

Communiqué

As a fellowship of Christ's followers, our mission is to journey through life with the inclusive Christ and embrace all with God's transforming love.

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Thoughts from
Pastor David

Each week, part of my work routine is to watch the previous Sunday's sermon with a critical eye and ear. Hoping to sharpen my craft of preaching, I take note of intrinsic mannerisms of which I'm unaware I do, pace of speech, and quality of delivery. Am I speaking too fast? What words or phrases am I saying that I don't realize I'm saying? Is there enough eye-contact? Is what I was wanting to say what was actually communicated?

The other evening it just so happened that Erin was working, Hayden was already in bed, and Miriam and I were the only ones sitting at the dinner table. It was a rare time in which Miriam was not talking and was just eating. So, I pulled out my phone, propped the screen in front of the two of us, and started watching the sermon from that week's service. I started taking notes in my notepad, reminding myself to slow down and reduce the number of times I say, "marinate." It was not that far after the introduction of the sermon, though, when Miriam finally looked up from her plate, and proclaimed, "Hey, it's you Dad. You are talking at church. Oh, and I love you. And Mama loves you. And Hayden loves you. And you love us." And, at that, Miriam went back to her plate and returned to eating her oranges and chicken.

As you might imagine, I started tearing up. My daughter just declared, "Oh, and I love you. And Mama loves you. And Hayden loves you. And you love us." To Miriam, this was just a fact of life. She was stating what was so obvious to her. Dad talks at church and our family loves each other. Business as usual.

But for me, this was anything but business as usual. This was sacred space. This was a holy moment. My daughter stated that she loves and is loved. This was gospel to me. In her nonchalant being, I experienced the voice of Christ calling out to me.

All of this made me quickly think of you. Holmeswood Baptist Church is comprised of people who take seriously the work of embracing and sharing the saving love of Christ at 97th and Holmes and

beyond. This is the task at hand. This is the life that is deeply embedded in you. And the reason you do this is because you have heard the voice of the Christ declare, "I love you. And you love me."

Sometimes, it is easy to focus so much on the work, that we forget the reason behind it all. Like Miriam reminded me at the dinner table, let me join alongside the voice of the Christ in saying something so ordinary that it is easy to miss. "You are participating in God's great Shalom. And I love you. And Christ loves you. And the full Trinity of God loves you."

You Are Loved

Save the Date:

- ⇒ **Sunday, Feb. 2**, Chili and Chiefs Cook-off, 11:15 am, Fellowship Hall. \$7/person suggested donation.
- ⇒ **Friday, Feb. 7**, Game Night, 6:30-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite game, or show up with a snack to share. Let the strategy, laughter and fun begin! This event is open to church regulars and friends, it's free and great for ages 0-103. Lets play!
- ⇒ **Saturday, Feb. 15**, Service Saturday, Location and Time TBA.
- ⇒ **Sunday, Feb. 16**, Christy Edwards, chaplain and member of 2nd Baptist Liberty, preaches in honor of Baptist Women in Ministry's Month of Preaching.
- ⇒ **Wednesday, Feb. 26**, Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 pm, Sanctuary.

MLK Day of Service

On Martin Luther King Day of Service, we:

- Reflected on a '67 interview with Dr. King about the struggle for true equality
- Made 100 blessing bags for the homeless (pick one up in the Galleria to give away!)
- Wrote cards & made mailable hugs for our homebound members
- Created 10 cleaning and birthday party kits for Hillcrest Transitional Housing
- Organized our Food Pantry and Clothes Closet to serve our Center Schools
- Labeled 6,000 lbs. of meat of Harvesters for those in our city struggling with food security

As always, we're honored to serve our community and continue the fight for true racial equality in our country.



~ February 2020 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Minister on Call: Laurel Cluthe 1p-4p Mission Council Vision Quest (Fellowship Hall)
2 9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Blood Pressure Check (Narthex) 10a-10:15a Meal & Greet 10-15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 11:30a-1p HBC Chill Cookoff - Youth Group Fundraiser (Fellowship Hall) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship	3 Deacon on Call: LaDonna Campbell	4 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym) 8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group	5 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	6 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)	7 6:30p-8:30p Game Night (Fellowship Hall)	8 Minister on Call: Anna Holaday 6p-10p ICC Meal Prep (Gym - Kitchen)
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16 Christy Edwards Preaching (Recognition of Martha Sterns Marshall month) 9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Meal & Greet 10-15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 11:30a-12:30p Church Conversations (Fellowship Hall) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship	17 Deacon on Call: Maggie Andrews	18 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym) 8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group	19 Newsletter Deadline 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 5:30p-6:15p Dinner (Fellowship Hall) 6-10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 6:30p-7:30p Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall) 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	20 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)	21 Newsletter Distributed	22 Minister on Call: Allen York 9a-12p Sanctuary Choir Retreat (Choir Room)
23 9a-10a Worship Service (Sanctuary) 10a-10:15a Meal & Greet 10-15a-11:15a Bible Fellowship Groups (Classrooms) 11:30a-12:30p Deacons Meeting (Parlor) 12p-3:30p ICC Bible Study & Worship	24 Deacon on Call: Tim Freeman 12:30p-3:30p Prayers & Squares (S204)	25 10a-11a Staff Meeting (Conf Rm2) 11a-12p Pastoral Staff Meeting (David's Office) 6p-7:30p Social Justice Team Meeting (S201) 6:30p-9p Play & Play Basketball (Gym) 8:30p-9:30p Young Professionals Online Small Group	26 Ash Wednesday 4p-5p HBC Community Chorus (Choir Rm) 6:10p-7:20p Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room) 6:30p-7:30p Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) 7:30p-8:30p Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 8:30p-10p Play & Play Basketball (Gym)	27 7a-8a Men's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm2) 7a-8a Women's Prayer Breakfast (Conf Rm1) 6:30p-8:30p Pickleball (Gym)	28 Newsletter Distributed	29 Minister on Call: Allen York

Faith Community Health Team

In the middle of our busy lives, sometimes we just need one thought to carry us through our day. Here are a few to try on for size.

- ⇒ To handle yourself, use your head. To handle others, use your heart.
- ⇒ Anger is only one letter short of danger.
- ⇒ Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people.
- ⇒ God gives every bird its food, but he does not throw it into the nest.
- ⇒ Learn from the mistakes of others, you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.
- ⇒ Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art.
- ⇒ The tongue weighs practically nothing, but so few people can hold it.



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Psalm 51:1

The Church Health Center
-Lora Lau, RN FCN



- 2/01 Ginger Shew, Byron Williams
- 2/05 Dan Anderson, Ron Garrison, Larry Hall, Laneisha Williams, Jeanine Williamson
- 2/06 Dinah Wise, Dorothy Woodley
- 2/07 Stan Samborski, Aubrey Zey
- 2/08 Juanita Springate
- 2/09 Carolyn Corbett
- 2/10 Rod Crites, Chuck Loomis, Dan Terry, Diamond Williams
- 2/12 Jack Bartmess, Helen Hill
- 2/14 Zachary Hendrix, Debbie Morrison
- 2/18 Ben Newton, Daniel Smith
- 2/19 Isaiah Hendrix
- 2/20 Joel Jenkins, Erin McDaniel
- 2/23 Don Duvall
- 2/24 Laurel Cluthe, Shirel York
- 2/27 Andy Gleason
- 2/28 Sue Johnson

News In Our Community

We joyfully welcome:

-James "Cal" Botts, born on December 21, 2019. James is the son of Jackie "Seidelman" Botts and Tony Botts. Proud grandparents are Paulette and Joel Seidelman and great-grandparents are Jim and Charlotte Frey.

-Brooks Hall was born on January 27, 2020. Brooks is the son of Robert and Bekah Hall. Proud grandparents are Larry and Shirley Hall.

Holmeswood Baptist Church extends Christian sympathy to:

-The family of Mary Helen Brummel upon her death on December 20.

-The family of Mary Brackens upon her death on January 26.

Welcome To Our Newest Member, Doug!

Holmeswood Baptist Church welcomed **Doug Hart** on December 15, 2019. Doug was born in Independence, KS. He was raised and went to school in Davenport, IA. Doug works for AA Wheel and Truck Supply. Doug also enjoys sports.



Statistics

December 15

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	127
Bible Fellowship Groups	78
Pledge Received	\$8,389

December 22

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	167
Bible Fellowship Groups	116
Pledge Received	\$22,810

December 29

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	107
No BFG	
Pledge Received	\$30,866

January 5

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	164
Bible Fellowship Groups	127
Pledge Received	\$7,250

January 12

9:00 a.m. Worship Service	102
Bible Fellowship Groups	68
Pledge Received	\$3,983



OFFERING FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS

Each year during Advent and Christmas, we join alongside other Cooperative Baptist Fellowship churches in collecting a special offering called the Offering for Global

Missions. This offering supports the long-term presence of CBF field personnel around the world as they share the good news of God's transforming love. This year, you heard stories of the work of Lynn and Michael Hutchinson serving in Togo, West Africa and Karen Morrow serving in Ft. Worth, TX.



This year our goal was \$5,000. **We raised a total of \$6,058.69!**



Thank you for your generous contributions. Each cent raised helps a person live more abundantly.

"I have come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:10

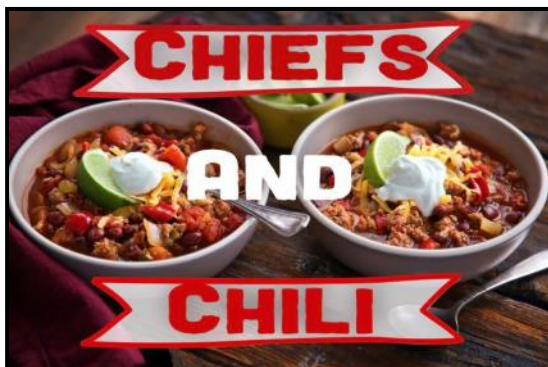
We have a Blog!

Did you know we have a Holmeswood Family blog? Visit Holmeswoodfam.org or the church website (Holmeswood.org) to discover up-to-date happenings in Holmeswood's Family Ministry! "Follow" the blog to receive a once-weekly email with updates. New this month is a page with the BFG Lesson and Teaching Schedules for Nursery, Elementary and Youth BFGs! Also, see our growing list of resources on the "Parent Library" page of the blog.



Chili Cook-off Fundraiser For the Youth/College Mission Trip

Sunday, February 2 @ 11:15 am
Fellowship Hall



Join us for a fun lunch of comfort food! Every dollar raised goes towards the Youth/College mission trip to San Diego, CA with Sierra Service Project this July. The trip's emphasis will be on experiencing God's ministries around poverty, immigration and the environment in and around San Diego.

The Mission Team will be voting on their favorite chili, and fun prizes will be rewarded. =)

Suggested Donation for Lunch: \$7 (but ALL are welcome to eat!)

Cash, check, and credit card payments gladly accepted.

Thank you for supporting our Youth and College Students as they partner with Sierra Service Project!



Impact Center

Holmeswood is a leader in "Impact Center", an initiative to end student and family homelessness in the Center District by 2022. By providing wrap-around services, families are moving into sustainable and dignified housing!

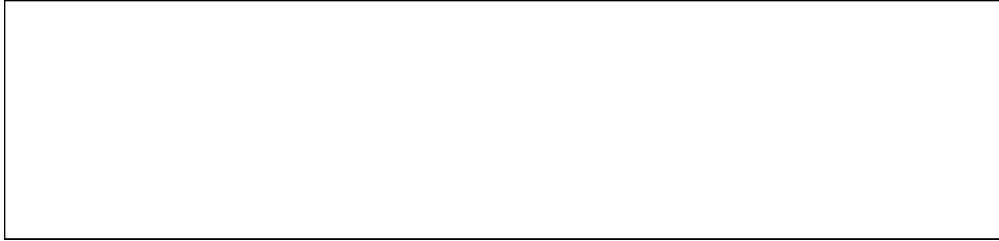
Once a month, there is an "Impact Day" in which families meet with resource agencies and get basic necessities. Holmeswood staffs the Faith Table, providing a listening ear to families in crisis, and also stocks bins with clothing "basics". Here's what we are low on right now:

- girls' socks
- girls' underwear
- boys' underwear
- men's socks
- men's underwear, Small and Medium
- women's underwear



Place any donations in the wicker basket by the office doors. Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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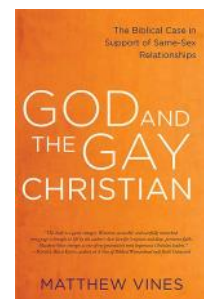
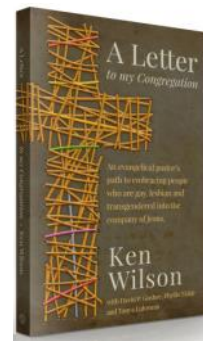
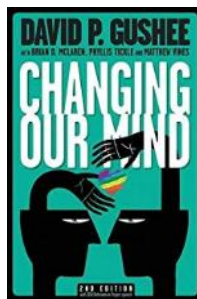
MEDIA LIBRARY NEWS

These books in the library have been recommended by the Deacons to read for the church-wide conversations on human sexuality:

Changing Our Minds by David Gushee

A Letter To My Congregation by Ken Wilson

God And The Gay Christian by Matthew Vines



20 MUST READ BOOKS FROM THE HBC LIBRARY IN 2020

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Meaning of Jesus</i> by Marcus Borg and N. T. Wright 2. <i>Jesus is the Way</i> by Eugene Peterson 3. <i>Out of Babylon</i> by Walter Brueggemann 4. <i>The Modern Magnificat</i> by Jennifer Dault 5. <i>When Religion Becomes Lethal</i> by Charles Kimball 6. <i>Paul</i> by N.T. Wright | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. <i>The Greatest Prayer</i> by John Crossan 8. <i>Evolution of the Word</i> by Marcus Borg 9. <i>Meditations of the Cross</i> by Dietrich Bonhoeffer 10. <i>Walking the Bible: A Journey By Land Through the Five Books of Moses</i> by Bruce Fieiler 11. <i>Through a Season Of Grief</i> by Bill Dunn and Kathy Leonard 12. <i>The Lord's Prayer</i> by Nijay Gupta 13. <i>Daniel Prayer</i> by Anne Lotz | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. <i>Religion in the Oval Office</i> by Gary Smith 15. <i>Naked Spirituality</i> by Brian McLaren 16. <i>America's Original Sin</i> by Jim Wallace 17. <i>Soul Keeping</i> by John Ortberg 18. <i>Learning to Walk in the Dark</i> by Barbara Brown Taylor 19. <i>Faith And Politics</i> by John Danforth 20. <i>12 Years A Slave</i> by Solomon Northup |
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