

MAY/JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER



Holly Grove Christian Church

Established 1873

"BITS FROM BOB"

"A Budget and A Commitment"

The last few weeks I have heard the same announcements before we have our call to worship. One is a reminder to committee chairmen that their budget proposals need to be received for the next church year soon approaching. The next concerns those officers whose terms are expiring to begin looking for someone to nominate as a replacement for that position. These are two important decisions a church family needs to consider. They involve a Budget that serves as a guide in using our tithes and offerings for building up the Body of Christ and the Commitment involved in accepting positions of leadership in the Church.

I would like to share a story that paints a picture of what Commitment looks like.

Luciano Pavarotti said that when he was a boy, his father, a baker, introduced him to the wonders of song. He encouraged him to work hard to develop his voice. Arrigo Pola, a professional tenor in his hometown of Modena, Italy, took him as a pupil. Pavarotti also enrolled in a teachers college. On graduating, he asked his father, "Shall I be a teacher or a singer?" "Luciano, his father replied, "If you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them. For life, you must choose one chair." Pavarotti, later in life wrote: "I choose one. It took seven years of study and frustration before I made my first professional appearance. It took another seven to reach the Metropolitan Opera. And now I think whether it's laying bricks, writing books, whatever we choose we should give ourselves to it. Commitment-that's the key. Choose one chair."

In Luke 6:38 is recorded these words by Jesus:

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap."

Many times, this scripture is used to encourage us in the giving of our tithes and offerings. This is clearly misinterpreting the words of Jesus. When you read the entire chapter, Jesus speaks of "seeking after righteousness," "loving your enemies," showing "mercy," and not being "judgmental."

Jesus is telling us that our attitudes and the way we treat others will also be measured to each of us.

I am honored to be your pastor and I pray that each of us will prayerfully consider what God wants us to give for his work. Not just our tithes and offerings but also our time and talents. "For the measure you will give will be the measure you get back."

God Bless,
Bob

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Announcements

- Our next bi-monthly board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. Those Board members with terms expiring in July need to have the name of their replacement to Chairman Tammy Mayo by May 10th. The proposed budget will be reviewed at this meeting. If you have a concern or idea, come join us.
- We have several Bible Studies during the week for adults. There is a Ladies group that meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. They will begin a new study on the Book of James in June after completing their current study. There are also two adult groups for men and women that meet with Pastor Bob on Wednesdays. These sessions are at 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The evening group is starting a new twelve-week study on The Parables of Jesus on May 8th. We invite you to join one of these groups and dig deep in God's Word.
- The Adult Choir has resumed practice, but the group is meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. instead of Tuesday evenings during the month of May. At the end of the month, the group will decide which day they will meet in June. If you like to sing or make a joyful noise, come join this wonderful group! They are looking for members!
- The Church Food Pantry will be open on the last Saturdays in May and June from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you would like to help with the Food Pantry in any way, see or call Suzanne Bowman at (804) 517-1224. There is also the "Food Box" located outside the fellowship hall door with items available for those that may be in need for just a few things.
- Just a reminder there are book boxes near the church playground and at the Holly Grove Ruritan Club playground. There are lots of books for youth and for adults as well, so pick up a book from one of those locations and enjoy reading. We also have books available in the fellowship hall library as well.
- For reserving the church, fellowship hall or gazebo, please contact Dianne Montgomery, Vice Chairman.
- If your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar, please let Cindy Wilson know so you can be added and celebrated! Also, If you would like to receive church emails during the week and are not on the email list, please give Cindy your information at bccawilson@yahoo.com or call or text (804) 357-4412 and you will be added.

Graduation Recognition

Sunday, May 12th

It is graduation time! Congratulations to our Louisa County High School Graduate Thomas Klein. We also celebrate Griffin Hollins who will soon graduate from Virginia Wesleyan University with a degree in Environmental Science and a minor in Marine Biology. We are so happy to celebrate these wonderful young people and their accomplishments! May God give them many blessings in their future.

As Jeremiah 29:11 says:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.



Wedding

Congratulations to Seth Vincze and Courtney Molina on their marriage that took place on April 17th in Hanover, VA. May God give the Vinczes a lifetime full of happiness, much love, and many blessings! Seth is the son of Pete and Carrie Vinze.



Congratulations

We celebrate with Amanda Harper on completing her doctorate degree with VCU; we wish Dr. Harper all the best and may God bless her and her family as she serves our community and the children and families in the Louisa County Public School System.



New Members

We are so happy to have LaChelle Lewis join Holly Grove. She came forward on Palm Sunday, March 24th and transferred her membership. We feel blessed to have her as a part of our church family.

Dorian Joseph Longo joined HGCC with a baptism on Easter morning, March 31st. What a special day that was for him and his family as he accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior.

We welcome LaChelle and Dorian and give praise to God for bringing them both into our humble congregation. May God be with each one of them as they serve Him.



CW&W Program Schedule

(This Children's program is for age 3 through grade 4.
Please see Nancy Lloyd with any questions.)

May 5th - Storyteller: Dawn Lipscomb
Greeter: Katherine Lipscomb (Parable of the Leaven-26)

May 12th - Storyteller: Dianne Montgomery
Greeter: Steve Montgomery (Ascension-42)

May 19th - Storyteller: Nancy Lloyd
Greeter: Elizabeth Lloyd (Pentecost-43)

May 26th - Storyteller: Carrie Vincze
Greeter: Gwen Rose (Parable of the Sower-28)

June 2nd - Storyteller: Suzanne Bowman
Greeter: Judy Wyatt (Disciples Story of Baptism-
Separate sheet with story set)

June 9th - Storyteller: Dawn Lipscomb
Greeter: Katherine Lipscomb (Follow Me-Following
Jesus, FJ-#2)

June 16th - Storyteller: Dianne Montgomery
Greeter: Steve Montgomery (Jesus and the Paralytic-FJ
#4)

June 23rd - Storyteller: Nancy Lloyd
Greeter: Elizabeth Lloyd (Jesus and the Tax Collector-FJ
#5)

June 30th - Storyteller: Carrie Vincze
Greeter: Gwen Rose (Jesus Call the 12 Discples-FJ#6)

Craig Springs Camps



Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center is a campground in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains with cabins. It is owned and operated by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia and has overnight Christian camps. Go to <https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry> to check out the camp schedule for this year. The camps are mostly for youth, but they do have a family camp in July. To learn more about Craig Springs, go to www.craigsprings.org.

Noah's Ark

Our church has been gifted an interactive "Noah's Ark" for Children's Worship and Wonder, and we want to share it with the entire church. Watch each week as you see the Ark change and the animals move their way to the Ark. It is fun to see what happens each Sunday!

Elder and Deacon Serving List May 5th through June 30th 2024

Group I

Dianne Montgomery
Steve Montgomery
Ronnie Bagby
Bill Baxter
Tammy Mayo
Byron Wilson

**Group I will be serving: May 5
May 26
June 16**

Group II

Joe Sommer
Sherrie Sommer
Avery Clough
Jeff Clough
Diane Rigsby
Hunter Trayer

**Group II will be serving: May 12
June 2
June 23**

Group III

Jane Harris
Pam Hart
Robert Bowman
Dale Lipscomb
Dawn Lipscomb
Arthur Sigmund

**Group III will be serving: May 19
June 9
June 30**

Communion Preparation

May – Dianne and Steve Montgomery
June – Bill Baxter

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*Keep up with us on Facebook,
or our Church Website at
www.hollygrovechristian.com*

*Can't get to church this Sunday?
Check out the Worship service on
Facebook Live or on YouTube.*

175th Disciples of Christ Virginia Regional Assembly

Pre-assembly is scheduled for Friday, May 31st and assembly will be on Saturday, June 1st from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration deadline is May 15th. For more information go to <https://www.ccinva.org/>. It will be held at the University of Lynchburg and cost is \$15.

Highlights from the Board Meeting **held on April 4, 2024**

Chairman Tammy Mayo called the bi-monthly board meeting to order and opened with prayer. A silent roll was taken with ten members present.

Mary Alice Noel presented the Treasurer's Report. The Church began with a balance of \$210,909.55 on January 1st. Total receipts were \$17,656.05, total disbursements were \$15,727.16, money in the amount of \$50,000 was moved from the general fund to a CD making 4.5% interest for 13 months and \$3,560.91 is in the Givelify account which gives a balance in Regular Checking of \$166,399.35 as of February 29, 2024. As for our Designated Funds, we have \$505 in the Food Pantry, \$180 for Bible Study, \$450 for the Cemetery, \$500 for the Building Fund, \$2,275 in the Samaritan Fund, \$260 for Worship, \$459 for Youth and \$550 for Missions which is a total of \$5,179. The Savings Account has \$13,318.36. There was discussion about closing this savings account and placing the money in a CD. Mary Alice will transfer the money. The Church has three CDs that total \$151,473.73. Report was accepted.

Jane Harris presented the Cemetery Treasurer's Report dated January 17th through March 18th, 2024. The current Principal Amount in a CD (not to be used for upkeep) is \$26,935 with \$700 being held to place in a CD. The current amount in General Checking (to be used for general maintenance for the cemetery) is \$11,847.76. Report was accepted.

Tammy approached a couple to take over the Youth Group and will follow up with them on their decision. At least two District 10 youths are planning on attending camp this summer.

Dana Crawford, Missions Chairman reported two Easter offerings were collected that totaled \$400. A love offering is being collected for the Proffitts.

Jeff Clough, Property Chairman confirmed Firefly has been installed and is working great. The monthly service fee is \$84 a month since HGCC is classified as a business. Jeff stated the church currently has one laptop that is used for the sanctuary displays and we need another computer in order to stream our Sunday service. Jeff has been using his personal computer for streaming. To purchase a desktop computer would be \$840. Motion was carried to buy. Jeff priced new play sets; one at \$3,700 and one at \$6,800 (both are wooden). It was decided to move forward with this project with a cost up to \$5,000.

Bob shared that he thought the Easter service was nice. The CW&W story added a lot to the service.

The Christian Education Chair and Christian Youth Fellowship leader still need to be filled.

Constitution changes still need to be considered and are on Tammy's to-do list.

The Church pamphlet still needs to be updated and Steve Montgomery will follow up on this with Pastor Andy Rose.

Once the storage room construction is completed, Tammy will change the door passcode.

Mulch for the playground is here and stacked outside. We will wait for installation of the new playground and then schedule spreading of the mulch.

We are still in need of AV helpers. Jeff Clough along with Tammy Mayo, Diane Rigsby and Grayton Clough are currently assisting. Once the new computer is purchased and installed, Jeff will provide training.

Jeff confirmed that the communion portion of the worship service is not streamed.

Pew cushions were brought up again. After more discussion, it was determined we will not be purchasing them.

Steve noticed during the Easter Service, that many caps/tips are missing from the legs of our metal chairs and were getting dirt in them. He will look into finding new caps.

Tammy adjourned the meeting.

A Prayer for Memorial Day



Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Giving Online

If you would like to give an online monetary donation to the church, you can give safely via Givelify by using the QR Code below. Just use your cell phone camera, hold it up to the barcode and it will take you straight to our Givelify account.



Our Mission



The mission of Holly Grove Christian Church is to attempt to be the eyes, ears, hands, and feet of Jesus, as we serve our community and share His love.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>1 Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>J. T. Crowder - B</p> <p>Sal & Ashton Luciano - Anniversary</p>	<p>2 National Day of Prayer</p>	<p>3 Coleman Bagby - B</p>	<p>4 Adam & Kathryn Lipscomb - Anniversary</p>
<p>5 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Dale & Dawn Lipscomb - Anniversary</p>	<p>6 Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sarah Wade - B</p>	<p>7 Owen Harper - B</p>	<p>8 Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Robert Bowman - B</p>	<p>9 Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Addison Richardson - B</p> <p>Joe & Jane Harris - Anniversary</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Glen Harper - B Carolyn Mann - B</p>
<p>12 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. (Mother's Day and Graduation Recognition Sunday) and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Missions will receive the Pentecost Offering</p> <p>Destiny Glass - B Stephen Rose - B</p>	<p>13 Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Diane Rigsby - B</p>	<p>14 Jacki Bagby - B Wyatt Clough - B</p>	<p>15 Adult Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Church Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NO Evening Adult Bible Study and NO Adult Choir Practice due to the Board Meeting</p>	<p>16 Senior Citizen Gathering - 11:00 a.m. - Providence Presbyterian Church</p> <p>Carl & Kimberley Lacy - Anniversary</p> <p>Clark & Katie Wilson - Anniversary</p>	<p>17 Sandy Howard - B Colton Welton - B</p>	<p>18 Fayth Glass - B Jeff & Crystal Clough - Anniversary William & Ashlee Byiers - Anniv.</p>
<p>19 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. (Pentecost Sunday) and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Last Day for Missions to receive our Pentecost Offering</p> <p>Josh Giusto - B</p> <p>Marty & Jane Miller - Anniversary</p>	<p>20 Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>21 Tommy Barlow - B</p> <p>Frank & Bertie Clough - Anniversary</p> <p>Joe & Sherrie Sommer - Anniversary</p>	<p>22 Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lacie Ward - B</p>	<p>23 Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Katie Giusto - B Colton Lipscomb - B Dawn Lipscomb - B Christopher Wesselhoft - B</p> <p>J.D. & Rhonda Gorman - Anniversary</p>	<p>24 Kelsey Amos - B</p>	<p>25 Food Pantry Open - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>John Kruep - B</p>
<p>26 Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m. (Memorial Day Sunday)</p> <p>Chris & Janette Cheely - Anniversary</p>	<p>27 NO Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>Memorial Day</p> <p>Tanner Hart - B</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Zachary Lipscomb - B</p>	<p>30 Mason Bagby - B</p>	<p>31 Finley Harris - B</p> <p>Willie and Jamie Lloyd - Anniversary</p>	<p>B - Birthday</p>

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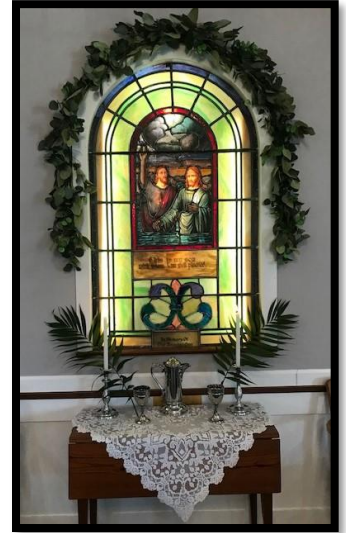
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Carolyn Bagby - B Clay & Lindsay Hart - Anniversary
2 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m. Justis Barnes - B Frank Clough - B Adam Lipscomb - B	3 Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Michael and Heather Owens - Anniversary	4 Leslie Bagby - B Rita Bagby - B	5 Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Nicholas Smith - B Lane Wilson - B Rodney & Diane Rigsby - Anniversary	6	7 Dwight Chenault - B	8 Tim & Andrea Hollins - Anniversary
9 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m. Twila Rose - B Nicholas & Dana Smith - Anniversary	10 Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Shawn Smith - B	11 Marty Miller - B	12 Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Joe Harris - B	13 Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.	14 National Flag Day (A very special day to display your American Flag)	15 Gaylyn Lloyd - B Robbie & Jacki Bagby - Anniversary
16 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m. (Father's Day) Randy Wilson - B	17 Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Sheri Hart - B	18 Chris Shores - B Doug & Jenn Gernat - Anniversary	19 Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Steve & Dianne Montgomery - Anniversary	20 Senior Citizen Gathering - 11:00 a.m. at Oakland Baptist Church Summer Begins	21 Dana Franklin - B Weston Welton - B	22 Jessica Bagby - B
23 Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m. Jaimie Snead - B	24 Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. Josh Lloyd - B	25 Angela Bagby - B Chris Cheely - B Nathan & Angie Harris - Anniversary	26 Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Tom Boothe - B	27 Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.	28	29 Food Pantry Open - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Savannah Lee - B Jeffrey Mayo - B
30 Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m. Andrea Hollins - B Karen Hughes - B	B - Birthday NOTE: The Adult Choir will make a decision if the group will practice on Tuesdays or Wednesdays in June. It will be announced once the decision is made.					

Recent Holly Grove Happenings

Palm Sunday, March 24th

(Pictures show the Prayer Cross, releasing the prayers to God and stained-glass window with palms)



Easter Sunday, March 31st

(It was a beautiful morning of celebration as a nice crowd attended to celebrate Jesus's resurrection, a Children's Worship and Wonder Story was given and the old, rugged cross stood with the white cloth and lilies)



If you should have any articles or pictures for the next newsletter, please give to Cindy Wilson or email to bccawilson@yahoo.com.

