



## CALENDAR

Jan 2	Sunday School Morning Worship <i>Guest Speaker: Rev. Jody Long</i>	9:45AM 11:00AM
Jan 5	AWANA Resumes Youth OASIS January Praise Team Practice	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM 8:00PM
Jan 9	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon Bridal/Baby Shower for Sofia Piorkowski	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM 2-5PM
Jan 12	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
Jan 16	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM
Jan 19	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
Jan 23	Sunday School Morning Worship Church Luncheon	9:45AM 11:00AM 12:15PM
Jan 26	AWANA Youth OASIS	6:15PM 6:45PM 6:45PM
Jan 30	Sunday School Morning Worship Baby Shower for Lyndy Moorhead	9:45AM 11:00AM 2-4PM

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Happy Anniversary



01-23 Chris & Tiffany Gurley  
01-26 Terry & Carol Carter

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Happy Birthday

01-04 Kathy Maherrey	01-18 Taylor Allen
01-04 Mary Bradford	01-25 Kathy Holley
01-04 Gary Wilkes	01-26 Parks Ellis
01-08 Casey Allen	01-26 Christopher Hummel
01-10 Benjie Moore	01-27 Kyle Knight
01-14 Tiffany Gurley	01-28 Preston Ellis
01-16 Amber Lewis	
01-17 Terry Cooper	
01-18 Kelly Hawkinberry	

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### Deacon of the Month

Gary Holley  
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### FINANCIALS

as of December 27, 2021

Actual Expenses YTD \$ 351,016  
Actual Received YTD \$ 386,415

# CONNECTIONS

January 2022



## 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

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." ~ Isaiah 43:19*

When I think about the New Year this is one of those verses that often comes to mind. The start of the New Year represents so much to so many of us. It's a time where we strive to turn over a new leaf. We make new commitments. We set new goals and make new plans. However, many of us are not able to meet these goals. Life happens, things don't go according to plan, and our new commitments and goals fail. Certainly this can be discouraging. So how do we overcome this? How do we successfully reach our goals in the New Year?

The past two years have been trying. 2020 was bad for most everyone and 2021 may have been some better, but it also came with its share of hardships. While I would love to write these two years off as a loss and move on, I believe that even in the bad God was achieving something beautiful in our lives. God was at work!

We've just finished the Christmas season and I've spent time thinking and reading about Mary and the hope that was birthed in her. In my reading I've been challenged to consider what God has birthed in me in the past couple of years. What has God birthed in you in the past couple of years? This may sound like an odd question, but I think it's an important question. Now, I won't pretend to know what it feels like to give birth. But, what I do know is that birth is filled with a lot of different things. It's filled with anticipation and hope. It's filled with pain. It's hard and messy. And in the end, the result of birth is new life. However this new life requires a great deal from us. The work doesn't end when the baby is born. In many ways, it's just beginning.

So, again I ask, what has God birthed in you in the past year or two? Maybe it was a child. Perhaps it is a new job, venture, or passion. Maybe it's a relationship or opportunity. To be candid, answering this question is hard work in and of itself. But it's good work that can help us as we make new commitments, set new goals, and dream new dreams for 2022. When our commitments and goals are rooted in God's past work in us, meeting those goals suddenly becomes much more attainable. Why? Because we are joining God on the work that he has already started doing in our lives. We are working *with* God! So, once we've figured out what God has already birthed in us we can create resolutions that will nurture that new thing in our lives.

As we begin to move forward in 2022 I pray that we can do so with a solid understand of what God has birthed in us. May we commit to nurture that new thing that God has already been doing in us! Happy New Year!

*Press on!  
Carson*

## Church News

### B.L.A.S.T



BLAST will NOT meet January 2nd, but will meet on January 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

**YOUTH**  
MINISTRY

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**AT 6:45PM**

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER  
IN HONOR OF

*Lyndey Moorhead*

JAN 30TH 2-4PM

HOSTED IN THE FLC  
CLASSROOM

Registry:  
Amazon

*Bridal  
& Baby Shower*  
**SOPHIA PIORKOWSKI**

January 9th  
2-5PM

Sophia is registered at Amazon

HBC,

I would like to thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful church for Chase's funeral. It was perfect!

Thanks and God Bless You All!  
Cynthia Wheelless and Family

### HBC LUNCHEON



January 9 — Grilled Chicken and Fixings

January 16 — Hamburger Steaks and Fixings

January 23 — Pork Loin and Fixings



As the Christmas season was drawing to a close, I stumbled onto this new Advent song that I had never heard before. It was one of those moments that just moves you beyond words. There is so much I could say about the last few months, so many ways that God has proven Himself. And it leaves me feeling almost breathless with how unworthy I truly am to have received this beautiful love, this Grace-filled life – simply because He is God and He loves me. I fail Him in so many ways and yet His love never waivers. Through circumstances, my family, the people of this Church, and others, God has met every need - even when I found myself too weary to do the bare minimum in so many areas of life. God has been faithful to meet with me in the gap. So as I heard this song, I was reminded that it is always, only God that fills in the space between what we can do and what we need. He is both the thirst and the stream; the hunger and the provision; the tossing waves and the peaceful shore. So even though I will let Him down at times, He will continue to say to me: Come. Christ is born. For you. For me. Christ is born. Just come.

O come, all you unfaithful  
Come, weak and unstable  
Come, know you are not alone  
O come, barren and waiting ones  
Weary of praying, come  
See what your God has done  
Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you  
O come, bitter and broken  
Come with fears unspoken  
Come, taste of His perfect love  
O come, guilty and hiding ones  
There is no need to run  
See what your God has done  
Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you

He's the Lamb who was given  
Slain for our pardon  
His promise is peace  
For those who believe

So come, though you have nothing  
Come, He is the offering  
Come, see what your God has done  
Christ is born, Christ is born  
Christ is born for you

\*O Come, All You Unfaithful (By  
Sovereign Grace Music)

-Rebekah

### Women's Ministry:

Dear HBC family,

Happy 2022!!

We are certainly a blessed faith family and one who knows what it means to reach out and minister to those around us.

I know I have said it before but the women in our sewing ministry appreciate so much the contributions that were made to our pillow project. Thank you to the JE Cook class for your monetary gift. We put it to good use. This group of ladies desires to make our projects a ministry to some group each month. When we meet, we have a project in mind and we get busy. Some of us are more talented than others but we all work together with one purpose in mind. This ministry was started because one young lady came to me and said "I've been thinking about something our women's ministry could do!" Look what has happened!

If you have something on your heart that you would like to see our ladies do; please speak up. Let's take the challenge our pastor gave us: "As Christ followers we are to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to the world."

Let your Light shine for Jesus in 2022!

Blessings,  
Kathy ☀️



A new year can usher a whole **heap** of "new" into our lives. It's not just a new calendar... It's new hopes, new dreams, new fears, and possibly even a new direction in our lives. As I think more closely about my own life, I know 2022 will bring many questions with it too. *What all will happen in our family this year? What projects might we take on around the house? How much longer will my Ford Expedition hold up? Will UGA win a championship this year? When will Covid just leave us all alone?* ...I have a feeling I'm not alone. Some of you might have apprehensions about what this New Year will bring as well. *Will I finally get that promotion at work? How many more Christmases will I be able to spend with my parents? Will this be the year that I renew my relationship with that relative? Can I finally get out of debt this year? And of course When will Covid just leave us all alone?*

It is natural for us to look forward and feel uncertainty about what is on the horizon. But in light of these questions we all have, New Year's is also an important time of the year for us to look backward and acknowledge what God has done for us; to recognize, celebrate, and worship Him for His continued faithfulness. Let New Year's serve as a reminder of all that God has done for us in the past --- and what He will continue to do in the future. God can handle every question that enters my heart, every concern, worry, or anxiety that troubles my mind, and His mercy and grace are also constant – they can and will be applied to my ever-present sin.

There is no question that our lives and our world have changed so much over the past two years. And change will continue to happen. But God is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. God is the same in 2020, as in 2021, as He will be in 2022. He is on His throne. And Because He lives, we can face what tomorrow, and this New Year, will bring with it. So may we all resolve to walk with Him, proclaiming that we desperately need Him in all that we do, having assurance that the whole world is in His hands.

-Evan

Dear Church family,

I hope that this letter finds you well and that you had a wonderful holiday season. I wanted to send each of you a huge "thank you!" for the love and support that you have shown me and my family throughout the last several months. Even now, I feel at a loss for words at the kindness that has been shown to us. As someone who prides himself on his ability to work and provide, these past weeks have been humbling and a wakeup call of sorts. I have come to truly understand God as our Provider, so often through the love of other believers. He has graciously put us in a place where people really care, and where serving others is a way of life. So, for now, all I have is Thank You. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for the phone calls and texts. Thank you for the wonderful gifts. These things mean more to me than you could ever know. I pray I will have the opportunity to bless your lives in the future, as you most certainly are blessings to my family and me.

In Christ,  
Daniel Dickerson