

# Happenings @ HHBC

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**JANUARY 2018**

## **F**rom the Pastor's Pen:

This new year of 2018 brings with it many opportunities, challenges and possibilities for change, renewal and growth.

God has blessed our church in the past in a very extraordinary way and he wants to bless us in the new year. God is very much at work in our fellowship. I appreciate all of you who have committed to pray for your pastor and leaders and our fulfilling that commitment each day. Thank you for praying for God to touch our church.

Minnette Drumwright, who works with the International Mission Board, is a person of genuine prayer. She once expressed her concern for the place of prayer in many churches. She quoted an anonymous figure that said "We spend more time praying to keep sick saints out of heaven than we do praying lost people into heaven." Drumwright went on to say "At Pentecost they prayed ten days and preached ten minutes, and 3,000 were saved. We reverse this. We pray ten minutes, preach ten days and, of course, we don't have that kind of results."

Thank God for those of you who prioritize prayer and fervently pray for us every day. Is God doing in our church in direct proportion to our persistence in asking of Him? Do we need more fervent, committed people to join with us in prayer? Would you be one of these this year?

God is seeking to bless us individually and collectively—let's open our lives, hearts and church for these blessings.

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Gene

## **NEW BIBLE STUDY**

**Wednesday, 6:45 PM**

In January, 2018, I will lead a Wednesday night series of preaching on the "Seven deadly Sins".

These will deal with issues that we face daily.

In January we will embrace the following topics:

The first Deadly Sin is PRIDE.

The second Deadly Sin is ANGER.

The third Deadly Sin is ENVY.

The fourth Deadly Sin is IMPURITY.

The fifth Deadly Sin is GLUTTONY.

Looking forward to seeing you then.

## **CHURCH WEATHER CLOSING POLICY**

This winter we will continue to use Channel 2 (WFMY), cable Channel 9, to announce our closing plans. Forecasts will be reviewed, and local conditions surveyed when practical, and a decision made by the Pastor, with advice from the Chairman of the Deacons and the Properties Chairman. Please be alert to that channel SATURDAY NIGHT AND SUNDAY AM. Wednesday night closings will be handled by calls from the deacons. The parking lot and walks will be scraped, or salt applied when appropriate, but each person should review their own situation before venturing out, and use extra precaution. **WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T COME OUT!!!**

## **NGO (Never Grow Old)**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

**11:30 a.m.**

**K & W Cafeteria**

**Please join us!**

## **LOTTIE MOON GOAL**

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal has been set for **\$4,000.00**. Given to date **\$4,355.50**

**Thank you for exceeding our goal!**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Jan. 8 Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm

Jan. 14 Stewardship Meeting, 5:30 pm

Jan. 17 Business Meeting, 6:45 pm

Jan. 18 Bingo, 6:30-9, (Ralph Scott Homes)

Jan. 26 Bingo, 1:30-4, (Rest Homes)

# **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

## **How Samaritan Purse “shoebox” ministry made impact on Russian girl now living here**

Born three years after the 1986 Chernobyl disaster in Russia with a spinal defect Natasha Ivanova recalls her journey from Russia to Burlington as one in “black and white” without color. It would be a simple shoebox ministry from the U.S. that would transform her life.

She was born in Belarus to a very loving family. Natasha’s’ parents worked hard while her grandmother took care of her and her brothers. Because of her disability and new government regulations at that time she could not attend school. There was no money for her to attend a special school so she was sent to an orphanage. She was forced to leave her family at the age of 8 years old. She felt so alone and just wanted to be with her family.

During her second year at the orphanage, the children were told to skip their afternoon nap and come back to the classroom. We didn’t know why, but little did we know we would be receiving a “present”. Natasha did not know what a present was. When she saw the boxes wrapped in bright Christmas paper she realized there was color in the world. When Natasha opened her box and saw a box of crayons, she couldn’t believe someone cared enough to pack this box for her.

At the bottom of the box was a pamphlet in English and since Natasha couldn’t read English she took it to one of her teachers. The teacher told her to throw it away but she put it back in my box.

Sometime after receiving her box she received news she was going to the United States for treatment from the physical affects of radiation. While staying with a family in Graham and Mebane she learned to speak English. When returning home she remembered the pamphlet in her shoebox. When she got it out and read it she knew what was missing in her life, Jesus Christ.

Fourteen years later Natasha has made a permanent residence in Burlington and attends Liberty University to receive her Master’s degree.

**For January and February we are requesting Hygiene items.**

**Toothbrush**

**Toothpaste**

**Combs**

**Hair Brush**

**Soap**

**Washcloth**

**Chap Stick**

**Deodorant**

**Hair bows**

**Ponytail bands**

**Our Goal for 2018 is 150**

**boxes.**

## Meals-on-Wheels

Monday, Jan. 8: Allen & Connie Swisher  
 Tuesday, Jan. 9: Eldridge & Vicki Matkins  
 Wednesday, Jan. 10: Randy & Vickie Godwin  
 Thursday, Jan. 11: Ken & Jean Stout

## SERVICE TIMES

**Sundays:** Sunday School: 9:15 am  
 Worship Service: 10:30 am  
**Wednesdays:** Choir Practice: 6:00 pm  
 Prayer/Bible Study: 6:45 pm

**Secretary's Hours:**  
 Mon & Wed. 8:30—2 pm  
 Thurs. 8:30-12 noon  
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## JANUARY

### BIRTHDAYS

13. Betty Fortune  
 17. Maria Cruz  
 23. Rev. Jeff Hagood



### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

5. Ken & Jean Stout  
 (61st)  
 27. Mack & Linda Kerns

(Please, call 336-584-8040 if you were left off the January Birthday or Anniversary list.)

### WE GIVE YEAR ROUND ASSISTANCE

The Allied Churches Pantry needs your donations of canned and nonperishable food. Please, place your donations in the container always located in the vestibule. Thank you!

# JANUARY 2018

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	1 Happy New Year!	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Deacons meeting 6:30 pm NAMI	9	10	11	12	13
		Meals on Wheels Delivers				
14 Stewardship Meets 5:30 pm	15	16 NGO—11:30 K & W Cafeteria	17 Business meeting 6:45 pm	18 Bingo 6:30-9 pm Ralph Scott Homes	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Bingo 1:30-4 Rest Homes	27
28	29	30	31		Deacon: Bud Durham	