



A Place for All People

**OCTOBER 2022**

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**A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR**

I do not know how many church or church related meetings I've attended during my ministry. If I had a nickel .... The most meetings I've attended are local church meetings of which one kind is that of the church's business.

After worship on Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we hold our annual business meeting. Most of you know what happens in these meetings: decisions are made that affect the church body and the church's upcoming organizational and fiscal years. We consider things such as a budget for the new year and vote on folks to fill committees. We simply consider matters that require our collective decisions. In brief, motions are made, discussed, and voted upon. They either pass or not.

To vote, however, one must be a church member. For the church to hold a vote on anything, too, we must have a quorum of 32 members present in the meeting.

In Luke 14:18, which is a part of a parable about inviting people to the great banquet, those invited began to make excuses as to why they couldn't come. One had purchased a field and had to look it over; another bought oxen and had to test them; and one had just gotten married so he couldn't come.

# The Beacon

Put the date on your calendar and plan to attend the business meeting after worship. If you bought a field or oxen, or just got married, come anyway!!! Bring your spouse with you but leave the oxen in the field.

Peace,  
**Clarke**  
Hillcrest Baptist Church  
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**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Plan to stay after church on Sunday, October 23 for the annual business meeting. We will vote on matters important to our church and its operations: the 2023 budget, church officers, Sunday School leadership, committees, deacons and trustees.

We will also nominate and elect members to the Dover Executive Committee, and messengers to the Annual Dover Association meeting and to the Baptist General Association of Virginia. Please contact me if you would like to place your name in nomination.

To expedite the meeting, written reports from church staff and committees will be available for advance pick up on Sunday, October 16 and no oral reports will be read at the meeting. If you would like to request that an electronic or paper packet of reports be sent to you, please contact the church office.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**  
**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

**3:00 P.M.**  
**ANNUAL DOVER MEETING AT HILLCREST**

New business from the floor: if possible, please draft any motion for new business and provide copies in advance so that the meeting can move expeditiously.

Sorry, no covered dish lunch. We will need 32 members present for our quorum, so please plan to stay and participate. While we will move through our agenda as efficiently as possible, we will also allow necessary time for discussion and questions.

Written reports for the annual business meeting should be emailed to the church office no later than Sunday October 9. The packet of reports will be available for pick up on Sunday October 16.

Absentee voting: In response and clarification to a recent question regarding absentee voting at the business meeting I offer the criteria per our bylaws, Section 1.4: "Absentee balloting shall only be allowed in cases of physical disability as determined by the body of deacons. A sealed ballot shall be submitted to the moderator prior to the start of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken." Please contact any of our deacons to be accommodated. Our deacons are Terri Collier, Trish Hawkins, Juanita Lynn, Kritin Riccio, and Tony Riccio. Thank you!

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## **NEW TIME FOR ADULT**

### **CHOIR:**

**7:00pm – 8:00pm**

According to Webster music is "vocal, instrumental, or

mechanical sounds having rhythm, melody, or harmony". You are invited to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 to create beautiful music together. We will use our music to lead in the Sunday morning service and enhance the praise and worship of our Lord and Savior. Music is a powerful tool and a gift!!! Hope you will consider joining us!!!

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." PSALM 100:1-2

"Sing"cerely,  
Linda

### **HBC UPCOMING EVENTS**

Everyone is invited to participate in the events below. Details for each event are provided on a handout located on the welcome desk in the atrium. If you have questions, contact Kristin Riccio (804-402-8797).

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
October 9	Pumpkin Patch Noon
October 16	Howdy Neighbor 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### **BACKPACK MINISTRY**

The Backpack Ministry held its annual kickoff picnic at Hillcrest in the Pole Barn on September 18th. About 22 people attended. It is our way of saying thank you to all of our volunteers.

We have restocked the Backpack Ministry food supply to levels that can sustain us through December with the exception of a few items which we have trouble buying in bulk. We continue to look for ways to better manage those items. As of this writing, only one school

has submitted a request for 6 students. We expect more schools to send their numbers the last week of September and the total numbers to grow substantially.

We continually need your grocery bags with handles to pack food in to carry to the schools. Financial support also is always appreciated. Thanks to those of you who faithfully support the ministry.

Jerry Edwards  
Ministry Coordinator

### **RICE BOWL MINISTRY**

Thank you for your continued support of our Rice Bowl ministry. Rice bowls are an easy fun way for anyone to make a difference in the lives of hungry children around the world. Pick up a rice bowl from the basket in the atrium. Fill the bowl with your loose change. When the bowl is full, return the bowl to the church office with your name. Pick up another bowl and continue the support. Rice bowl funds directly serve orphanages around the world. Make this a family ministry, children will have fun giving their change and knowing they were helping hungry children. Thank you for your support.

Ed Wilkinson

### **CHRISTMAS BOX MINISTRY**

The Christmas Box Ministry is getting closer to going into action. Already Patti Drudge has been gathering requests and reaching out to our partnering churches. Unfortunately, two churches that have been partners for several years have not rejoined the ministry this year. Since Hillcrest provides several items for all the

families this does not affect our commitment to the ministry but it may have an effect on clothing, toys and other items that the other churches shared.

Hillcrest will be shopping to purchase specific items and quantities in early November. Beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we will begin box construction and wrapping of the boxes. After all boxes are wrapped, we will begin the process of packing each family's boxes with the appropriate items to get everything ready for delivery day which is Saturday, December 17th. Please consider volunteering to help in this ministry. If you want to volunteer to serve, please contact me.

The ministry also needs financial donations so consider giving by designating your gift "Christmas Box Ministry".

Most of the recipients of the boxes are clients of the Hanover Christian Firewood Ministry. This Ministry has sent Hillcrest a \$1,000.00 donation to help us in our part of the ministry. They remain grateful for Hillcrest's contributions each year.

Thank you in advance for your support volunteering and financially.

Jerry Edwards  
Ministry Organizer

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS**  
**CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY**

During the month of October, we will be collecting tote bags/cross body purses, non-liquid lip balm, adhesive bandages, stick deodorants, compact mirrors. Of

course, any other items you deem appropriate will be most appreciated. Also, we are always in need of empty shoeboxes. Thank you,

Sharon Duling  
OCC Coordinator

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Dian Bean (10-3)
- Carter Clevinger (10-4)
- Tammy Weaver (10-7)
- Martha Freeman (10-9)
- Lizzy Regensburg (10-14)
- Teresa West (10-15)
- Charles Miles (10-15)
- John Simmons (10-15)
- Patricia Wood (10-18)
- Jacob Althizer (10-20)
- Chuck Miles (10-21)
- Juanita Lynn (10-22)
- Pat Clevinger (10-25)
- John Frawner (10-25)
- Diane Haworth (10-26)
- Nick McGill (10-27)
- Joshua Drudge (10-27)
- Linda Wilkinson (10-28)
- Frannie Mahanes (10-28)
- Dorothy Roberts (10-29)
- Diane Collins (10-31)

**GENERAL FUND RESULTS**

General Fund Balance as of August 1	\$39,384.39
August Receipts (Online giving and regular)	\$9,091.54
August Expenditures	\$13,748.06
Balance as of September 1	\$34,727.87