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Happy Anniversary

10-09 Truett & Anita Abbott
10-27 Dale & Leslie Arnold

* Please call the Church Office if your anniversary is not listed.

Happy Birthday

10-03 Johnny Morris	10-22 Ashlyn Knight
10-06 Stephanie Lewis	10-23 Bob Brown
10-08 Candace Schumann	10-23 Emily Adams White
10-09 Andrea Willis	10-24 John McClellan
10-13 Jennifer Britt	10-28 Ragen Truitt
10-16 Linda Eckenroth	10-29 Mark Whitaker
10-17 Kelly Lonergan	10-30 Wilkes Cooper
10-20 Mark Barrs	10-31 Nancy Lewis
10-20 Pat Cook	10-31 Margaret Wilkes

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Deacon of the Month

Bob Brown
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FINANCIALS
as of September 27, 2020

Actual Expenses YTD \$261,237
Actual Received YTD \$289,635

CONNECTIONS



October 2020

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our Vision:
To glorify God through loving Him and serving others

Our Mission Statement:

A Faith Family helping to make and develop mature disciples of Jesus Christ

This past Sunday we began our fall sermon series entitle *The Calling: Lessons from the Life of Elijah*. As I stated in my sermon this past week, Elijah is widely regarded as one of the most important figures in Israel's history. Now, that is not to take away from the likes of Moses, David, or Esther. Still, the work that God called Elijah to do amongst Israel was both difficult and necessary. Prior to Elijah's work, Israel had been led astray by their king and they had lost their devotion to God. They were wavering between worship of God and Baal. Elijah's job was to remind Israel that Yahweh is the one true God and then lead them back into their covenant relationship with Him.

As I've studied Elijah's life over the last few weeks I've been reminded of just how easily we are led astray. Sometimes we are led astray by our friends or family members. Other times we may be led astray by celebrities or, as in the case of Israel, our nation and world leaders. But, as we see time and time again in Israel's history, we serve a God whose love for us leads Him to send prophets and eventually Christ himself to earth to call us back to himself. The more I think about it, the more I realize that our God is a sending God. He is a God who sent prophet after prophet to Israel to bring them back to himself. He is a father who sent his only son to earth to redeem all of humanity. And, as I think of the reasons why God is a sending God, it seemingly comes down to one thing, we are in need of redirection. We are in need of redemption. Because we are so easily led astray, God needs to remind us, just as Elijah reminded Israel, that He alone is God. But, this isn't the only reason God is a sending God. He also sends because he is a loving God. Even though we waver and are inconsistent, God still sent Christ. We are still his beloved. Perhaps the apostle Paul said it best when he said, "But God proves his love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

As we move through this month may we each be reminded of God's unfailing love for each of us!

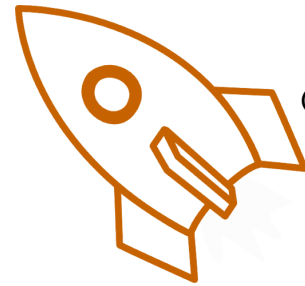
*Press on!
Carson*

Church News

Harlem Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the huge donation of water bottles for our school! They have been a tremendous help making sure the kids have their own. We appreciate you partnering with us and look forward to working with you again soon!

Valerie Allen &
Grovettown Elementary Faculty



B.L.A.S.T.

Resumes Sunday
October 11, 2020
11:00am

YOUTH

MINISTRY

Resumes Wednesday
October 14, 2020
6:45pm

HBC-Adult Choir Christmas 2020 Schedule

Rehearsals will be socially distanced in the Sanctuary. Masks are suggested, but not required.

Sunday, October 18
2-4PM

Sunday, November 8
2-4PM

Wednesday, November 18
7:45PM

Wednesday, December 2
7:45PM

Wednesday, December 16
7:45PM

Song List:

Nov 15-How Great the Name
Nov 29-He Shall Reign Forevermore
Dec 6-Glory Hallelujah
Dec 13-This is Christmas
Dec 20-Adore



God has always had a people. Many a foolish conqueror has made the mistake of thinking that because he had forced the church of Jesus Christ out of site, he had stilled its voice and snuffed out its life, but **God has always had a people.** The powerful current of a rushing river is not diminished because it is forced to flow underground. No – the purest water is the stream that burst crystal clear into the sunlight after having forced its way through solid rock. There have been charlatans who, like Simon the Magician, sought to barter on the open market that power which cannot be bought or sold, but **God has always had a people.** Men who could not be bought, and women who were beyond purchase. **God has always had a people.** There have been times of affluence and prosperity when the church's message has been nearly deluded into oblivion by those who sought to make it socially attractive, neatly organized, and financially profitable, but **God has always had a people.** Yes, it's been gold plated, draped in purple and encrusted with jewels. It has been misrepresented, ridiculed, lauded, scorned, but **God has always had a people.** And these followers of Jesus Christ have been, according to the whim of the times, elevated as sacred leaders and martyred as heretics. **Yet through it all, there marches on that powerful army of the meek. God's chosen people who cannot be bought, flattered, murdered, or stilled. On through the ages they march, the church! God's church triumphant!**

Listen child of God, **it's alive!** Discouraged pastor, it's His church and **it's still alive.** Lonely missionary, sow that seed with confidence, **the church is still alive.** Old saint, you're not alone or forgotten. **The church is still alive.** It's alive my broken-hearted friend, **it's still alive.** Busy mothers, just keep trusting in Jesus, **the church is alive.** And faithful Fathers, there's rest in the Lord. **The church, God's church, is still alive!** So family of God lift your hands, lift your hands and praise the Lord. **The church, God's church triumphant is alive, alive and well!**

Excerpt from *The Church Triumphant*
as performed by the Gaither Vocal Band

-Rebekah



The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:56-58

Big, exciting news! Family ministry activities and programming are shifting back to resume somewhat of a "normal" schedule this month. While nursery has been active during Sunday morning worship services since we resumed on May 31st, on Sunday October 11th, we are adding back our BLAST Children's worship for ages 4 – 5th grade. And on Wednesday night, October 14th, we are resuming with our normal Youth group meetings from 6:45pm-8:00pm. A major shout-out of gratitude to the many volunteers in all 3 of these vital ministries (nursery, BLAST, youth) that are included under the umbrella of HBC Family Ministry.

As we begin to progress, move forward, and look ahead into the near future in the life of our church body, I am reminded of the above Scripture passage. The last six months have been difficult for so many of us. Unexpected obstacles, circumstances, and problems have surfaced and brought uncertainty with them. The year 2020 has certainly brought the sting. But... there is a "but". **But thanks be to God.** Why? Because verse 56 makes it clear – God has given us victory through His son, Jesus. While we might not feel victorious right now, if our lives are secured in Christ's, the believer knows nothing of defeat. Temporary setbacks, but eternal victory. We can take heart – knowing that the difficult path we have trod in recent months is already being redeemed and re-purposed for our benefit by a loving, powerful God. And the work we have done and will continue to do... it is not in vain. It is for the Lord. I'm not sure if I'm explaining all this as well as I would like, but as I meditate on this short passage, I find such encouragement. As the HBC Faith Family, let us all press on together, fully going about our work for the Lord. And as we do, as we begin this tricky path back to "normal" we can do so knowing God gives us victory. In a time when we all need victory.

-Evan

MEN'S MINISTRY GOLF OUTING



Saturday, October 3, 2020
at
8:30 AM

Rocky Branch Golf Club
4711 Double Branches Road
Lincolnton, GA 30817

Join the men of HBC for a golf event.
Sign up at the FLC. For more information see Evan Powell.



DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are asking for donations for individually packaged food items to help with Saturday Sacks for students at North Harlem Elementary. You can bring them to the FLC on Sunday mornings or drop them off at the church office between the hours of 9am-4pm, Monday through Thursday.

Items Needed:

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| -Cereal | -Chips | -Oatmeal |
| -Pop Tarts | -Juice Box | -Cookies |
| -Fruit Bars | -Fruit Snacks | -Applesauce |
| -Macaroni and Cheese | -Pudding | -Fruit Cups |
| -Vienna Sausage | -Jello | |
| -Ravioli | -Grits | |