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DECLARATIONS

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Dear Independence Hill Family,

It is after prayer and seeking wisdom, I have submitted my resignation as Senior Pastor of Independence Hill Baptist Church. For the last few years, I have been feeling a call to plant a church. But this wouldn't be the normal church plant. This ministry will be done co-vocationally. This kind of church doesn't need large group space to meet for Sunday services. It is called a network of micro-churches.

The goal of this type of network is to multiply home groups. Two guiding principles would be this organization doesn't depend on property or paid staff. The vision is to connect and disciple those who aren't going to church anywhere. This is also a focus of the North American Mission Board. They are launching a support team and resources this year for micro-church networks.

For almost 2 years, I have been working most Fridays and Saturdays at Apex Express Logistics. Apex is a DSP, delivery service provider, for Amazon. The Amazon trucks that deliver packages to homes are staffed and managed by DSPs. I have been one of their dispatchers. I have accepted a full-time position as Operations Manager for Apex. This is the necessary step to support my family before planting this new type of church.

My Apex schedule will be Wednesday through Saturday. After meeting with the Personnel Team, we agreed upon a three-month transition. Starting October 2, I will work Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday at Independence Hill with my salary adjusting accordingly. I will also handle pastoral care needs as they arise on days I am not at the church.

Furthermore, I will not immediately launch this new ministry after my time at IHBC concludes. I love Independence Hill and want the best for you. I don't want to be part of anything that could be interpreted as divisive. A micro-church network will take time and training to organize. I have no set date to launch the church I feel God guiding me to lead.

Please receive this resignation knowing I have been so blessed by the last 20 years at Independence Hill. Tanya, Jade, Hope, Carter and I are thankful for the relationships and memories. God has been good. My prayer has been and will continue to be that God will bless and keep this beautiful community of faith.

With much love,



Todd Marlin



Again this year, the Personnel Team would like to remind everyone that October, which is the beginning of another church year, is a great time to show our thanks to Todd, Chris, Tim, Matt, Holly, Rebekah, Carol, Inger, and Rachel for all that they did this past year to support the work of our church. Cards, notes, treats, and other tokens of gratitude would be greatly appreciated by each of these hardworking and dedicated staff members.

Jenny Tolson, Chair Personnel Team

Ed Winter is inviting all Greeters (and anyone interested in joining the Hospitality Welcome Team) to meet Sunday, October 16th at 5:00pm





One of our 7 Milestones, that we plan to accomplish together before the end of the year, has to do with "Re-Visioning" We are inviting YOU (all of you) to join us 5:00pm Sunday, October 9th, in the gym. Your input is valuable through this process."



THANK YOU for serving the families of David Cox Elementary School on Thursday, September 22nd. This is the first of FOUR events where we serve and interact with students, staff and family members of DCREs. Approximately 250 DC family members were touched. Thanks, Tanya, Tina, Joey, Daisy, Kyle, Wayne, Phyllis H, Betty, Sterling, Dan, Princess, Susie and Rick for sharing your gifts!

Thank you Betty Fox for leading team for the Walk for Life benefitting the Community Pregnancy Center of Lake Norman.

Collections for October

We will be collecting Operation Christmas Child gifts as we prepare for our OCC packing party on Sunday, November 13th during the worship service. You may provide items for the party, take home a box, pack it and return it on 11/13 OR "adopt a box" for \$25. The Missions team will utilize this money to purchase supplies for the packing party. Donations should be earmarked with tithes/offerings.

Donations may include toys, stuffed animals, personal care items, crafts, activities, clothing. Remember we are packing shoe boxes.

DO NOT INCLUDE:

Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

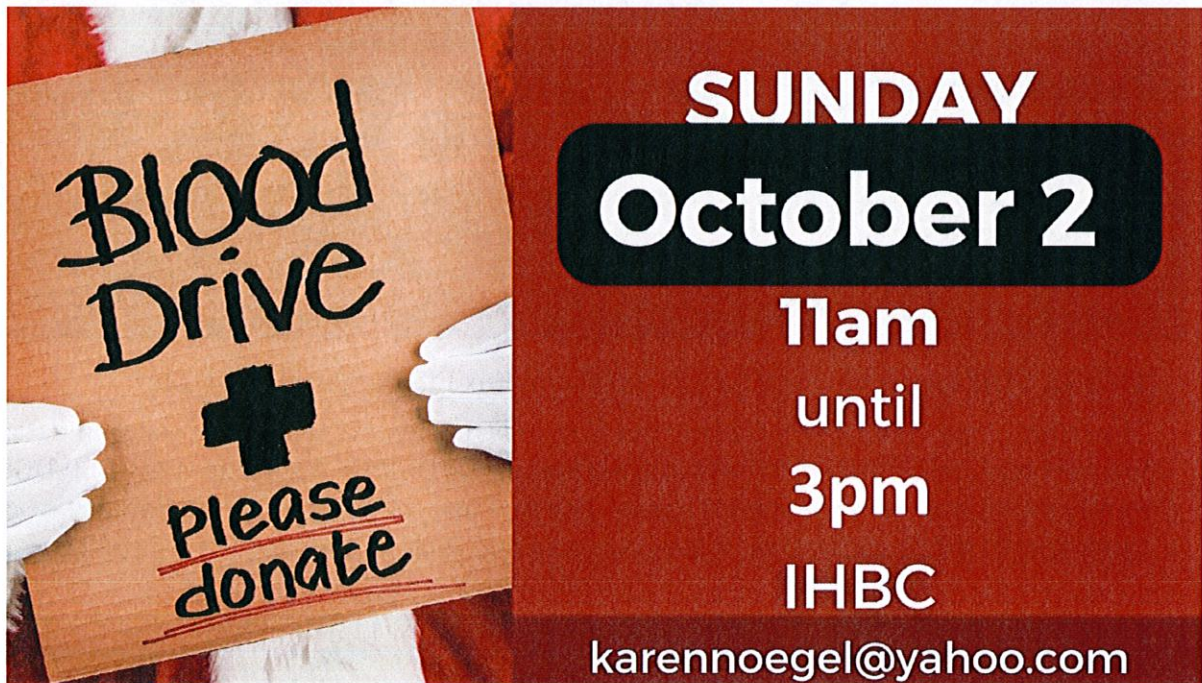
UPCOMING EVENTS

Red Cross Blood Drive – October 2nd 11 am – 3 p.m.

Please contact Karen Noegel if you wish to volunteer or donate blood. karennoegel@yahoo.com

IHWP Fundraiser – Sock Sale October 17-28

Fall Festival – October 30th



SUNDAY
October 2

11am
until
3pm

IHBC

karennoegel@yahoo.com



The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us that "For everything there is a season..."

We are in a changing season

In the spirit of unity, your church Staff and Personnel Team have set some milestones that we plan to accomplish together before Todd's last Sunday on January 1st.

MILESTONE A)

We will provide Q&A opportunities and listening for you to express your feelings, questions and ideas. Some of these opportunities will come through your Bible Study Group.

MILESTONE B)

We will finish the bulk of our REVISIONING process giving us a confident sense of our identity, mission, values and purpose. This process primarily happens during our monthly Team Huddles. The next one is Sunday, October 9th at 5:00pm in the Gym.

MILESTONE C)

We will plan a time to CELEBRATE Todd and his family. We are putting together a date in November and possibly one on January 1st to honor the Marlin family.

MILESTONE D)

We will plan to COMMISSION Todd and his family. Part of their new ministry calling will be related to the Micro-Church concept. We are positioned to be a sending church. This will most likely take place around Todd's last Sunday with us (January 1st).

MILESTONE E)

We will secure an INTERIM PASTOR, who will begin after January 1st. This person will purposefully help us create a bridge between Todd and prepare us for the next pastor.

MILESTONE F)

We will officially assemble and commission a PASTOR SEARCH TEAM. Our Nominating Team will be tasked with recommending this new search team. It is possible that this team can be initially formed and approved before January. Once this search team is assembled, they will need to go through some training that could last a couple months before they start officially searching.

MILESTONE G)

We will work to be people who are characterized as PEACE-MAKERS, UNIFIERS and ENCOURAGERS. A place where love matters more.

In the meantime, let's commit to pray for each other and put our trust in God.

Grace + Peace,

STAFF TEAM

Todd Marlin, Chris Thompson, Tim Helms, Holly Waller, Matthew Waller, Carol Wilburn, Inger Laws, Rebekah Heilman

PERSONNEL TEAM

Jenny Tolson (team leader), Ed Bolme, Sarah Bolme, Niki Hill, Ronnie Stallings and Ken Tolson

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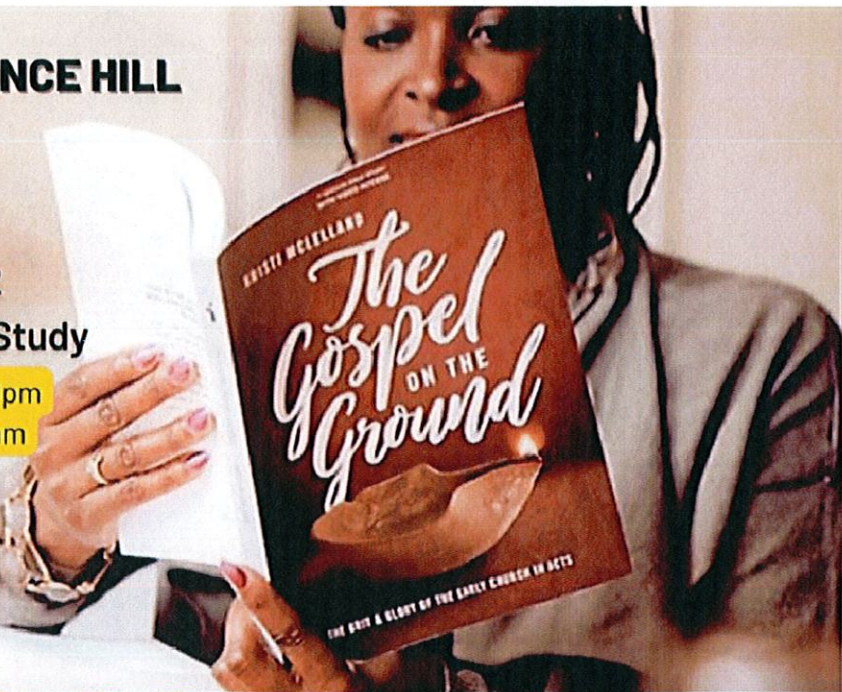


FALL 2022

Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays 6:30pm

Thursdays 9:30am



Women's

BREAKFAST

Fellowship

Meet in the Church Gym

Sunday, October 30

9:00am

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A special gathering for ALL WOMEN during the Sunday School hour

No strings attached. No agenda. Just fellowship with other women.

And a free breakfast you didn't cook!

Set aside your Sunday School class this special morning and join us in the gym for breakfast and a time to mingle and catch up!

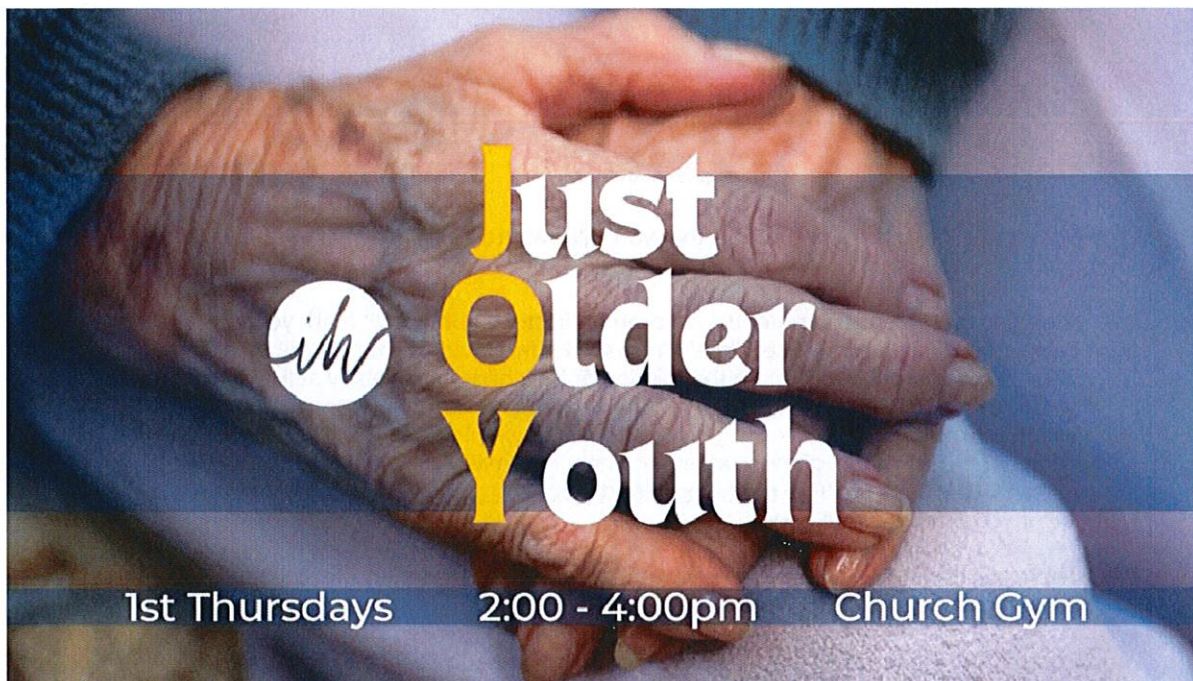
(9:00-10:00am)

Women 2 Women, Standing Together. Ecc 4:9-12

Doughgirls will be providing our gourmet breakfast - sausage/egg casserole,

cheesy grits, fruit, and assorted pastries.

Looking forward to seeing your smiling faces!



Our Senior Adults (JOY Group) will meet Thursday, October 6, in Room 504, for another afternoon of Games and Snacks with lots of conversation and visiting with one another! Come and bring a friend!!!



Huntersville Rehab
Center
13835 Boren St.

SUNDAYS
OCTOBER 9
NOVEMBER 13
DECEMBER 11

1:20-2:00pm

candy.hayes@hotmail.com



Happy October!!! Here are a few updates that you will want to be aware of as we head even further into the Fall season:

- Attention all current and potential children's ministry volunteers!!! **Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 2nd from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** We will be having a meeting over brunch to discuss the mission of the children's ministry at IHBC and do some revisioning for the future. Your input is greatly needed! So, if you're a current volunteer or interested in serving on our team, please plan to attend (you can even bring a friend)! Brunch, games, prizes, and new information will be provided. We just need YOU! Please RSVP to matt@independencehill.org by the night of September 29th if you plan to come or not!
- There will be **no T.B.A. (children's program) on Wednesday, October 26th** in preparation for the upcoming Fall Festival!
- This month, the Independence Hill Children's Ministry and Weekday Preschool are partnering up to put on a Fall Festival outreach event! This will be a great way to reach out and "one another" with our neighbors. **This year's Fall Festival will take place at the church on Sunday, October 30th from 4 to 6 p.m.!** There will be food, music, photo booth, and many activities for all ages. Dinner will be provided at 5:00 (hotdog, chips, and water) free of charge! While we will not be charging for the meal, we are requesting that anyone who plans to eat please donate a canned food item as a way to support our church's missional focus. As the event is nearing 6:00, we will begin our "Trunk-4-Treats" line, which will close out the event. Once everyone has had a chance to go through the line and the candy is gone, the event will be over! However, **WE NEED YOUR HELP** to make this happen! So, if you would like to volunteer, please either sign up on the sheets in the Connect Center or email Matt Waller at matt@independencehill.org. Please know that you can sign up for a station during 4-6 and still sign up to do a trunk as well. But regardless of what you choose, we need candy as well. If everyone donates a bag or two, we should have plenty and the burden won't fall on a few people. Thank you all in advance for your generosity and service. It's going to be a great time!



In truth and love, Matt
matt@independencehill.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Sunday Mornings

- ***Sunday School provided for children ages birth - 5th grade (9:00-9:45 a.m.)***
- ***Nursery provided for children 3 years old and under during the 10:00 a.m. worship service***

Wednesday Evenings

- ***Meal, games, and Bible study provided for children ages kindergarten - 5th grade (6:30-7:30 p.m.)***

Find out more and/or join our team at <https://www.independencehill.org/i-kids>



IHBC FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, October 30th

4:00pm - 6:00pm

JOIN THE KIDS TEAM

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30pm

Your Group Could Provide a Meal

Volunteer to Assist Matt certain Wednesdays

matt@independencehill.org





INDEPENDENCE HILL

STUDENT MINISTRIES



Sundays 9:00am Wednesdays 6:30pm

holly@independencehill.org

**Mountain Cabin
Gretna, VA**

TOTAL: \$150

Holly@IndependenceHill.org

**January 13 - 16
Friday - Monday**

MLK WKND



STUDENT
MINISTRY
winter
RETREAT

Theme: *How To Chill*



Packing Party
Sunday, November 13th
(after the worship service)

**SEND
GOOD
NEWS
AND
GREAT
JOY**



Independence Hill
WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL



SCAN ME | FORMS



704.596.4779



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STUDYING THE BOOK OF JOSHUA



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

LEARN. LIVE. LEAD.



MONDAY'S @ 7:00PM

Room 504 704.596.2124



MEN'S
ΓΡΑΤΕΡΙΦΤΥ

October 3 - Bible Study at the Church - 7:00pm
October 10 - Bible Study at the Church - 7:00pm
October 17 - Bible Study at the Church - 7:00pm
October 24 - Wing Night at East Coast Wings NL - 6:00pm

Prayer List

Sympathy

Christian love & sympathy are extended to Ronnie Stallings and family on the loss of his mother, Beulah Stallings.

Christian love & sympathy are extended to the Key family on the loss of Joey.

Church Family

Cancer patients – Ann Eudy, Chris Cook, Silas Davis, Susie Davis, Betty Fox, Dinah Hollifield, Mary Locklear, Jay McGraw

Expecting – Kaitlyn Matthews Earp, Brittany Presnell

Ongoing Health concerns – Bob Bartlett, Karen Bonner, Harold & Linda Covington, Junie Davis, Linette Davis, Eddie Davis, Rick Davis, Jeff Eudy, Carter Marlin, Helena & Roger Maynard, Cora McGee, Belinda Myers, Cecil Riddle, C.N. Taylor, Janet Tyson, Jackie Williams

Recovering – Butch Bonner, Alton & Brenda Stewart

Nicaragua; Caterpillar Ministries; David Cox Road Elementary; Jonahville AME Zion; Grace Church; people in the midst of conflicts worldwide; Christians under persecution; our schools and teachers; law enforcement & first responders, healthcare workers; our churches; IHWP; victims of natural disasters, violence & illness; families under financial/mental/emotional duress; the unemployed; students & recent graduates; those affected by Covid, the Ukranian people, Aerial Recovery teams.

Our Country *Pray for the safety of our armed forces, for the families of those lost in combat and for all elected officials.*



October Birthdays

10/01 – Susan Kelley
10/02 – Bill Washburn
10/03 – Thad Hayford
10/05 – Liam Melton
10/06 – Taylor-Quinn Yancey
10/09 – Ted Fortner, Claire Young
10/14 – Beryl Dixon
10/15 – Scott Laws, Mary Penninger, Frank Tyson
10/16 – Dick Thayer
10/17 – Bob Bartlett
10/18 – Chris Thompson
10/20 – Betty Lee
10/21 – Karen Bonner, Scott Kern
10/23 – Peyton Deal
10/24 – Laura Miller, Noelle Small
10/25 – Janette Coyle
10/27 – Silas Davis
10/28 – Paisley Carnes
10/29 – Don Keaton
10/31 – Dottie Doyle

October Anniversaries

10/02 – Hayden & Lois Ellen Tuttle
10/04 – Larry & Jill Southworth
10/07 – Jae & Jennifer Beck
10/10 – Robert & Anita Barbee, Scott & Jamie Stewart
10/14 – Mike & Dottie Johnson
10/17 – Devin & Heather Nguyen
10/22 – Walter & Illah Howell, Alton & Brenda Stewart
10/23 – Matt & Holly Strother-Walker
10/24 – Chris & Cindi Cook
10/27 – Mike & Cathy Moody
10/29 – Jonathan & Noelle Small

FINANCIALS:

August	Actual	Budget
Revenues	\$39,323	\$52,171
Expenses	<u>\$43,409</u>	<u>\$52,171</u>
	(\$4,086)	\$ -
Year-to-Date		
Revenues	\$484,364	\$573,877
Expense	<u>\$488,288</u>	<u>\$573,877</u>
	(\$3,925)	\$ -

DESIGNATED FUND GIVING

\$	5	Nancy Jane Davis SS Fund
\$	1,000	International Missions/Lottie Moon
\$	1,000	North American Missions/Annie Armstrong
\$	70	St. Peter's Soup Kitchen
\$	97	Youth Ministry
\$	150	Weekday Preschool Fund
\$	600	Hearts & Hammers (Ukraine Relief)
\$	149	Nicaragua Missions
\$	50	Food Pantry
\$	197	Missions Fund

A donation was made to the **General Fund** in memory of **Angie Key** by Mike & Dottie Johnson.

Donations were made to the **General Fund** in memory of **Beulah Stallings** by: Joey Fortner, Ronnie & Phyllis Stallings and Terry & Carol Ripley.

A donation was made to the **General Fund** in memory of **Joey Key** by Frank & Janet Tyson.

August

Average Sunday School Attendance	99
Average 10:00 am Worship Attendance	110

October 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>9</p> <p>1:30pm HHR Worship until 2:00pm 4:00pm Deacon Meeting 5:00pm Team Huddle</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00pm Men's Fraternity until 8:30pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl until noon 6:00pm Missions Team</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00am Together in Prayer 3:00pm Prayer Team Meets 6:30pm Collide Student Ministry until 8:00pm 6:30pm K-5th in gym until 7:30pm 6:30pm Personnel Team 6:30pm Women's Bible Study until 7:30pm (504)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30am Women's Bible Study until 11:00am (504)</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
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<p>23</p> <p>9:00am Ladies' Breakfast 4:00pm Fall Festival until 6:00pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Men's Fraternity Wing Night</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Prayer Shawl until noon</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:00am Together in Prayer 3:00pm Prayer Team Meets 6:30pm Collide Student Ministry until 8:00pm 6:30pm Women's Bible Study until 7:30pm (504)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:30am Women's Bible Study until 11:00am (504)</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
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