



HURSTBOURNE BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ

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Ladies' Bible Study Series

Join us for this special six-week study with Beth Moore

Two Group Options:

Beginning on Tuesday, August 21 at 6:30pm, in the home of Jenny Barham

Beginning on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:30pm, in Room 218 with Emily Smith

Visit the Welcome Center for more details and to sign up!



Prayer Room

Volunteers Needed!

Sign-up sheet available in the Welcome Center

E-mail Marcia Littlefield for more details:
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Wednesday Night Activities Resume
Wednesday, August 22

5:30pm	6:30pm
Dinner	Bible Study, Prayer Meeting, Choir Rehearsal, Youth and Children's Activities

This August, join us in assisting the
LOUISVILLE RESCUE MISSION
Extending God's Mercy and service to the Louisville Homeless Community

Items Needed:
all-purpose cleaners, bleach, 39 gallon black trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper, and Bibles

Please place your donations on the table outside the library. Thank you!



Indian TEA CART

Thursdays, 6:30pm
HBC PARKING LOT

See Pastor Prasad Aghamkar for more details.



Join us in celebrating
Indian Independence Day

Patriotic Music vs Drama vs Games vs Indian Food & Chai

Organized by
Aashirwad Asian Fellowship and Hurstbourne Baptist Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 4:30 PM
Hurstbourne Baptist Church

Call or Text Prasad and Vandana at 502.377.9110
Please mention number of adults and children attending

Childcare will be provided, but all children must be registered with security tags



Happy Birthday!
August

August 18 Ken Cooper	August 22 Bob McCormack Charlotte Nation Ed Wiley Melodie Oliver	August 28 Bill Croley
August 19 Charles Heuke Vandana Aghamkar	August 23 Clarrice Campbell	August 29 Christopher Embry
August 20 Kristin Peimann	August 24 Carol Brown	August 30 Doris Barriger Dolores Duggins David Maddox
August 21 Becky Wiley	August 25 Norma Watkins Barbara Head	August 31 Bob Carpenter Johnnie Stewart



Faithful in the Interim

Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:23-25 CSB)

Jeff Smith
10:23-25 CSB)

Two of our last five years at HBC have been years without a lead pastor. Such times are always challenging for a church. There is an obvious loss of leadership coupled with the inevitable struggle to figure out the transition and chart a new way forward. Many churches wither during interim times and take a long time to recover. Some never regain their former strength.

But at HBC, I've seen some remarkable things happen during the two interims in which I've been a part. I've seen many in our church continue to trust in God and remain faithful even though they didn't know what our future would hold. I've seen church members continue to serve, give, teach, and lead. I've seen committees and teams press forward into their work, trying to pave the way for the new lead pastor instead of merely waiting on him to arrive.

I've also noticed the increased teamwork of our staff pastors during these interims. In the absence of a lead pastor, they have developed collaborative ways of working together. They have stepped in to preach, teach, lead, and counsel more frequently. And they have become more than just a pastoral staff; they have become a pastor team.

During this recent interim, I've also been very grateful for our interim pastor Doug. Over the past nine months, he has become our primary preaching pastor and an integral part of our pastor team. His advice and feedback have been invaluable, and he's been ready and willing to help the church even beyond our expectations.

Don't get me wrong; interims are still tough. I'll be glad when this one is over, and I pray we don't see another one for a long time! But I'm also praising God for the things he has done and the ways he has worked through you in these interim times.

And as we prepare for Pastor Jeremy to arrive, let's pray that we'll be even more dependent on God and follow him even more closely in the days ahead. Let's pray that God would use us even more to demonstrate the gospel in our families, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, and among the nations.

Hey, Come Over Here!



Doug Williams

As the Apostle Paul began his second missionary journey strengthening previously planted churches, he planned to travel northeast, toward modern day northern Turkey. However, the Holy Spirit forbid him to speak the word in Asia (Acts 16:6). In fact, the "Spirit of Jesus did not permit them" to go there (Acts 16:7). Instead, they traveled west toward Europe under the Lord's leading. Why? Because Paul had a vision during the night of a man in Macedonia (present day Greece), saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." (Acts 16:9).

So, immediately they concluded that the Lord was calling them to preach the gospel to them, and they went. The first city they came to was Philippi. Paul and his traveling companions went to the riverside outside of the city to find people who would be gathered there for prayer. Women were there, and as Paul shared about Jesus, God opened the heart of an influential business woman named Lydia and she believed (Acts 16:14). Paul and his team then shared with her whole family and they all believed and were baptized (Acts 16:15).

What an incredible start for this mission team as they were sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The gospel is shared for the first time on European soil and a house church is birthed. Lest one think that things always go this well, the following events take a different turn for Paul and Silas. As they continued to stay in Philippi for many more days a slave girl with a spirit of divination began following them. She continually said, "These men are bond-servants of the Most High God, who are proclaiming to you the way of salvation" (Acts 16:17).

Paul finally has enough and casts the spirit out of this girl. Her master sees that his form of profit is now gone and drags Paul and Silas before the authorities, accusing them of throwing the city into confusion by proclaiming unlawful customs (Acts 16:19-21). The authorities beat them with rods and throw them into jail. Things definitely have turned downward...or have they?

While in jail Paul and Silas sit shackled singing praises to God. Around midnight an earthquake rocks the jail and all the prison doors and shackles are unfastened (Acts 16:25-26). Fearing that the prisoners had escaped, the jailor intends to kill himself, but Paul cries out to him, saying, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here" (Acts 16:28). The jailor then asks the question of all questions—"Sirs, what must I do to be saved" (Acts 16:29)? "Believe in the Lord Jesus," Paul and Silas reply, "and you will be saved, you and your household" (Acts 16:30).

Here are a several take-aways from this visit to Philippi. First, gospel advancement relies upon the leading of the Holy Spirit. Where do we go? Just be faithful to go and trust God to lead you in where to go. Second, gospel advancement involves engaging people where they are. Go where people are gathered and engage them with the gospel. Third, share the gospel and trust God to open hearts. Ours is not the responsibility for results, but for faithfulness to share. Fourth, gospel advancement often involves opposition. Here is the bottom line, the devil does not like for us to advance the gospel. Therefore, don't be surprised when opposition arises; in fact, expect it. Last, gospel advancement, amidst opposition, often leads to opportunities for God to do the unimaginable. God can use demon possessed girls, earthquakes, and jail cells to change sinners' lives. If we will simply listen, we might hear the faint cry of someone "over there" saying, "Hey, come over here. We need your help!"

Attendance Report

Financial Report

7/22/18

7/29/18

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July 22, 2018		Budget	\$16,120.91	\$10,612.48
Sunday Morning Worship Service	280	Fred Tucker	\$30.00	
Sunday School Attendance	244	EACM		\$20.00
		Total Receipts	\$16,150.91	\$10,632.48
July 29, 2018		Weekly Budget	\$22,533.00	\$22,553.00
Sunday Morning Worship Service	293	Year to Date Budget Needed	\$1,059,037.00	\$1,081,569.00
Sunday School Attendance	241	Year to Date Budget Received	\$964,051.00	\$974,063.00
		Difference Receipts-Budget to Date	(\$94,986.00)	(\$107,506.00)

HBC Staff

Doug Williams Interim Pastor	Vince Scarbrough Family Pastor ext. 315
Jeff Smith Administration and Discipleship Pastor ext. 313	Chase Grubb Student Pastor ext. 308
Chuck Lewis Worship Pastor ext. 316	Prasad Aghamkar South Asian Missions Pastor ext. 321
Cody Truett Worship Associate	
Michael Dow Maint. Supervisor	Carolyn Holm Administrative Services Manager ext.305
David Parker Custodian	
Sandra McCormack Worship and Music Assistant	Christy Fuller Communications Coordinator ext.302
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