



# *The Beacon*



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*Mission Statement: "Our mission is to love God, love people, and make disciples of Jesus Christ."*



# FALL FESTIVAL



On Wednesday, October 27th from 5:30-7:30 p.m., we will host a Fall Festival. There will be food and fun for all ages. Come and invite friends and family. Non-scary costumes welcomed.

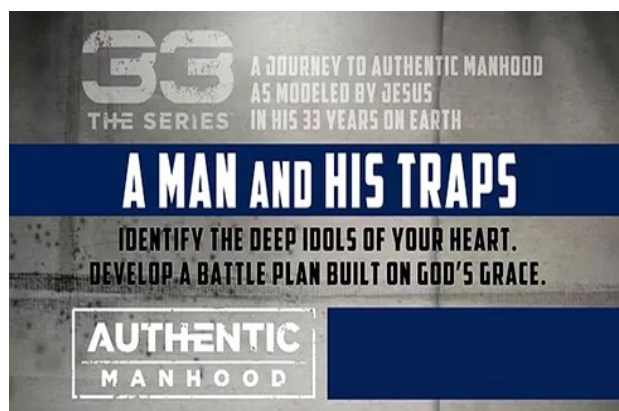


## Pastor's COLUMN

Dear Church Family,

In October we have two great opportunities for outreach and discipleship! First, let me tell you about an opportunity to grow as a disciple of Jesus. On Wednesday evenings we are offering a men's Bible study and a women's Bible study.

The men are going through study entitled "A Man and His Traps." We are meeting in room 207 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.



The women are going through a study on Psalm 23. They are meeting in room 206 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.



These are two great studies that will help you grow as a disciple of Jesus.

The second opportunity I want to make you aware of is an outreach opportunity. This opportunity will help us continue to implement the B.L.E.S.S. practices that we learned.

Our Fall Festival on October 27th provides a great opportunity to invite someone you know who doesn't know Jesus or is not connected to a local church.

If we're going to grow we must take steps of faith! I want to challenge you to take a step of faith and participate in these two opportunities!

In Christ,  
Pastor Ron Jones



### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT

Many of our church's financial contributors are not present at routine church conferences to receive detailed, year-to-date financial reports on the status of General Fund Budget receipts and expenditures, designated funds, and special offerings. Budget receipts from January 1 through September 26, 2021 totaled \$183,618.82. Budget receipts included a gift of \$18,164.84 from the Board of Directors of the Old #7 Community Center upon its dissolution. Budget requirement for this same period was \$185,696.86. At the end of August, actual budget expenditures were about \$20,000.00 below amount needed under the 2021 budget.

The Financial Management Board anticipates presenting the proposed General Fund Budget for 2022, for discussion and amendment at the Church Conference on November 20th, 2021. The proposed 2022 General Fund Budget will be published in the November Beacon. The Church will be called into conference at the Morning Worship Service in December for a vote on the proposed budget without additional discussion.



### IN SYMPATHY

The Church extends Christian sympathy to the families of Wesley Kimbrell and Leon Bush, who passed away on September 15, 2021.



### "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings"

The song we sing with the title above can be an indication of our life direction. Think about how "showers" affect your life and mine. Many "showers" come at times when we least expect them. Other "showers" happen just at the right moment for our needs. Where are we in recognizing these "showers of blessings" for how they benefit us physically, spiritually, emotionally, and even financially?

The Hill Baptist Church has been blessed to have "showers" during the last two years. One "shower" has been that when Jan Sutton retired to spend time with her family, especially grandchildren, Anita Barnes was available to "shower" us with the blessings of continued beautiful piano accompaniment for our worship services.

Another "shower" came in the form of several instrumentalists helping to provide the music for worship that was not available from our church choir. These musicians, Angela Shaw, Travis Shaw, Dr. Robert Foster, and others have continued to fill our hearts, minds and souls with musical "showers of blessings" each and every week. We, the Hill Baptist Church, have been a "shower of blessings" to these fine professional musicians as they have had fewer opportunities to play music during this pandemic for which they get paid. Also, your love and words of appreciation mean so much to these wonderful musicians.

Sandy Adams is an occasional "shower of blessing" as she plays our organ and also substitutes for Anita on the piano. She and her family have come to attend as she and her husband have moved into our "neighborhood" from Columbia County.

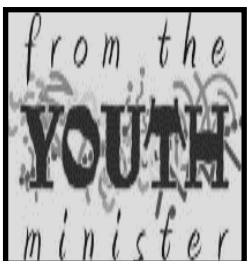
Another "shower of blessings" has been having Stephen Montgomery come to us as our Audio Visual Leader. Stephen comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience in the music and electronics fields.

Stephen works full time as a music therapist at our Uptown Veterans Hospital on Wrightsboro Road. In this area, our recent audio visual upgrades have led to being able to share "showers of blessings" each week as our worship services are live streamed as well as recorded and posted to our Facebook account and YouTube. Check these out and share with others by word of mouth and online. In addition, we sound better each week due to Stephen's expert knowledge of using our equipment to its fullest.

Let's not forget all the "showers" we experience from our own members and staff. Can you believe that my tenure has now reached five years? How about Patsy Wallace and Steve Mullins singing for us for many years!

You can be a "shower of blessing" in several ways. One, your time can be a blessing through serving in one of our ministries. Two, your talents can either be through sharing your specific talent of teaching, singing, or leadership with areas of ministry. Three, your gifts can provide water for future "showers of blessings". All three are important and will provide "showers of blessings" for you.

Floyd Montgomery  
Director of Music Ministry



Wednesday Evening Youth Activities will begin at 6 p.m. The time from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. will be dedicated to fellowship and games, and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. will be dedicated to Bible study. This month we are continuing our Wednesday Night Bible Study in 1st John. So far we have discussed what it means to walk in the light and how our actions in life determine whether we are truly walking with God. On Sundays we will begin a study on the Holy Spirit- who he is and what he does for us and through us. Brandon Brown, Youth Pastor

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## On Call

### Minister

Rev. Ron Jones  
706-945-7619

If you cannot reach the minister, please  
call the following Deacon of the Week.

October 3 - Charles Kee

October 10 - Richard Terzia

October 17 - Steve Mullins

October 24 - Roy Jones

October 31 - Ed Stalnaker

## Memorial & Honorarium

Donations have been given to the church in memory of Richard Arnold, William (Bill) Doggette, and Elizabeth Doggette since the previous issue of the Beacon. The names and addresses of the donors have been provided to the honorees or a representative from the family for a memorial contribution.



RightNow Media is the Netflix for video-based Bible studies and children's programming. Our church has purchased a subscription which enables all our members and guests to receive free access to thousands of Bible studies and programs. You can get access to this free resource by going to this link:  
<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/thehillbaptistchurch>

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## The Staff of The Hill Baptist Church

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Director of Music: Floyd Montgomery  
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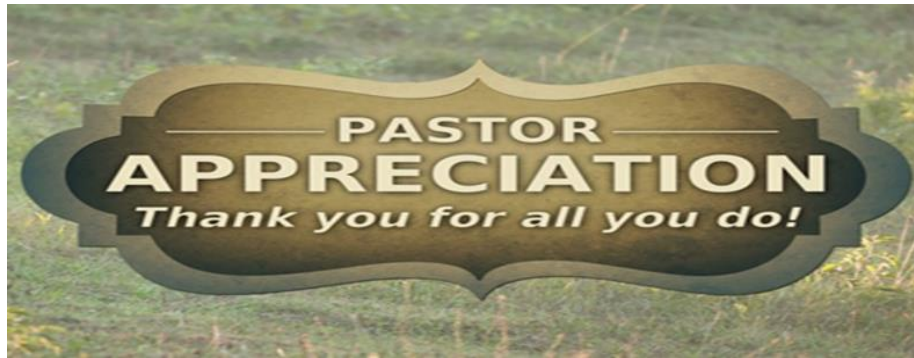


Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m.  
Meet at The First Baptist Church  
(outside, near the baseball field).

## Prayer List

Carolyn Atkins	Edwin Blanchard	Nancy Calfee
Michael Cook	Audrey Croft	Donald & Sarah Dickert
Ernestine Gattis	Bo Gibson	Zach Gilmore
Ann Gunter	Fred Gunter	John Harris
Ruth Harris	Patricia Henderson	Emily Herrin
Chris Kitchens	Francis Koger	Bengovan McNeace
Jimmy Mills	Johnny Stanfield	Ricky Thompson

Information as of 9/29/2021



Dear Church Family:

As you know these are very challenging times. The Lord has given us a wonderful pastor who works hard to serve our congregation well.

The Bible instructs us in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 to “make sure that you *show* your deep appreciation for those who cherish you and diligently work as ministers among you.” Galatians 6:6 says, “The one who receives instruction in the Word should *share* all good things with their instructor.”

To help us fulfill this biblical call to bless our pastor, Ron Jones, our church is participating in the national Bless Your Pastor effort. So, we invite you to join us in prayerfully reading through the list of “50 Creative Ways to Bless Your Pastor,” which is printed on the other side of this letter. It is our desire that God will help all of us to share some of our time, talent, treasure, and good things God has given us to show our appreciation and care for our pastor and his family.

For those of you who are willing and able, we would also like to take this opportunity to bless our pastor with a special Pastor Appreciation Offering. Special offering envelopes will be placed at the entrances to the Sanctuary and in the Social Hall. You can mail in a contribution or place the envelope in the offering plate any time in October. Feel free to include a special note of thanks to the pastor inside the envelope. You may contribute online at our website, <https://www.thehillbaptist.com>, by clicking on **Give**.

We love you and are grateful that you are part of our church family. We look forward to how God is going to work in all of our lives as we continue to grow in our generosity and joy in giving.

Yours in Christ,

*The Hill Baptist Church Board of Deacons (September 30, 2021)*



## FAITHFULLY PRAY

The best way to help your pastor is to faithfully and regularly pray for:

- Intimacy with God
- Marital love and unity
- Spiritual protection
- Divine guidance
- Emotional and physical well-being
- Parenting skills
- Genuine friendships
- Financial provisions
- Daily wisdom
- Personal encouragement
- Helpful mentors
- Effective ministry
- Time management
- Quality study and prayer times
- Helpful training and books
- Leadership skills

## FONDNESS

- Let the pastor know how God is specifically using them to bless, help and teach you to follow God.
- Remember your pastor's birthday and anniversary with a card, gift or social media post.
- Show appreciation for your pastor's strengths and give grace in their weaknesses.

## FREEDOM

- Give your pastor's spouse the freedom to be themselves and to find their own niche at the church.
- Let your pastor's children "be kids," care about them, and pray for them.

## FOOD, FELLOWSHIP & FUN

- Prepare a meal or baked goods for them (ask about favorite meals or certain foods to avoid).
- Give your pastor a gift card for restaurants, fast food or coffee shops.

- Give your pastor food from your garden, orchard, hunting or fishing trips.
- Invite your pastor and family to your home or a restaurant for a meal.
- Invite your pastor and family to go fishing, sailing, camping, hunting, to the gym, concerts, plays or sporting events. Offer to cover some or all of the costs.
- Offer your pastor's family sports, concert or event tickets.
- If you have a vacation home, timeshare, recreational vehicle or camping gear, offer to let your pastor use it.
- Share frequent flyer miles that can be used for conferences, vacation, mission trips or holiday travel.
- Offer your pastor the use of your dependable vehicle, SUV or minivan for a holiday family trip or vacation.

## FREELY SHARE

Share your skills and time to help with any of the following items:

- Babysitting
- Auto maintenance and repair
- Home repairs, maintenance and projects
- Decorating, painting and wallpapering
- Haircuts and beauty treatments
- Medical, dental and chiropractic care
- Lawn and garden upkeep
- Legal, estate and financial services
- Tutoring or lessons for children

If needed, communicate in advance if there are any out-of-pocket costs the pastor will need to cover (e.g., parts for a car repair or materials for home repair).

## FINANCES

Faithfully give to your church, so your pastor can be properly compensated. Beyond the pastor's church salary, the Lord may prompt certain individuals to provide personal funding to help with any of the following items:

- Bless Your Pastor offering
- Marriage conference or retreat costs
- Christian camp fees
- Back to school fees, clothing or supplies
- Children's college tuition
- Mission trips
- Lessons or tutoring
- Family or couple's vacation or getaway
- Pastor's conference, seminar or training
- Seminary courses or sabbatical
- Student loan debt
- Retirement savings
- Medical expenses

## PAY IT FORWARD

Most people have heard about "paying it forward." Do you know you can also pay it forward by passing along possessions you no longer use or need? Possible items could include appliances, furniture, musical equipment, clothing, sports equipment or electronics. Ask if the items you may have available are actually needed and wanted by the pastor's family. Also, be sure they are in good condition and will not need costly repairs.

*Note: Please be prepared to graciously allow your pastor to decline anything that you offer. Also note that most items mentioned here are not normally tax-deductible to the giver, but are to be given out of gratefulness to God for what he has given to you to Bless Your Pastor.*