

# ***THE NEWSHERALD of HARTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH***

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**Church Family,**

**Ezra 1-2**

Cyrus the Great was the most dominant leader in history at the time of his reign. He united more people and defeated more nations than anyone before him. He was known throughout the world at that time as the king of kings. As ruler over many nations he would literally be considered the king of their king. Cyrus was different from the Assyrian persecutors who came before him because his method of leadership was far different. Assyrians would take people from their homes, slaughter their people, then divide the land amongst their own heritage while shipping the natives back to Assyria. Babylonians were far different. They returned people to their homes to work their own lands while giving back a portion of their yield as penance to the king of kings. What Cyrus did not know was that God was going to use this vanity as His own tool for returning His people and rebuilding God's temple. The Lord laid it on Cyrus' heart to not only rebuild the temple but to return everything that was stolen as well.

Often when the moment of surrender and defeat can get no more oppressing is when the Lord decides to step into the situation and redeem His people. Israel was arguably at the lowest point in which it had existed in its history. The people were displaced and in pain. They were removed from where they wanted to be in life. We most likely can identify with their feelings of exhaustion and defeat in more ways than one. But know that even the king of kings was subservient to the King of Kings who is God and LORD. Trust Him with whatever you're going through today and know that He is directing even the paths of your enemies.

**In Christ,**

**Bro. Les**

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## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**By Profession of Faith and Baptism: Ella Grace Fountain**

**By Transfer of Letter: Tim & Karen Goad**

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**\*\*OUR NEW SUNDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE BEGAN LAST WEEK!  
MEET IN THE SANCTUARY AT 5:30 P.M. FOR A SHORT TIME OF WORSHIP, THEN  
WE GO TO OUR DIFFERENT CLASSES. IF YOU DIDN'T MAKE IT LAST WEEK,  
PLEASE COME ANYWAY. THERE IS A PLACE FOR EVERYONE!**

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## **OFFICIAL NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

**Robert Guilford and Chase Childs have been heading up Youth and Children's Ministries for some time now on a volunteer basis. At our last business meeting, they were officially voted in. We (officially) welcome Robert as head of our Youth Ministry and Chase as head of our Children's Ministry.**

**Please keep both of these men, their families and our Youth and Children's Ministries in your prayers!**

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## GIFTS

### GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Leonard Chandler: Peggy Simon, Stacy & Cary Hatcher, Mal & Ellen Laye, Gary & Peggy Miller

In Memory of Minnie Kate Bottoms, Red Horn, Hilda Church, Denise Pippen and Jennings

Hundley: Mal & Ellen Laye

**\*\* Ladies' Exercise Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. in the gym.**

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We have begun taking contributions for this year's OCC project. Our goal for this year is \$8,000.00. Our offering emphasis day will be August 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to go ahead and contribute, just place your offering in an envelope and notate on the outside of the envelope Operation Christmas Child.

**\*\*For those going on the Pigeon Forge Trip - Money is now due.**

### SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES

Our new Sunday night schedule began last Sunday night. The following studies are available.

\* Beth Moore Study, "Breath" with Lacey Hughes

\*\*"Follow Me" with Robert Guilford

\*\*"Helping without Hurting: Church Benevolence" with Bro. Les

\*\*"The Andy Griffith Show/Mayberry Bible Study" with Bro. Bruce

\*Regular Discipleship Training Class with Charles Thomley

\*Youth - Study the book of James with Jarrod Wagner

\* Children's Bible Study with Chase Childs

If you could not be here last Sunday, please join us next week at 5:30 p.m.

## NOTE OF APPRECIATION

To Our Dear Church Family,

Carol and I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your many expressions of love. Serving you for the past 33 years has been a joy. You are our family. We look forward to growing "older" together with you.

I am so thrilled to see the new excitement that is present in our worship services. I am convinced that God is going to use HBC in a new way to reach more people for the Kingdom. "To God be the glory, great things He hath done."

Love,

Bruce & Carol

**\*\*The Sing-A-Long at Hartford Healthcare will be next Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**

**\*\*Finance Committee will meet Sunday, the 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**

**\*\*Adult Choir - We will begin working on our Christmas music this week at Choir Practice. Hope to see you there!**



**\*\*JUST A REMINDER! - If you are scheduled to work in the nursery, a.m. or p.m., and cannot be there, please call the office or let Vicki know. We depend on your help. Thank you for volunteering your time for our sweet babies!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2017**  
**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**  
Tim Adams/Jeff Brannon

**USHERS**  
Don Farris, Chmn.  
Mutt Brannon  
Jimmy Hendrix  
Paul Fondren

**SOUND SYSTEM**  
Joey Brown

**MEDIA SHOUT OPERATOR**  
Micah Turner

**TELLER COMMITTEE**  
Harold Hicks/Jimmy Hendrix  
Alternate-Penny Bonner

**PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH**  
Teacher: Lindsey Wagner  
Helper: Ross Thomley

**FLOWERS**  
In Memory of  
Mary Brackin  
Given by Lamar Brackin

**ELEVATOR OPERATOR**  
Geraldine Kinman

**RETIREMENT VILLAGE**  
Barbara Worthy

**GREETERS OF THE WEEK**  
Don Farris/Susan Bailey

**NURSERY-A.M.**  
Aubrey & Mary Bright/Peggy Miller  
**NURSERY-P.M.**  
Lindsey Wagner

**OUR RECORD-8-13-17**  
Sunday School - 134  
Evening Studies - 142

**OUR HOSPITALIZED**  
Myrtle Cobb-Westside Terrace

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
**AUGUST 20, 2017**  
LIBRARY OPEN-8:30-9:00 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER PRAYER  
TIME-8:55 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:15 A.M.  
LIBRARY OPEN-9:50-10:10 A.M.  
WORSHIP SERVICE-10:15 A.M.  
LIBRARY OPEN-5:00-5:25 P.M.  
EVENING PROGRAM-5:30 P.M.

**FINANCIAL REPORT-8-13-17**  
Budget Receipts - \$7,098.00  
Maintenance 3% of Undesig. - \$220.00  
OCC - \$590.00  
OCC Total So Far - \$2,531.47

**WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT**  
\$8,146.15  
**REC'D THIS WEEK**  
\$7,318.00 (-\$828.15)

These totals include Budget Receipts and Maintenance percentage.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**  
**August 16, 2017**  
6:00 - 6:25 p.m. - Library Open  
6:30 p.m. - Mid-Week Prayer  
Meeting/Youth & Children's Activities  
7:45 p.m. - Adult Choir



**ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS TO REMEMBER**  
**IN PRAYER!**  
\*ALL HBC MINISTRIES!  
\*NEW SCHOOL YEAR  
\* FALL SCHEDULE/SUNDAY NIGHT  
STUDIES