

The Journey

HOMINY BAPTIST CHURCH

May 2024

EASTERTIDE 2024

March 31 - May 12

LOVE



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our newly elected members of the Hominy Baptist Church Board of Deacons who will begin their Deacon service on July 1, 2024.

They are as follows:

Jim Causby, Tonya Cupples, Rickie Hall, Kody Joyner, Charles Kirby, Corinna Lewis, Bud Taylor and Gloria Trexler.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
DEACON ORDINATION ON MAY 5th.**

Pentecost Sunday

MAY 19, 2024

Please wear red to worship if you want!

Children's
Pentecost
Processional

(meet Pastor Melissa in the foyer of the sanctuary before worship to participate!)



Parent & Child Dedication

Sunday, May 12 2024

If you would like to participate in the Parent & Child Dedication service, please call the church office.

And He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them, and blessed them.

Mark 10:16



Hominy Welcomes Everyone

We are a unique family of faith who loves people for who they are and where they are. We value love over labels and community over categories. None of us are perfect, God extends grace to us all. Because of what Christ has done for us, we see no need to pretend to be anything other than who we are. You see, as it turns out, Hominy is not a place.

We are a people who belong to God. In God's name, we welcome you.

SUNDAYS

9:30 am Children's Choir ~Located in the Choir Room
Ages 3—Grade 6

9:45 am Bible Study for all ages.

Children (Grade K-6) ~Located in the Children's Hall

Youth (Grades 7-12) ~Located in the Youth Room

Adult 1: Piercy-Ready Class ~Located in the Bennett Assembly

Adult 2: Paul and Melissa's Class ~Located in the FFLC Classroom

11:00 am Worship Service

Nursery is provided for ages 0 to Pre-K, during Bible Study and Worship.

Located in the Children's Hall.

THIS MONTH'S SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LEADERS

• Deacon Offertory Prayer Leader

- 5 Earl Shelton
- 12 Patsy Trantham
- 19 Doug Williams
- 26 Cheryl Wolfe

Nursery

- 5 Michele Robinson
- 12 Laura Church
- 19 Terra Pittman
- 26 Caroline Hall

Deacon Greeter (Ramp Door)

- 5 Katie Kestner
- 12 Katy Pless
- 19 Earl Shelton
- 26 Patsy Trantham

Ushers

- 5 Jim Causby, Phil Martin, Jeff Church
- 12 Joe Johnson, Jacob Yelton, Joey Reed, Jackson Reed
- 19 Caleb McCulloch, Ken Camp, Mike, River and Reece Sexton
- 26 Jim Causby, Phil Martin, Jeff Church

Sound Technician

- 5 Greg Hughes
- 12 Kevin McDaniel
- 19 Robert Joyner
- 26 River Sexton



If you are interested in being a Sound Technician, Usher, or working in the Nursery on Sunday mornings, please let the church office know. We'd love to have you!



Tithes & Offerings

Please give online at

hominybaptist.com/giving

May each of our gifts of money, time,

| Date | Received |
|----------|----------|
| March 24 | \$ 4,922 |
| March 31 | 4,546 |
| April 7 | 1,785 |
| April 14 | 7,365 |

This is not the official financial report of the church, these are estimates at the time of printing.

Hospital

Ron Honeycutt—Fisher House, Walter Reed
Robert DeLeau—Mission
Baby Lilly—NICU in SC (cousin of Katy Pless)

Recovering/Treatment

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Anna Joyner | Bob Rhodes |
| Danny Biddix | Donna Trimnal |
| Janet Meadows | Jeannie Roberts |
| Jodi Kortman | Judy Mashburn |
| Kathy Hawkins | Linda Foster |
| Pat Trimnal | Terra Pittman |
| Walter Russell | |

Surgery

May 1 Mary Hudgins
May 14 Nikki Daves

Members

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alvin Hall | Blyn Vidock |
| Carolyn Morris | Carolyn Ferguson |
| Carolyn Ivey | Don Hancock |
| Earl Pegram | Emily Stewart |
| Ernestine Moody | Gloria Drown |
| Greg West | Iva Lee Elingburg |
| Jan Alexander | Jeff Cupples |
| Karen Morgan | Kelly Rose |
| Maggie Almand | Mary Clark |
| Mary Helderman | Matthew Ferguson |
| Nancy Shook | Pat Stillwell |
| Polly Bryson | Ricky Lockhart |
| Sandra Johnson | Sheila Hand |
| Steve Morgan | |

Family and Friends

Amy Osborne (Kourtney Yelton's SIL)
Anne Boyd—Hospice (Brittany Heitz's mom)
Barbara Kirby (Charles Kirby's mother)
Bobby Honeycutt (Heather Honeycutt's husband)
Christi Gobble (1st Cousin of Melissa Hughes)
Christine Joyner (Robert Joyner's mother)
Cora Shelton (Pauline Powell's sister)
Dale King (Friend of Janice Squire)
David Yelton—cancer treatment (Joe Yelton's brother)
Donna Raybon (Paul's sister-in-law)
Jan Kidwell (Gloria Trexler's sister)

Family and Friends continued

Jason Bennett (Carolyn Ferguson's grandson)
Judy Dills (friend of Lisa Bryson)
Keith Shepherd (Joe Yelton's brother-in-law)
Margaret (sister of Gloria Trexler)
Nancy Baker (Donna Trimnal's mother)
Phyllis Hardin (Earl Shelton's sister)
Ray Hall (Carolyn Ferguson's brother)
Russell Rudell (Janice Squire's nephew)
Sean Deines (son of Jeff and Tonya Cupples)
Susan Barnes (Christian Donaldson's mom)
Taylor and Casey Camp
Tim Clark (brother of Terry Clark)
Tricia Veller (Paul Raybon's sister)
Vertie Littlejohn (Kourtney Yelton's great aunt)

Adult Care Facilities

Greentree/Weaverville: Gene Hall
Harmony at Reynolds Mtn: Phyllis Roberts
Pisgah Villas: Mary Clark, Norma Barfield
Silver Bluff: Bill Stewart

College Students

AB Tech: Kaeddin Dominguez, Garrett Carter, Ty West
Elizabeth City State: Jeremy Martin
Forsyth Tech: Ash Hughes
Guilford Tech: Bentlee Chockley
UNC Asheville: Molly Jackson, Bryanna Johnson
UNC Greensboro: Cassie Pless, Kaemon Dominguez
UNC Wilmington: Kira Stokoe
UNC Chapel Hill: Elizabeth Anderson, Meredith Anderson
WCU: Brody Wise, Jonathan Taylor, Erik Berger, Zach Rice

Military Family

Air Force: Colby Alexander, Kayla Stokoe
Army: Jackson Stewart, Tanner Smith, Seth Wright
Coast Guard: Marc Todd
Marine Corps: Levi Vess, Tyler Bennett
National Guard: Karina Padilla, CJ Pryce

LAUNCHING YOUNG ADULTS



Using Love and Logic to help them fly
Wednesdays April 24 and May 1
6:30 pm



**Beginning in
May we'll have
*Refreshments on
the Front Lawn*
following
worship!**

If you are interested in
providing
refreshments on the
front lawn after
worship one Sunday,
contact Monica in the
church office at
828-667-4541 or
[office@
hominybaptist.com](mailto:office@hominybaptist.com).

Spring HYMN JAM

Bring a chair or blanket
BYOI (bring your own instrument and join in!)

Sunday, May 5, 5:00 pm
Hominy Baptist Church front lawn

Hominy Child Care Appreciation Day

Sunday, May 19, 2024
11:00 am

We will recognize our teachers and staff and the children from Child Care will be singing in worship. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special service. We will have special refreshments on the front lawn following the service.



Transformation Village Dinner Wednesday, May 1

If you'd like to help with the meal by preparing a food item and/or serving dinner for the folks at Transformation Village (TrV), please contact Charles or Pat Kirby.

Email: cdkirby@hotmail.com **Phone:** 828-674-8644

If you'd like to help with activities for the women, please contact Julie Ball at juliecball@gmail.com

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!



JAIL MINISTRY PRAYER TIME AT HOMINY BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, May 4, 2024
9:30 am -- 11:00 am
FFLC Classroom

Join us for a time of dedicated prayer with ABCCM Chaplain Vanessa James, and others who gather monthly to pray for the inmates and officers at the Buncombe County Jail.

Paint Party! Women's Ministry Friday, May 10 at 6:30 pm Monthly Birthday Party & Paint Night



FOOD:

Salad Night -- Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share! This could be any kind of salad, hot or cold! We can't wait to try your favorite!

ACTIVITY:

Paint Night with Kourtney -- The cost will be \$10.00 if you want to paint.

There will also be an activity to support the women of Transformation Village for those who won't be painting.

If you have any Bingo prizes for TrV, be sure to bring them.



Come and join us

Pray for each other!!!



Starnes-Grogan Circle Group Meeting

**Monday, May 13
at 12:00**

We will be meeting at the church, in the FFLC large classroom.

Class of 2024 Graduate Sunday June 2

Please send us the names of those who are graduating from High School or College.

We would love to celebrate them during worship on Sunday, June 2.

Email office@hominybaptist.com or call 828-667-4541



CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 pm

Introduction of 2024-25 Ministry Budget

Mountain Mondays

Mondays this Summer Lunch Provided
Meet at HBC @10

Local Hikes & Fellowship

Contact Kevin for more info
kevin@hominybaptist.com

coffee break
BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10:00 am
in the Welcome Center

Bring your Bible (and your caffeine of choice) and break up your week with time in fellowship & Scripture.

Hominy Baptist Church
PraiseMakers
MUSIC AND ARTS CAMP 2024

*Great
Big
God*

SAVE THE
DATE!

June 24-27
9 am - 12 pm

BEYOND OUR DREAMS

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

\$25 (includes camp t-shirt)

For rising Kindergarteners
through rising 6th graders

Register at hominybaptist.com/praisemakers

*Through the gathering
of believers, God meets our
deep need for community
and through us He carries
out His mission.
We are better together.*

A gift to our community
**FERGUSON FAMILY
LIFE CENTER**

\$24 annual user fee

To use the Fitness Center or Gym please request an orientation/key fob at

hominybaptist.com/ferguson-family-life-center



GOD'S WORK
through
OUR HANDS

**Wednesday Nights @6
Youth Study on
New Life in Christ**

Christ is risen...

**But what does that mean
for us?**



Meet Our Field Personnel

because presence matters



Karen Alford, Togo (West Africa)

Karen is partnering with the Mission Christian pour le Development Communautaire au Togo (MCDCC). Nearly 81.2% of Togo's rural population lives under the global poverty line. This makes Togo one of the world's poorest countries. Child welfare is a huge issue. The need is tremendous: high levels of malnutrition, maternal death, malaria and infectious diseases due to lack of hygiene, and yet the government is doing almost nothing to address these issues. Karen works with healthcare workers and clinics to provide medical and health services to the surrounding communities.

Chaouki and Maha Boulos, Beirut, Lebanon

The ministry of the Bouloses in Lebanon and other areas of the Middle East is multi-faceted. It includes refugee assistance, church planting, orphanage support, "Celebrate Jesus" rallies, work through a christian conference center, and christian family relief. More than 120 children attend a 2-day church camp each year as part of the Boulos's ministry. Their refugee assistance includes free food packages as well as free medical and dental care.



David and Lauren Bass, Cambodia

David and Lauren minister alongside the Cambodia Baptist Union in its dramatic church planting efforts. Through pastor training programs and opportunities for economic development, the Basses endeavor to help equip Cambodian pastors to sustainably engage their communities. David and Lauren are excited to partner with the Cambodia Baptist Union as the church planting movement in Cambodia matures from new and dynamic to deep and sustainable.

Nell Green, Rock Hill, SC

After 26 years of field service with CBF in Miami, Brussels, and Houston, Nell is working to help facilitate a culture where mission flourishes by engaging with Field Personnel, ministry partners, and churches to strengthen the Offering for Global Missions and related projects for a new generation of Fellowship Baptists. Nell uses networking skills and a passion for marketing and promotion to benefit all of CBF's Field Ministries.



DayStay

*Active aging and
social engagement*

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

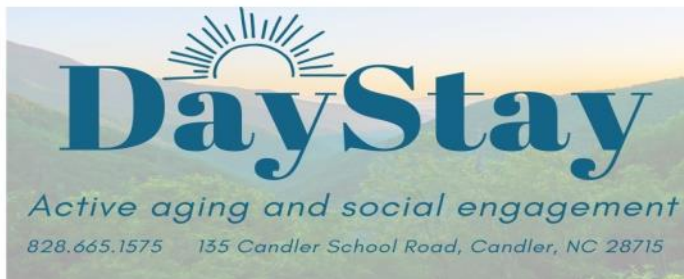
9:30 am - 3:30 pm

We hope you will join us for
lunch, games, crafts, music, fun, and laughter!

828.665.1575

DayStay's purpose is to provide weekday socialization for active aging adults living in or near western Buncombe and eastern Haywood counties of North Carolina. The program is designed to foster group socialization and interaction, support the dignity and self-esteem of each individual, as well as to provide affordable respite care.

ACCEPTING NEW CLIENTS



SUPPLIES NEEDED!

- Decaf Coffee
- Decaf Tea
- Breakfast Snacks
- Paper Towels
- Sugar Free Cookies
- Handsoap
- Sugar
- Lysol/Clorox Wipes

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Volunteer to call Bingo, play cards, or help with crafts.
- Volunteer to sing, play musical instruments, or share other talents with our participants.
- Sponsor a participant to come to DayStay at \$20 per day/\$60 per week.



The DayStay staff and Board are busy planning for
Bluegrass and BBQ on May 18th.

We need your help making this a successful fundraiser for DayStay. Take a look at the list of opportunities to volunteer and support this program below. There is something for everyone!

- *Sponsorships* - you can sponsor or help spread the word about sponsorship opportunities
- *Ticket Sales* - before and day of the event
- *Advertising* - help us spread the word about Bluegrass and BBO
- *Servers* - help with food prep, serving lines, or be a dining room host
- *Pound Cakes, Cookies and Brownies* - calling all bakers! We need your help with dessert. Let us know if you are willing to bake a dessert for the event.
- *Set Up/ Clean Up* - and of course we can always use help before and after the event

If you can help, please contact DayStay at 828-665-1575 or daystayashevillenc@gmail.com.

VBS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark Your Calendars!!
July 22-25, 2024
More info coming soon!

Rev Kev's Confessions

Hey y'all, I have a confession to make. I love a good quote. I have several word documents scattered across several tablets, computers, and phones of good quotes that I have collected over the years. The quotes often come from movies, TV shows, books, songs, and podcasts. But the quotes that I tend to hold most dear are the ones that I have gathered over the years from friends and family.

My mom offered many humorous lines over the years, most of them I can't repeat in a church newsletter. She also came up with some creative ways of telling my sister, brother, and myself that we were annoying her but still loved us. One of her most used lines was the empty threat, "I'm gonna knock ya in the head and kill ya!"

Quotes from dad always came across as proverbs. Wise sayings that didn't register too much in my younger years but now ring true in my life as a father. "If you lose your cool, you lose your edge," was a repeated refrain in my hot-headed, overly-competitive days in youth sports that now provides helpful insight to dealing with some wild boys.

One quote that I have picked up from Laura's family came to me from her grandfather by way of my father-in-law. "We're blessed to death and don't have enough sense to know it." And ain't that just the truth.

Luckily for me, I am surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" that remind me over and over again how blessed I am. Not with their words, but by the way they love. I'm blessed with a wonderful and supportive family. And we're blessed by a church that never ceases to remind me of my blessing in the way that you love us and our community. I count myself blessed not only to attend here but to come work and serve here everyday. Thank you for the incredible blessing y'all are to us and to our community, and I pray you have enough sense to know how blessed you are to be a part of this special place.

~Rev Kev

Family Matters

On May 24, 2024, my mom will have been in Heaven for one year. It's hard to believe it's been that long already. The past year has been filled with sweet memories, sadness, anger, and even some denial. I have heard her voice in someone else and wondered if I was dreaming. Sometimes it still seems like she's living in Sparta again and I can just call her anytime I want. There have been numerous times when I needed an answer to something and thought about picking up the phone to call her, and then realizing I couldn't.

I have been through all the stages and maybe a few that aren't on the list of "normal" things that happen. I am reading a book on grief and Steve Case said something to this effect: Even though we all grieve, we each have our own road to travel. I have learned that everyone grieves differently, and no one does it wrong (unless you're using drugs and alcohol or something else to deaden the pain). Grief is personal and the price of love is always grief. If you love someone dearly, then you're going to grieve deeply.

I want to make sure that I honor my mom and that people don't forget her. She made an impact on everyone she met. She was opinionated, loving, caring, smart, faithful, kind, and passionate about her Savior. She was my hero and the strongest woman I've ever known. She lived through some very difficult times with lots of grace and love. I want to be like her. I will keep trying and I will not forget what she taught me.

One day I will see her again and that will be a glad reunion day. Until then, I pray that I can become the woman she taught me to be. More importantly, and something my mom would want even more, I can become the person that GOD wants me to be!

If you're missing someone, how do you live out their legacy? We are all here on this earth for a purpose and the greatest thing we can do to honor those who have gone before us is to be the person God desires. That's the greatest gift we can give to ourselves and to those who gave gone before us. The tears still flow when I think of her, but I do not grieve as those who have no hope, for my hope is in Jesus. Thankfully, I also know that if anyone is in Heaven, it's my mama, and that gives me great hope!

Blessings ~Melissa

Steering Column

We are entering a season of family celebrations: Mother's Day, graduations, concerts, recitals, and tournaments, Memorial Day (often a time for family reunions), weddings and anniversaries, and of course Father's Day. My pastors growing up would often take the weeks between Mother's Day and Father's Day as an opportunity to preach on "Christian Family." These days you would have to preach the same sermon four times in order for everyone to hear it!

We live in a time when other family celebrations often take precedence over being in worship with our church family. We live in a time when our work lives have expanded beyond 8 hours a day 5 days a week, so time with family is precious, I get that. We live in a time when our ability and desire to "get away" as often as possible had inflated, I get that. We live in a time when the craziness of our world makes time with our loved ones a necessity. I get that.

I also get that worshipping with our families is a blessing that strengthens our family ties. I also know that worshipping with our families shapes lives for generations. I also know that although worshipping together will not guarantee a happy home life, it can give you the strength to get through your world falling apart.

So go on vacation, take that weekend away, but remember, the best way to strengthen your family is worshipping and serving your God with your church family, more often than not.

Take Care ~Paul

Memories Of Dr. Dan McCurry

The Spanish language book, *Lo Cubano En La Poesia* by Cintio Vitier has been placed in the Hominy Baptist Church Library in memory of Dr. Dan McCurry. It is given by La Nueva Ebenezer Iglesia Bautista (The New Ebenezer Baptist Church) in Cuba.

Dan left materials reflecting his great interest in the Cuban people and some of those can be found in a notebook labeled Cuba on the shelf in the Heritage Room of the library.

Also, the many songs (the ones we have found) written by Dan are in alphabetical order in a plastic tub labeled Dan McCurry's Songs. Within that tub is a notebook containing but a small part of Dan's amazing life, the varied interests he had, and the numerous contributions he made.



In observance of Memorial Day, the Church Office and Child Care will be closed on Monday, May 27th.



Hominy Baptist Church

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

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DayStay's BLUEGRASS & BBQ

Saturday, May 18, 2024

3:00 pm -- 7:00 pm

\$10.00/adults \$5.00/children

Tickets are available in DayStay, the church office, or buy
online at www.hominybaptist.bluegrass-bbq

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