

MARCH/APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER



1637 Holly Grove Drive, Bumpass, VA 23024 (804) 556-1138 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.



Holly Grove Christian Church Established 1874



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.

Bits from Bob

“The Best Gift Ever”

If you had to choose from all the gifts you have received in your lifetime, which gift would you rate as the best gift ever? Impossible to choose you might say! But I do remember such an occasion when I felt exactly that way.

It was a Sunday morning on September the seventh. I was sitting close to the front of the church while Joyce Harville, the co-pastor at First Christian, was leading the service. As is the custom of many churches, Joyce was announcing those who had birthdays in the coming week. My name was one of those who were mentioned. I was in church, but my heart, mind and soul was somewhere else. I was consumed in grief; Madalon, my best friend and wife, had passed away on Wednesday the third of September. And then it happened!

Two young girls, Olivia and Amelia came up to me and said, “Happy Birthday Grandbob, we love you!”

More than likely, as time goes by, there will be other instances when my list will expand depending on life’s circumstances, but as Mary felt, in response to what the angel shared when she received the news of the baby she would be carrying, “Mary treasured all these things in her heart.”

I am sure if you would look back on your life there are many gifts you have received that are just like this one I have shared.

We all have one “Best Gift Ever” in common and that is Jesus, God’s gift to us. As we strive to practice the presence of God in our lives, think of all the wonderful gifts we have received through the on-going relationship we have with Christ. Thank God for those gifts and treasure them in your heart.

God Bless,

Bobby

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Announcements

- Our next bi-monthly board meeting will be on Wednesday, Mar. 20th at 7:00 p.m. If anyone should have any business, concerns or ideas to help continue to grow and promote the health of our church, please attend the board meeting and present your ideas. All board members including deacons and elders should attend.
- The Adult Choir will resume practice on Tuesday, Mar. 12th at 7:00 p.m. If you like to sing, think about joining them, because they are always looking for new members!



- Our Bible Study groups will begin the next volume of our study entitled "*Gospel Foundations - The Wandering People - Volume 2*" on Mon., Mar. 11th with sessions at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. This is a seven-week Lifeway study but is part of a year-long video-enhanced study with six volumes that promotes spiritual growth with an overview of the Gospel story line of scripture. If you should have any questions, please see Carolyn Nicholas.
- The March/April/May "Our Daily Bread" devotionals are in the vestibule and fellowship hall so pick up a copy and enjoy quiet time with God.
- Easter morning is on April 21st and we will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a Sunrise service outside (weather permitting) by the old rugged cross. We hope all can come and enjoy this very meaningful service. Please look at the church calendar for our Easter Sunday schedule of events and for the time changes for Sunday school and the Worship service.



- We will again have a Living Cross this year on Easter morning. Please bring fresh flowers to insert into the cross. You can give them to Pam Hart or Kristy Trayer at the front of the church.
- We will have our annual Easter egg hunt on Easter morning after the breakfast. We invite all children to bring their baskets and participate. Our High School Sunday school class is coordinating the hunt and they are asking for your help by bringing donations such as small pieces of candy, stickers and coins (no balloons please because of a choking hazard). **Just be sure that the items you bring can fit in a plastic egg.** There will be baskets in the vestibule and fellowship hall for those donations.
- The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) meets on the 2nd Wednesday night of the month at 7:00 p.m. for study and worship. The group schedules various service projects monthly. For March, the group will send a donation to their State Spring project. In April, the group will send a monetary donation to the Goochland Free Clinic and do blessing boxes. They will also continue to send care packages to Alexander Wilson while he is deployed. Items that can be sent are: foot powder, lip balm, cough drops, hard candy, mints, sunscreen, powdered drink mix/Crystal Light to flavor water, tabasco sauce, Old Bay, moist/baby wipes, Advil, Tylenol, DVD Movies, soft covered books, magazines such as car magazines, beef jerky, flavored sunflower seeds, snacks that won't melt, toothpaste, dental floss, Dial hair and body wash, Head and Shoulders shampoo, etc. We also encourage you, your family or Sunday school class to write a note. There's nothing like a note from home! If you would like to help with these projects or join the CWF group, please see Patricia Hicks, President if you have any questions.

- To reserve the church or fellowship hall, please contact Tammy Mayo, Vice Chairman of the Board, to check for availability. This is to reserve for weddings, showers, funerals, etc.



- We are happy to announce that Andy Rose has volunteered to be our Christian Education Committee Chairman! Thanks Andy!
- The Holly Grove Pruners meet on the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. to discuss community needs and projects. Their mission is to help those in our community that may need food, companionship, prayer support or transportation. They also meet the group from the Fair Winds home on the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The group also has a small food pantry here at the church that is available when someone needs food right away and not have to go through the emergency food pantry in Louisa. If you would like to make a donation, you can bring cans, boxes, jars, etc. of food items and leave them in the "orange room" which is located on the left at the end of the Sunday school hallway. Please call Carolyn Nicholas at 556-4024 or Dianne Montgomery at 556-3524 if anything is needed. They are always looking for ladies to join them to help with this mission.



- We continue our outreach program of bringing fresh food to our community from the Louisa County Resource Council. Diane Rigsby and Tammy Mayo remain our contacts that pick up the food and bring the produce to church. Rhonda Gorman is our coordinator once the food arrives. We are very fortunate that we have many volunteers to deliver the food but are looking for more families to deliver the food to. If you know of any families that may need fresh food, please let Rhonda know by texting her at (804) 564-3660 or you can also send her an email at Rhonda@charitycompanies.com. There are index cards on the podium in the vestibule that you can fill out with family information also. After filling out, please give to Rhonda.
- If you like to read, please visit our library in the fellowship hall. There are some really great books available. Just take what you like, enjoy and return. The library is on the honor system.
- If you know of someone that has a birthday or a couple that has an anniversary and their names are not included on the calendar, please let Cindy Wilson know.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Do you like playing board games and card games but don't have enough people to play with? Well grab your favorite games, gather the family and come on out for a fun evening of games and fellowship. All we ask is you bring some snacks and drinks to share, a positive attitude and have fun! **Our first "Game Night" will be on Friday, March 8th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** We plan to have this special "Game Night" every second Friday of the month. If you have any questions, see Andy Rose.

HOLLY GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

◀ February		March 2019					▶ April
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					1 World Day of Prayer	2 Holly Grove Pruners Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Danny Dean – B	
3 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.	4 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mary Britton - B	5 Cub Scout Meeting – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.	6 Worship Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins	7 Mary Anne Barlow – B	8 Family Game Night – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (See details in announcement section)	9	
10 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Begins (Advance your Clock forward one hour)	11 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	12 Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m. Patrick Barnes – B Tom Brown – B Rhonda Gorman – B River Harris – B	13 CWF Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Don Richardson – B	14 Crafters' Mission Circle – 6:30 p.m. Stephen & Janette Rose - Anniversary	15	16 Skylar Barnes – B	
17 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick's Day	18 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	19 Cub Scout Meeting – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.	20 Church Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Thomas Klein – B Spring Begins!	21 Senior Citizen Gathering – 10:00 a.m. at Holly Grove Christian Church Eddie "Mule" Hendrick – B Robbie & Kristy Trayer – Anniversary	22 Winnie Chenault – B Michael Shores – B	23 Kyle Smith – B	
24 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Ember Franklin – B	25 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Dale Lipscomb – B	26 Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m. Nancy Franklin – B Tommy "Tuck" Hicks – B	27	28 Pruners – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting with the Fair Winds Group Crafters' Mission Circle – 6:30 p.m. Robbie Bagby – B Tommy & Mary Hicks - Anniversary	29	30 Michelle Crowder – B	
31 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Jane Harris – B Shirley Masten – B John & Shirley Masten - Anniversary	B = Birthday						

SPRING IS COMING!

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! ~ 2 Corinthians 5: 17**

HOLLY GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

April 2019

◀ March

May ▶

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	2 Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.	3 Tony & Barbara Jeanne Goolsby - Anniversary	4 Christian Trayer – B Brooke Vincze – B	5	6 Holly Grove Pruners Meeting – 9:00 a.m. Autumn Lee – B
7 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.	8 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mary Hicks – B	9 Cub Scout Meeting – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m.	10 CWF Meeting – 7:00 p.m. Elsie Harris – B Carol Morin – B	11 Crafters' Mission Circle – 6:30 p.m. Ronnie Bagby – B	12 Family Game Night – 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (See details in announcement section)	13 Lucille Gammon – B
14 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday) Missions will receive our Easter Special Offering Worship Committee will decorate after Church Pat Harris – B Steve Montgomery – B J.D. Allison – B	15 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Lloyd Hicks – B Sherrie Sommer – B Alexander & Jordin Wilson (First Anniversary)	16 Cub Scout Meeting – 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m. Pete Smith – B	17 Mariah Rose – B	18 Senior Citizen Gathering – 10:00 a.m. at Gum Spring United Methodist Church Maundy Thursday	19 Good Friday Carol Jean Smith – B	20 Lent Ends
21 Easter Sunday 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service 8:00 a.m. Breakfast 8:45 a.m. Children's Easter Egg Hunt and/or Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service Last Day for Missions to receive our Easter Offering Porter Rudolph – B Justin & Tammie Allison - Anniversary	22 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Earth Day	23 Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m. Grayton Clough – B Tom & Amy Boothe - Anniversary	24 Brenda Parker - B	25 Pruners – 6:00 p.m. – Meeting with the Fair Winds Group Crafters' Mission Circle – 6:30 p.m. Jessica Ahern – B Herbie Bagby – B Brianna Beckley – B	26	27 Matthew Bagby – B Timmy Clough – B
28 Sunday School – 9:30 a.m. Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. Toriana Bagby – B Doris Fox – B Cindy Wilson – B	29 Bible Study – 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Mary Alice Noel – B	30 Adult Choir Practice – 7:00 p.m. Coltin Clough – B	B = Birthday			

Bell Toller Schedule
March 3rd through April 28th



<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
Mar. 3	Katie Harper
Mar. 10	Galen Rose
Mar. 17	Mary Allison Barnes
Mar. 24	Hunter Trayer
Mar. 31	Jordan Trayer
Apr. 7	Thomas Klein
Apr. 14	Steven Klein, Jr.
Apr. 21	Owen Harper
Apr. 28	Katie Harper

Elder and Deacon Greeter Schedule
March 3rd through April 28th

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assigned Greeters</u>	<u>Group</u>
Mar. 3	Joey Barnes/Robert Bowman/Jordan Trayer	I
Mar. 10	Shannon Kruep or Peter Smith	II
Mar. 17	Griffin Hollins or Byron Wilson	III
Mar. 24	Steve Montgomery or Shirley Masten	I
Mar. 31	Sherrie Sommer or Rhonda Gorman	II
Apr. 7	Dawn Lipscomb or Tom Boothe	III
Apr. 14	Dianne Montgomery or John Kruep	I
Apr. 21	Joe Sommer or Zachary Rose	II
Apr. 28	Denver Spurlock or Andy Rose	III

Teacher Rotation

KIDS COMBINED SCHEDULE THROUGH 8TH GRADE

MARCH AND APRIL, 2019

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March 3, 2019	<u>1st Sunday</u> Mary Anne
March 10, 2019	<u>2nd Sunday</u> Bertie/Nancy
March 17, 2019	<u>3rd Sunday</u> Carol Jean
March 24, 2019	<u>4th Sunday</u> Tammy M/Carrie
March 31, 2019	<u>5th Sunday</u> Steve Montgomery
April 7, 2019	<u>1st Sunday</u> Mary Anne
April 14, 2019	<u>2nd Sunday</u> Bertie/Nancy
April 21, 2019	<u>3rd Sunday</u> Carol Jean
April 28, 2019	<u>4th Sunday</u> Tammy M/Carrie

Elder and Deacon Serving List For March and April

Group I

Dianne Montgomery
Steve Montgomery
Joey Barnes
Jordan Trayer/Robert Bowman
Shirley Masten
John Kruep

Group I will be serving: Mar. 3
Mar. 24
Apr. 14

Responsible for getting group together for:
March – Dianne Montgomery
April – Steve Montgomery

Group II

Joe Sommer
Sherrie Sommer
Shannon Kruep
Rhonda Gorman
Zachary Rose
Peter Smith

Group II will be serving: Mar. 10
Mar. 31
Apr. 21

Responsible for getting group together for:
March – Joe Sommer
April – Sherrie Sommer

Group III

Denver Spurlock
Dawn Lipscomb
Tom Boothe
Griffin Hollins
Andy Rose
Byron Wilson

Group III will be serving: Mar. 17
Apr. 7
Apr. 28

Responsible for getting group together for:
March – Griffin Hollins
April – Andy Rose

Communion Preparation

March – John and Shannon Kruep
April – Andy and Gwen Rose



Brief Highlights from the January 16, 2019 Board Meeting

The bi-monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Byron Wilson. Pastor Bob Lane opened with prayer. Secretary Patricia Hicks marked a silent roll with 13 members present.

Mary Alice Noel gave the treasurer's report. Our General Treasury has \$80,796.65 operating funds in checking with \$7,253.14 in Designated Funds. **Our expenses totaled \$11,322.83, our deposits totaled \$10,961.82 and the income from the plate was \$8,386.82.** Our Samaritan Fund has \$3,881.38 and we received \$400.00 and gifted \$0. The Parsonage Fund has \$38,279.53 and \$101,746.60 is in CD's. There are copies of the General Treasurer's Report hanging on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall if you would like to see the details of this report. Mary Anne Barlow presented the Cemetery Report and this account has \$58,631.89 but has \$32,628.89 for upkeep. All reports were accepted as presented.

Dana Crawford, Missions Committee Chairman reported that the Thanksgiving offering was \$340.00 and Christmas offering was \$320.00. Week of Compassion offering will be taken on 2/17 and 2/24.

Robert Bowman, Property Chairman presented a report on jobs completed. \$1,630.00 was spent in 2018 church repairs. He also presented a lengthy report on our Water Filtration System and repairs that need to be made for a cost of \$2,000.00 and that we should have a yearly service contract for the system. After much discussion Byron asked Robert if he would check with them on cost of a service contract and what it would include.

Steve Montgomery with Stewardship and Evangelism Committee reported that Revival would be July 28th and Rev. Cline will be our Revival speaker.

Cindy Wilson, Worship Committee Chairman thanked everyone for their help with our wonderful Advent season. Christmas caroling in the fellowship hall went well and will probably consider it again next year. There will be a Baby Grand Piano Recital with Anita Brooks Williams playing on Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 p.m. Carolyn Bagby is working with Anita on the program.

Patricia Hicks, CWF President reported that the group will be observing Laity Sunday with guest speaker Johnny Davis with Richmond Dragway.

Dianne Montgomery stated that the Pruners would like to set up a Cemetery Memorial Garden. Chairman Byron suggested that they bring a plan and cost back to the next board meeting for the board to review.

Discussion was held on how often we should change the entry code pad and if we could install some type of tone signal so that anyone in the building would know when someone is coming in. Dianne Montgomery made a motion that we spend up to \$100 on some type of tone signal and Mary Alice Noel seconded with the motion be carried.

Andy Rose will check with Ferrell's on spraying for bugs.

Andy Rose stated that the Boy Scouts would start using the Sunday school rooms on January 22nd and that he has met with the leaders on what areas that can be used.

Dawn Lipscomb has volunteered to fill the vacancy of Vickie Spurlock as Elder.

The pastor at Elpis is working to get District 10 active again. Carolyn Nicholas is Treasurer and we will be getting further information on it.

Byron read a bid from Lloyd Hicks for 2019 grass cutting for \$100.00 per week and \$150.00 to get up leaves, etc. Steve Montgomery made a motion that we accept Lloyd's bid. John Kruep seconded the motion and it was carried.

Pastor Bob closed with prayer.

Prayer Cross



To mark the journey of Lent, a wooden cross will be placed in the vestibule on Sunday, April 7th and Sunday, April 14th to be used as a Prayer Cross.

During the interlude, a quiet time of prayer, you will hear the sounds of a hammer striking. Take this time to reflect on the pain and suffering leading to the crucifixion of Jesus, as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. As we open ourselves before God, we place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands. We pray that this will be a moving time for reflection and a powerful call to prayer.

You are invited to the vestibule to write your prayer requests on paper that will be provided and place them on the cross.

At the close of our Palm Sunday service, our prayer requests will be removed and burned, to symbolize releasing our needs to God and to humble ourselves before God, that without Him we are but dust and ashes.



Church Website and Facebook Page

Just a reminder that we have our own Website and Facebook Page. To view our website, go to www.hollygrovechristian.com. To become friends online with our church on Facebook, go to Facebook and search for "Holly Grove Christian Church." If you do not want your picture or your child's picture on Facebook or the website, please let Andy Rose know. We pray that these tools will be used as a great outreach to our church and community!

Baby Grand Piano Recital



Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 5th at 3 p.m. for a wonderful time of music with Anita Brooks Williams who will be sharing her musical talent on the baby grand piano. There will be other special music as well and Anita will be asking the congregation for requests also. Afterwards, there will be a reception with light refreshments.



The Lenten Season

The upcoming season of Lent is upon us. What is Lent? Lent is the Christian season of preparation before Easter. Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Many people on the last night before Lent eat rich, fatty foods before they start the ritual of fasting for the Lenten season which begins on March 6th this year. The day before Lent is called Shrove Tuesday.

Shrove is from the word shrive, meaning "confess." In our Christian religion during the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites itself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert and in spiritual preparation for the celebration of His Passion, Death and Resurrection. This is a time to make a special point of self-examination, of considering what wrongs we need to repent and what amendments of life or areas of spiritual growth we especially need to ask God's help in dealing with. It is a very special time for Christians to reflect on Jesus Christ and **ALL** He has done for us.

A Christian's Poem

By: Madelyn Arbon

Rejoice, my soul, for Christ has risen!
Wipe earth's dimness from my eyes!
Bathe my spirit in His Glory,
Let my shouts of praise arise!

On that throne in Heaven seated,
Pains of death forever past,
Bands of earth could never hold Him,
Victory has come at last!

See, O world, my Savior rise,
Oh the mystery of His grace,
Through the ages He has loved me,
Now prepares for me a place.

O, my soul, bow down to worship,
Not "Nature's new life every spring."
But the Christ of Resurrection
And the Blessed Hope He brings!



Holly Grove Happenings



Special thanks to our Christian Women's Fellowship for an inspirational Laity Sunday!



Pictured above is Andy Rose, Scout leader with his son Galen "Gator" Rose and other participants at the "God and Me" Program Awards Ceremony. Congratulations to these wonderful scouts and parents as they all received their pins on Sunday, Feb. 10th.

Something to Think About



What are you doing to let God's light shine through you?

Matthew 5: 14 – 16 says: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

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