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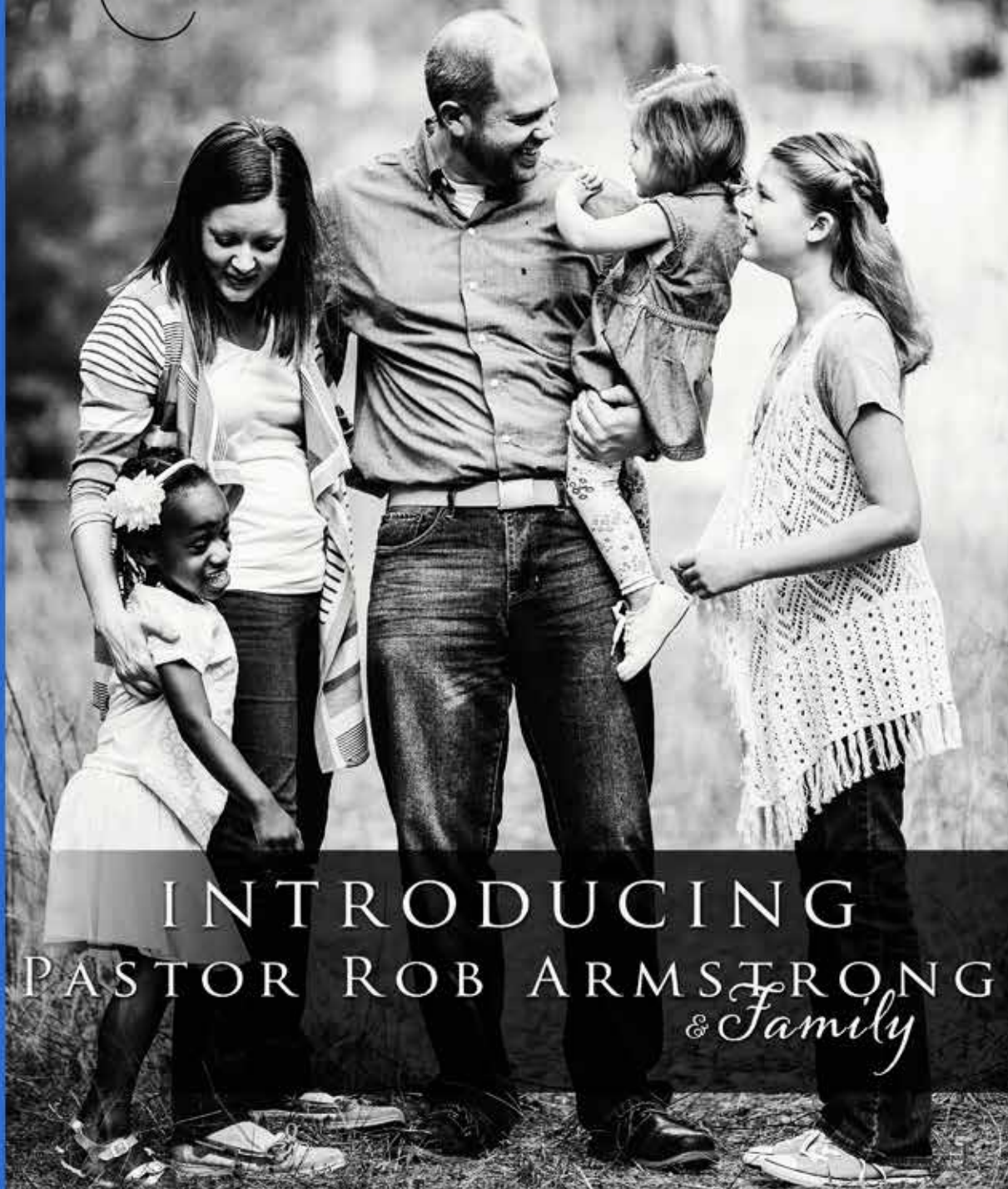
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# INTRODUCING PASTOR ROB ARMSTRONG & Family



# Get to know Pastor Rob...



I was saved at Vacation Bible School when I was 8 years old. Through the leadership of my family and church, I continued to grow in my faith and my understanding of God's call. During high school, God called me to pastoral ministry. Upon completing high school in 1996, I attended Mississippi College to pursue this call to ministry.

While at MC God gave me a deep desire to see students live fully devoted lives to Jesus Christ. To confirm that call, He opened the door for me to serve on staff as Minister to Students at First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, MS. I loved every day of student ministry. I had the privilege to serve as a youth pastor for 14 years in 4 different churches. In 2012, God shifted my calling and opened the door for me to serve as the Senior Pastor of New Union Baptist Church in Dayton, TN.

Jill and I were married on December 15, 2001. We were both born in Jackson, MS. (Rob 10/11/77, Jill 1/7/80) We have three daughters - Hannah (9), Eden (4), and Sarah (1). God has blessed us beyond measure in our marriage, family, and ministry. We are in no way perfect and His grace is the theme of our story. It is our desire to share the love, grace, mercy, and compassion of Christ together as a family through our relationships, by example, and in our home.

My priorities in life are Jesus, my family and the church. I believe that my walk with Christ comes first, and that my qualifications for pastoring are evidenced in my commitment to my family. My family is committed to the work that God calls me, and we willingly sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel and the glory of God.

I have a deep love for God's Word and the church. God has blessed me with a calling that fits my desires. I enjoy preaching and teaching Scripture and I find fulfillment in the successes of others who serve alongside me in ministry. Jesus is the head of His church and the pastors of the church are His under-shepherds. The church is His body and must be led in accordance with His will, His word, and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of God is central to the body of Christ, the church. The whole Bible is the gospel, the good news concerning Jesus Christ. The message and mission of the Bible shape the life, faith, and community of the church. The church is called to love God completely and love others sacrificially (Matthew 22:36-40), equip believers to carry out the mission of God (Ephesians 4:11-16), make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20), and send out missionaries to share the gospel and plant churches all over the world (Acts 1:8).

I am intentionally a Southern Baptist. I was saved and raised in Southern Baptist churches and I am committed to the unique partnership and the long history of faithfulness to the Word for which the Southern Baptist Convention is known. I support and affirm the Baptist Faith & Message (2000)

Rev. Rob Armstrong is currently the Senior Pastor at Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, Mississippi. He is an avid reader and enjoys the outdoors. It is his desire for the church to be a Christ-centered, Biblically grounded, spiritually healthy, mission-driven church.

## **EXPERIENCE SERVING SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES**

2012 — 2017 | Pastor | New Union Baptist Church | Dayton, TN

2006 — 2012 | Minister to Students | FBC | Jackson, TN

2002 — 2006 | Minister to Students | Immanuel Baptist Church | Hammond, LA

2001 — 2002 | Minister to Students | Mulberry Baptist Church | Houma, LA

2000 | IMB Short Term Missionary | North Africa and Middle East Region

1998 — 2000 | Minister to Students | FBC | Crystal Springs, MS

## **EDUCATION**

2017 | Ph.D. Biblical Missiology | Midwestern Baptist Theological | current

2014 | M.Div. | The Southern Baptist Theology Seminary

2000 | B.A., Christian Studies and Philosophy | Mississippi College



# August

AT A GLANCE

Wednesday Evenings begin at 4:45 p.m. with a Family Fellowship Supper in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious meal is served (with separate children's meal) for only \$4.00 for adults and \$2.50 for kids, with a \$12.00 family maximum. Also available is a Full Salad Bar for \$4.00 or add the Full Salad Bar with the meal for \$6.00. Come enjoy the food and the fellowship prior to the various activities that begin at 6:00 p.m. **August 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Tacos, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans, Corn Salad and Dessert. Children: Taquitos and Tortilla Chips. **August 9<sup>th</sup>**: Chicken Spaghetti, English Peas, Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert. Children: Chicken Nuggets and French Fries. **August 16<sup>th</sup>**: Tater Tot Casserole, Lima Beans, Vegetable Medley Salad and Dessert. Children: Pizza Sticks and Chips. **August 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Baked Ham, Turnip Greens, Sweet Potatoes, Corn Bread, English Pea Salad and Dessert. Children: Beef Sticks and Sweet Potato Fries. **August 30<sup>th</sup>**: Teriyaki Chicken, Rice, Fried Squash, Rolls and Dessert. Children: Hamburgers and Chips.

## Sunday School

### Attendance

June 25	873
July 02	900
July 09	993
July 16	914
July 23	826

**Extended Teaching Care Schedule:** **August 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 a.m.:** Samantha Fikes, Brandi Long, Katie Rieves, Lauren Knight, John & Cathy Leslie, Ken & Dana Long **10:40 a.m.:** Buddy & Krisha Mims, Steven & Jeanna Witt, Rob & Julie Hensley. **August 13<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 a.m.:** Bonnie Webb, Jill Conerly, Jackie Webb, Nelda Hartley, Amber Steele, Ashley Evans, Matt & Christy Oswalt **10:40 a.m.:** Colee & Clarissa McCain, Keith & Gina Hood, David & Cathy Davis. **August 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 a.m.:** Justin & Stacey Loden, Christa Evans, Denise Green, Dennis & Ashley Buse, Alan & Carol Flowers **10:40 a.m.:** Trina Gamiel, DeAnna Woods, Rick & Anna Morgan. **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 8:10 a.m.:** Selena Davis, Amanda Holland, Pam Hurst, DeeDee Coker, Jordan & Mary Heather Dozier, Jason & Jennifer Boyette **10:40 a.m.:** Liz Troxler, Melissa Worley, Robin Davis, Briley Backstrom, Brenda Tidwell.

**Welcome Center Greeters:** Please arrive no later than 8:10 a.m. and remain until 8:45 a.m. then return at 9:30 a.m. and remain until 10:00 a.m. **August 6<sup>th</sup> Front:** Charles and Martha Warren, Back: Phil and Debbie Swords | **August 13<sup>th</sup> Front:** Kenneth and Patsy Williams, Back: Mike and Margaret Robinson | **August 20<sup>th</sup> Front:** Bob and Joan Maynard, Back: John and Carrie Coggins | **August 27<sup>th</sup> Front:** Buddy and Cecelia Palmer, Back: Gerald Conaway.

**Weekly Budget Requirement 2017** \$68,492.55

June 25	\$53,992.84
July 02	\$62,855.37
July 09	\$94,249.41
July 16	\$76,275.21
July 23	\$51,308.77

**Required to Date** \$2,054,776.50  
**Received to Date** \$1,913,933.77

**Building and Maintenance** \$ 86,157.31



## SUNDAYS

August 06 **Promotion Sunday!**

- Morning Worship** 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship** 11:00 a.m.
- Evening Worship** 5:00 p.m.

August 13

- Morning Worship** 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship** 11:00 a.m.
- Zamar Student Choir** Kick-Off 3:30 p.m.
- Evening Worship** 5:00 p.m.

August 20

- Morning Worship** 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship** 11:00 a.m.
- Zamar Student Choir** 3:30 p.m.
- Evening Worship** 5:00 p.m.
- Deacons' Meeting** 6:00 p.m.

August 27

- Morning Worship** 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday School** 9:45 a.m.
- Morning Worship** 11:00 a.m.
- Zamar Student Choir** 3:30 p.m.
- Evening Worship** 5:00 p.m.

## MONDAYS

- Mother's Day Out** 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Merry Makers** August 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 p.m.
- Trail Life** 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAYS

- WMU** 11:15 a.m. (15<sup>th</sup>)
- FAITH** 5:30 p.m. (beginning August 8<sup>th</sup>)

## WEDNESDAYS

- Evening Meal** 4:45 p.m.
- Library Open** 5:00 p.m.
- Music and Missions** 6:00 p.m. (beginning August 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Student Revolution** 6:00 p.m.
- August Testimonies Series** 6:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal** 6:30 p.m.

## THURSDAYS

- Mother's Day Out** 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Ladies Intercessory Prayer Group** - Noon



# I've Been Thinking...

By Dr. Chuck Hampton, Transition Pastor



We love the mountains! As I am writing this, Deb and I are on a getaway taking in the views of these majestic masterpieces that God has made to wow us. And we have been wowed!

Harrisburg Family, the Lord Jesus has wowed us during the time we have been with you. It is obvious to us now why He was leading us to enter the story when we did. And what an exciting story it was for us in the time we were here! We will never forget how you expressed your birthday wishes when I entered another "decade" of living! Then your love blessed us with numerous heartfelt expressions during and after our brief scare when Deb was overnight in the hospital. But, again, that is typical of you. You love so easily. For that, and countless other things, we love you.

And what a super Ministry Leadership Team the Lord Jesus has assembled for the Harrisburg Family! The pastors, administrative assistants, Day School, building associates, etc. have been outstanding. There is such joy in their expressions as they serve for His glory. Thank-you for loving them in expressive ways for performing their roles so well! I have been privileged to walk beside them in His great ministry.

I am also so grateful for the sacrificial love that our Deacon, Bible Study and Committee Ministry Servants have shown for our Lord Jesus. It is obvious that He is at work in and through them for His greater purpose. What a joy to have served with them in His church!

Deb and I are excited about what the Lord Jesus has for you in the next phase of His story for Harrisburg. We are so happy for the obvious opportunity awaiting your new Senior Pastor, Rob Armstrong! Rob and his wife, Jill, and their girls, Hannah, Eden, and Sarah will embrace your love as you will theirs. Along with you, we are praying for them as they enter the happy atmosphere of the Harrisburg Family. We know that they will experience great joy and fulfillment as the Lord Jesus uses them in tremendous ways for His glory!

Again, thanks for the wonderful adventure of being among you for such a time as this. The grace and joy of the Lord Jesus to you and yours, now and always!

Pastor Chuck and Deb

## AUGUST TESTIMONY SERIES

Please join us for a special time of testimonies as we listen to each person share a part of their life's journey of lessons learned and of God's faithfulness. We are sure to be blessed! Start planning now to join us as we fellowship together on Wednesday evenings during August.

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

Janna Crowe  
Room 514  
Ross Loftin  
Room 520

**August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

Tiffany Stone  
Room 514  
Bennie Crompton  
Room 520

**August 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

Nanci Gray  
Room 514  
David Rumbarger  
Room 520

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

Cireese May  
Room 514  
George Hand  
Room 520

**August 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

Cynthia Colburn  
Room 514  
Sammy Henderson  
Room 520





# PRESCHOOL NEWS

**M&Ms Kick-Off!** Our new M&Ms year will start off with a splash! All three year olds through kindergarteners are invited to join us for music and missions on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:00. We will start our year on August 9th with a water night. Please wear your swimsuit and bring a towel! Childcare is provided on Wednesday nights for infants through two year olds beginning at 5:45. Extended childcare is provided at 7:00 for children up through the 6th grade whose parents are attending Sanctuary Choir rehearsal.



Join us for  
**Mother's Day Out**  
Mondays and Thursdays  
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Call 419-6878  
to enroll!

Join us for a new year of Mother's Day Out! Ages 8 weeks through 5 years. Mondays & Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Space is limited. Call Krisha Mims at 419-6878 for information and to enroll!

## Back to PNO with Friends

Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, August 18, 2017 from 6:00-9:30 p.m. While you are out this month, your child(ren) will enjoy playing with friends in the gym and outside, making friendship bracelets, and eating pizza and homemade ice cream for snack. We will discuss God's gift of friendship and read verses from the Bible. Bring a pair of gloves for the children to wear while they make their own ice cream in a bag. The cost is \$15 per family for members and non-members. The deadline to reserve your spot will be Sunday, August 13, 2017. Please call Tonya Cox at 348-2505 or 372-6592 with any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!



# CHILDREN'S NEWS



1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade **M&M's (Music and Missions)** will begin with our kickoff on Wednesday, August 9th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at Skate Zone. Parents will need to fill out an annual registration form and pick up an M&M calendar when they drop off children. Please have dinner before you arrive. M&Ms meets every Wednesday during the school year. Kids start the night in music classes and then divide in Missions classes for GAs (girls) and RAs (boys).



**Pancakes with Parents Promotion Sunday Event** is August 6<sup>th</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Graders AND parents should join us in the GYM for an awesome pancake breakfast. After you enjoy your pancakes and meet your teachers, kids will have a special time with their teachers in their new classrooms while parents stay in the gym for a 2017 - 2018 Kid's Ministry overview with Mrs. Shelley.

THANKS so much to ALL of those who were involved in making WinShape Camps for Communities a success! We are thrilled that we have over 270 children attend this year. We are especially thankful for the way you provided scholarships, volunteered to help, washed laundry, provided breakfasts & desserts for the staffers, and prayed for us!





# STUDENT NEWS



**KICK-START IN  
THE PARK.**

**AUGUST 9TH, 16TH &  
23RD @ BALLARD**

HARRISBURG BAPTIST CHURCH STUDENT MINISTRY

4675 Cliff Gookin Blvd Tupelo, MS 38801



*THE NEW YEAR BEGINS*

**Zamor**  
STUDENT CHOIR

**August 13, 2017 | 3:30PM**

**Choir Room**

OPEN TO STUDENT GRADES 7 - COLLEGE  
CALL THE MUSIC OFFICE AT (662) 823-7105 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Each week beginning on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> we will meet at the church for classroom training. In Teaching Time, we use F.A.I.T.H. resources to learn how to make ministry and evangelistic visits. You will be on a three-person team. We usually visit for about an hour and 15 minutes. We then return to the church for what we call Celebration Time. This is when teams report the results of their visits. RSVP by August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**FAITH BANQUET  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup>  
FELLOWSHIP HALL | 5:30 P.M.**



Our guest speaker will be **John Gordon**, Minister of Missions at Harrisburg Baptist Church in Tupelo, Mississippi. John is known for his passion to follow Jesus and his zeal to share Jesus with anyone who will listen. He has a track record of one on one discipleship and a commitment to fulfil the Great Commission. Before being called into the pastorate, John served for 7 years in youth ministry. With over twenty years of ministry experience, John comes with a wide range of mission exposure and a thorough understanding of making disciples through the local church.



# RECREATION / SENIOR ADULT NEWS

## GARDEN KITTY!

Watch out for cute, cuddly kittens while tending to your garden! They may steal your heart and become a part of your family. Mrs. Harriet Miller can tell you more about that! However, don't let that stop you from planting a fall garden! Call/Text Rec ministry 662-231-4944, if you are interested in a fall garden spot!

## UPDATED DISC GOLF COURSE

All eighteen holes crossing the little Coonewah twice, around the pavilion, zigzags through the gardens, and ends behind the lodge. Tee marker plates are in the design mode. This is not our same old course. Free loaner disc and course layouts available at Rec Desk.

## FITNESS EQUIPMENT

A very generous gift has allowed us to purchase a new commercial treadmill, commercial assisted chin/dip machine, and a new commercial leg press. Come out of the heat and join us.

## MORNING STRETCH

Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:00-9:45 in the gym. We gather to stretch our body and spirit with simple exercise and laughter!

## REC FITNESS FACILITIES

Mon thru Fri, 7:00am- 9:30pm, Sat 9:00am - 1:30pm. Call Rec Desk for up to date schedule 823-7114, 662-231-4944. Closed 15 minutes before and after all church services.

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Contact David Smith 823-7115, Come by Rec Desk and pick up an updated brochure to see how you can reserve a party.

## FITNESS ROOM AUTHORIZATION

Contact Rec Ministry at 662-231-4944, or 662-823-7135 for details how you can become authorized to use fitness facilities. Children 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade can come with their parents, 9<sup>th</sup> grade and older may request their own ID.

## GRACE MINISTRY

One of the greatest acts of grace is listening. When you listen with empathy, you give comfort to those who are going through challenges. Our Connect Media would like to use your story to connect with others how God is working among His people. "Contact/text 231-4944, dsmith@harrisburgonline.org, or 823-7135, SROffice@harrisburgonline.org

## SHEPHERD'S CENTER *Seniors Serving Seniors*

HBC will host Shepherd's Center August 17<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup>.

## MERRYMAKERS

Merry Makers will meet Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall. John Hunter Mitchell will provide special music. Lunch is \$4.00. Please sign up at the Senior Adult table outside the Recreation Assistant's office or call (662) 823-7135.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT GUEST HAPPIES / GOODIES

Help us provide homemade or store bought baked goods, craft, or a simple seasonal happy for our guest. Anniversaries and birthdays are also recognized. Three or four are needed each week. Sign up for a Wednesday at Senior Adult Office, or call/text 662-231-4944.

## TRIPS

August 18, Delta, MS; September 8, Hummingbird Festival, Holly Springs; October 18, "The Wall", Florence, AL; November 28-30, Nashville, TN. More details to come later! Sign up at Sr. Adult/Recreation Assistant's Office for the next available trip or call 823-7135.

## VAN DRIVERS NEEDED

We pick up on Sunday mornings for 8:30 worship, 9:45 Sunday School, and 11:00 am worship. Call David Smith 231-4944 to arrange pickup. Join the team of drivers. No commercial licenses needed. Excellent opportunity for persons 25 and older. Maybe a family could take one Sunday out of the year; a Sunday School class might take one Sunday a quarter.

## SECURITY WALKERS

August 6 <sup>th</sup>	August 13 <sup>th</sup>	August 20 <sup>th</sup>	August 27 <sup>th</sup>
8:30am - 9:30am Bryan Tanner	8:30am - 9:30am Phil Swords	8:30am - 9:30am Michael Green	8:30am - 9:30am Terry Black
9:45am-10:45am Steven Flynn	9:45am-10:45am Katrina Patty	9:45am-10:45am Dan Sheals	9:45am-10:45am Larry Dunham
11:30am-Noon Chris Hester	11:30am-Noon Skipper Holliman	11:30am-Noon Ross Loftin	11:30am-Noon Scott Williams



# What's Happening at Harrisburg

## THANK YOU NOTES

Thank-you notes have been received from Margaret Prentice, Lisa & Nathan Turner, Bill & Lisa Collins, Cathy Aldy & Family.

## JOINING BY LETTER

Kevin Wood  
Holly Wood  
Jackson Wood  
Sara Catherine Wood

NEW MEMBERS

HARRISBURG WOMEN'S MINISTRY  
2ND ANNUAL FALL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

# JOURNEY TOWARDS PURPOSE

SPECIAL GUEST  
*Anna Nash*

AUGUST 25-26  
HBC LODGE  
\$10 A PERSON  
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

# GROWING CHURCHES<sup>17</sup>

Growing Churches Conference  
Friday and Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Harrisburg Baptist Church  
4675 Cliff Gookin Blvd  
Tupelo, MS 38801

Dr. Charles S. "Chuck" Kelley  
President  
NO Baptist Theological Seminary  
Keynote Speaker

For more information, please call the Lee County Baptist Association,  
662.566.1700 or log on to [www.growingchurches.info](http://www.growingchurches.info)

**STAFF ON CALL** | In the event of an emergency, the minister on call can be reached at 891-7914.

The ministers for the following weekends are:

August 05 - 06: Tim Alexander, August 12 - 13: Aaron Tomes, August 19 - 20: David Smith and August 26 - 27: John Gordon

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