Winter Haven, FL)  
Myra Matthews (Corinne Yelton's co-worker)  
Mary Hardin (Sheila Gee's mom, cancer)  
Evelyn Jones (Melissa Hughes' Aunt)  
Jimmy Rogers (Friend of Phil & Mallory Hall)  
Christi Gobble, (Melissa Hughes' Cousin)  
Mary Stewart (Polly Bryson's sister)  
Teresa Dzieweczynski, Stage 4 pancreatic  
cancer (friend of Jennalee Sexton)  
Devon Michael (friend of Dan McCurry)  
Highland Simmons (granddaughter of Joyce &  
Eddie Simmons)  
Tiffani Burris (Cathy Russell's daughter)  
Karen Mickey (Jennalee's Mom's neighbor)  
Courtney Fullbright (friend of Elingburg  
family)

**MILITARY PERSONEL-CHURCH FAMILY:**

Colby Alexander, US Air Force  
Nick Williams, US Marine Corps  
Levi Vess, US Marine Corps  
Seth Aaron Wright, National Guard  
Karina Padilla, National Guard  
CJ Pryce, National Guard  
Chris Rice, National Guard  
Jackson Stewart, Hargrave Military Academy

**ADULT CARE FACILITIES:**

**Heather Glen:** Judy Taylor  
**Neighborhood at Tellico Village:**  
Kitty Swayngim  
**Pisgah Manor:** Louise Gosnell  
Betty Lewis Richard Elingburg  
Bob Morris, Sr. Virginia Trexler  
Tom Penland  
**The Oaks at Sweeten Creek:**  
Clara West, Room 309  
**VA Hospital Nursing Care:** Lee Long

**THIS WEEK AT HOMINY**

**SUNDAY, August 13**

9:40 am B.L.A.S.T  
9:40 am Bible Study  
10:45 am Worship Service  
12:30 pm **Dawnings team discussion and lunch  
at El Chapala**  
2:00 pm **Open Gym**  
2:30 pm **Fitness Center Orientation**  
4:00 pm **Deacon's Meeting**  
5:00 pm **Youth to Reed's house for a pool party**

**MONDAY, August 14**

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered  
6:00 pm Community Meal @ Montmorenci

**Tuesday, August 15**

10:30 am Staff Meeting  
10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered

**WEDNESDAY, August 16**

10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered  
3:00 to 7:30 pm **Red Cross Blood Drive**

**THURSDAY, August 17**

7:00 am **Men's Prayer Breakfast**  
10:30 am Daily Bread Delivered  
11:00 am DayStay worship  
12:00 pm Pickleball  
1:00 pm **Intermediate Trip to Steadfast House;  
meet at the church at 12:30.**

**FRIDAY, August 18**

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

**SATURDAY, August 19**

8:30 am **Candler School Neighbor Day**

**SUNDAY, August 20**

8:00 am **Dawnings team breakfast and develop-  
ment meeting at Bojangles in Candler.**  
9:40 am B.L.A.S.T  
9:40 am Bible Study  
10:45 am Worship Service  
**Backpack Collection & Student Teacher Blessing**  
12:00 pm **Blessing the start of the New Foyer Addi-  
tion**  
12:00 pm **Lunch for Youth Shareholders**

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*Where  
every  
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## **CONSTRUCTION starts next week**

**Please see the  
insert for information on  
Construction Traffic, Parking,  
and Building Access.**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK MINISTRY**



Thank you to everyone who picked up a backpack on Sunday, July 30 as we kicked off our 2017 Martha's Kids' ministry. We had 30 backpacks that were adopted. Please make sure that you let Martha know that you have adopted a backpack and the grade that you're adopting.

There are school supplies in the Media Center if you want to use some of them to fill your backpack. Stop by the Media Center and pick up what you need from there. These have been donated by a church member.

Please return your backpack with all of the supplies by Sunday, August 20. We will have a blessing of the backpacks, students, and teachers that day.

If you were unable to adopt a backpack, we will likely have more available to adopt very soon.

### **Attention: Intermediates**

During VBS the Intermediates made gifts for the children at Steadfast house. We will be delivering these gifts to the children at Steadfast House on Thursday, August 17. The intermediates will meet at the church 12:30 and we will leave at 1:00 pm. After we deliver the gifts and make our visit there, we will stop and have ice cream together. Make plans to join us.

### **Youth Events**

#### **sunday funday**

August 13 we will meet at the church at 5 PM  
We will be heading over to the Reed's house  
for a pool party. We will return to the Church  
at 7:30 PM

#### **share holders lunch**

Sunday, August 20, we will be having a lunch after church.  
We need servers to serve for our youth share holders.

## Construction Traffic, Parking and Building Access

Beginning the week of August 14, safety fences will go up for construction of the new Sanctuary Foyer. Please note these changes and the illustration on the back.

The glass door entrance and the youth room entrance will be closed for the duration of construction. Sunday morning and weekday access to the office and classroom space will be through the ramp door and the door near the DayStay office.

The primary entrance for the Ministries Center will move to the Ferguson Center porch. Please do not stop at the Ministries Center front door, as that will block all traffic.

Traffic in the front lot will be limited to one lane along the front of the Ministries Center. Please observe one way, all the way, at all times.

There will be no parking in the front lot between Candler School Road and the FFLC entrance. With other church lots and Candler School lots, we still have plenty of parking and will shuttle folks as needed. Our Safety/Security team and deacons will be out on Sunday mornings to guide you to appropriate parking.

Handicap spots will be marked at the Ferguson Center and Bennett Building. Guest parking will be in the spaces on Hominy Church Rd adjacent to the front lawn. The two parking places closest to the DayStay door will be reserved for pick up and drop off on weekdays.

The area at the bottom of the ramp is reserved for pick up and drop off at all times. You will see some improvements to the ramp entrance in a few weeks.

We will be flexible as needs arise and construction shifts. We can all get excited about the beautiful new entrance with an elevator and restrooms that will make our Sanctuary a more welcoming space!

8/6/17

