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DNOW2015

JANUARY 16TH - 18TH

DNOW (SHORT FOR DISCIPLE NOW) IS A UNIQUE WEEKEND EXPERIENCE FILLED WITH BIBLE STUDY, WORSHIP, FUN, AND FRIENDS DESIGNED TO HELP 7TH THROUGH 12TH GRADERS GROW TO BE MORE LIKE CHRIST. SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION!



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The Pastor Writes

by Dr. Forrest Sheffield, Senior Pastor

In October, 1993, I received a phone call from the Chairman of your Pastor Search Committee, Mr. Andy Anderson. Through a process of time, I became your pastor in July, 1994, and this coming July, that will be 21 years serving as Senior Pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church. It is hard to believe that much time has gone by since coming to Harrisburg Baptist Church. It has been a wonderful journey as your pastor. You are such a loving church family. The hardest thing about leaving a church is leaving the people I greatly love.



You never retire from the ministry, but you consider when the timing will be right to retire from being a full-time pastor to transition out from under the seven-day-a-week and twenty-four-hour-a-day demand. Every preacher, as he thinks about that date of resignation and retirement, if he is like me, he wavers and vacillates, and pushes it back, and brings it forward, because determining God's will is sometimes very difficult in these matters. It has been a deep matter of prayer as I have

sought His counsel and the counsel of wise Christian friends. You pray and pray and eventually get a peace from God that it is His will. I have always asked myself, "What is best for the church and what is best for my family?" and the bottom line is, "What is God's will?" So, as I announced to the church on Sunday, December 28, 2014, my service as your Senior Pastor will conclude on June 14, 2015, after the morning worship service. I believe it is God's timing, and God's will, and I feel totally affirmed by the Lord in that decision.

When I think about the births, two of which were my own grandchildren; the baptisms, four of which were my own grandchildren; the weddings, three of which were my own children, and mine and Patsy's; the 50th Wedding Anniversaries; the funerals – when I think about some of the most wonderful saints who are in heaven today whom I have had the privilege to pastor; when I think of all the experiences of walking with you, and ministering to you, I want you to understand that I do not come easily to this decision. It has been a very challenging time for me personally, but I am absolutely convinced that it is the right decision.

You do understand what this means to me because for the first 21 years of my life, I had several pastors, but for the last 44 years, I have been my pastor. You may be asking, "Where will you go and what are you going to do?" I will continue to preach and perhaps serve as an Interim Pastor from time to time. I have every desire to keep on preaching the Word of God. I know God will open doors for me to have the opportunity to serve Him and to continue ministering to others on a limited basis.

I covet your prayers and you will continue to be in my prayers. I will pray for God's man out there who is being prepared right now by the Lord to come here to pick up the mantle of leadership to lead you right on into the future.

I plan to live in Tupelo the rest of my life. This is where my children and grandchildren live. When the new pastor comes, I will give him my blessings and support just like Dr. Bob Hamblin gave to me out on the parking lot of the old Harrisburg Baptist Church not long after we moved to Tupelo, and just like Dr. Larry Fields who called me and told me what a great church Harrisburg Baptist Church was just a week or so after you called me, and just like Dr. Jim Chatham did, my immediate predecessor. I will give your next pastor my full support and encouragement in every way.

I have been a pastor for 44 years. I will go through some tough withdrawal symptoms come July. It will be a big adjustment, but I am convinced the timing is right for me, for Patsy, and for this church that I love so much.

I would be remiss if I did not thank you for ministering to my family and me through the sickness and death of Susanne, my wife, and Larry Loden, my son-in-law. Thank you for giving me the time to court and win the heart of my wife, Patsy, and now as we walk through life, day by day, with the debilitating Alzheimer's disease. I thank you for your prayers, the food, and your constant care and love. I am sincerely grateful and thankful to you for allowing me to be your pastor and I retire with such deep appreciation of you.



In Christ,
Brother Forrest

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. Come enjoy the food and the fellowship prior to the various activities that begin at 6:00 p.m. **January 7th:** Ham, Black-Eyed Peas, Turnip Greens, Cabbage, Corn Bread, Salad and Dessert. Kids: Ham Sandwiches and Chips. **January 14th:** BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Corn on the Cob, Biscuits, Slaw and Dessert. Kids: Chicken Nuggets and Tater Tots. **January 21st:** Meat Loaf, Lima Beans, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Salad, Rolls and Dessert. Kids: Hot Dogs and French Fries. **January 28th:** Chicken Pot Pie, Fried Okra, Biscuits, Salad and Dessert. Kids: Pizza and Chips.

January

AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY

January 4
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Classic Worship 5:00 p.m.

January 11
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Zamar Student Choir 4:00 p.m.
Classic Worship 5:00 p.m.

January 18
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Zamar Student Choir 4:00 p.m.
Classic Worship 5:00 p.m.
Deacons' Meeting 6:00 p.m.

January 25
Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Zamar Student Choir 4:00 p.m.
Quarterly Business Meeting 5:00 p.m.
Classic Worship 5:00 p.m.
Awaken Service 5:30 p.m.

MONDAYS

Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m.
Merrymakers 11:30 a.m. (26th)
Trail Life 6:15 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Morning Stretch 9:00 a.m.
WMU 11:15 a.m. (6th & 20th)

WEDNESDAYS

Evening Meal 4:45 p.m.
Library Open 5:00 p.m.
Music and Missions 5:45 p.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00 p.m.
Student Revolution 6:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m.
Morning Stretch 9:00 a.m.

FRIDAYS

Parents' Night Out 6:30 p.m. (9th)

Sunday School

Attendance

November 23		917
November 30		908
December 07		962
December 14		993
December 21		889

January 4th 8:10 a.m.: Vicki Gober, Lauren Patterson, Kenny & Ashley Goralczyk, Joe & Brittany Johnson **10:40 a.m.:** Melanie Brinkley, Cireese May, Tina O'Quinn, Becky Conaway, Dave & DeAnna Russell. **January 11th 8:10 a.m.:** Tamara Durham, Andi Hildenbrand, John & Jennifer Freer, Braden & Laurie Bishop **10:40 a.m.:** Cherry Tutor, Leah Partlow, Keith & Traci Hazel, Sandra Williamson, Scott Williamson. **January 18th 8:10 a.m.:** Beth Shelton, Kasey Chrismond, Jon & Laura Criddle, Stephanie Baughn, Pat Russell **10:40 a.m.:** Dalton & Melissa Middleton, Nicole Hazel, Amber Malone, Joseph & Kayla Gray. **January 25th 10:40 a.m.:** Jon & Holly Simmons, Jay & Jessica Hawkins.

Welcome Centers: **January 4th** Front: Blue and Sue Logan, Back: Terry and Tina Spencer | **January 11th** Front: John and Sue Simmons, Back: Mike and Margaret Robinson | **January 18th** Front: Lee and Lynda Thornton, Back: Terry Simmons | **January 25th** Front: Phil and Debbie Swords, Back: Tim and Sharon Miles.

Weekly Budget Requirement \$ 60,928.83

Budget Received

November 23	\$	64,064.14
November 30	\$	69,910.92
December 07	\$	57,985.23
December 14	\$	106,166.16
December 21	\$	81,961.52

Required to Date \$3,107,370.33
Received to Date \$2,990,514.81

Building and Maintenance Fund Received 2014 \$ 129,266.60

Lottie Moon Offering \$ 69,084.86

Monthly Giving

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:
 January 3-4: Forrest Sheffield, January 10-11: David Langerfeld,
 January 17-18: Tim Alexander, January 24-25: Aaron Tomes, January 31 - February 1: David Smith.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

Preschool Ministry, Many Thanks!

As we begin a new year, I am so thankful for all of you who help keep the Preschool Ministry at HBC running so smoothly! We are blessed to have many young lives and families to minister to, and we are just as blessed to have wonderful, caring people who teach them and take care of them. The children are taught and cared for in Sunday School, Extended Session (*during morning worship*), Sunday night childcare, Music & Missions on Wednesday nights, Mother's Day Out, Parents' Night Out, Day School, and other fun times throughout the year. Thank you for helping teach the children about God's love for them! I am so grateful to each of you for your servant heart!



Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, January 9th, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. We will have inflatables in the gym, a fun craft, and a healthy snack. The cost is \$15 for members and nonmembers. Please call Tonya Cox with any questions at 348-2505 or 891-2241. The deadline to reserve your spot is Sunday, January 4th. We hope to see you there!

a word
to parents,
from
God

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" *(Romans 15:13).*

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Alyssa Marie Bowden
Daughter of Matt & Mandy Bowden
Born December 1, 2014
8 lbs., 8 oz., 22.5" long

It's TIME for DAYSCHOOL Registration! Our preschool ministry strives to provide a safe, happy, Christian learning environment that meets the need of every preschooler in every program we offer. We believe the first five years of life are unparalleled in importance in building character, love, and a positive response to Christ and the church. We want time spent at church to be happy, well directed, and profitable. Our goal is to partner with parents to help preschoolers become all that God created them to be! Please contact Beverly Cotton, 841-1308 for more information.



Currently Enrolled Children, January 19th - 30th.

HBC members with a child currently enrolled needing to enroll a sibling, February 2nd - February 6th.

Non HBC members with a child currently enrolled needing to enroll a sibling, February 9th - February 13th.

Other HBC members, February 16th - February 20th.

Public Registration, February 23th.

~Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m. in the preschool foyer.
~Registration will be complete with a \$75.00 deposit for each child and completion of registration documents.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

Bible Drill and Bible Buddies

4th - 6th Grade Bible Drill Jump-Start!
Friday, January 9th, 6:00 - 10:00 pm.
in the 5th and 6th grade room.

Come and get a jump-start on your Bible Drill verses. This will be a great time of fellowship and preparation for 4th - 6th graders who want to participate in Bible Drill this year. We'll eat pizza, play games, and have a great time.

Our first meeting of Bible Drill (4th - 6th Grade) and Bible Buddies (1st - 3rd Grade) will be on Sunday, Jan. 11th, 8 from 4:00 - 5:15 pm. Bible Drill will meet in the 5th / 6th Grade room and Bible Buddies will meet in the 1st / 2nd Grade room. Volunteers are needed.

CENTRI-KID CAMP

CentriKid is a five day, four night camp for 3rd – 6th graders to experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ. Kids will take part in Bible study, recreation, track times, and worship. From the future sports star, to the young scientist, to the rising chef, every kid gets to participate in exciting activities of their choice. Camps are staffed by college and seminary students who can't wait to hang out with your kid and share Christ through every aspect of camp! For more information, contact Shelley at 322-3443 or sfarmer@harrisburgonline.org. July 6th - 10th at Shocco Springs Retreat Center, Talladega, Alabama. For Children who have completed 3rd - 6th Grade. \$335 / child; \$100 Deposit (non-refundable) due Wednesday, Feb. 4th. Online registration and payment will begin on Sunday, Jan. 7th at www.harrisburgonline.org. **Please note:** Register as soon as possible. We have reserved a certain number of spots for our group based on previous attendance. Once we have filled these spots (*even if it is before Feb. 4th*) we may not be able to reserve more.

WinShape Camps for Communities

Mark your calendars. Something new is coming to Tupelo this summer. Harrisburg will host WinShape Camps for Communities. 1st - 6th Graders will want to attend this amazing daycamp June 15th - 19th. Watch the mail for more details. Registration will begin in March.



Children's Worship will resume on Sunday, February 8nd with a great new theme. During January, enjoy worshipping together as a family.

STUDENT NEWS



Speaker: Stuart Hall is the founder and director of Dash Student Leadership, Inc., a non-profit organization whose mission is to raise the standard of influence among America's teens by developing students as spiritual leaders. His fourteen-plus years of youth ministry experience include three highly successful local church ministries and work with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. His unique blend of humor and powerful application makes him one of America's best student communicators.

Worship Leader: Carlos Whitaker is an artist, pastor, thinker, experience architect, and social media junkie. Recently Carlos signed with Integrity Music to pursue a recording career and to continue to disturb and disrupt the church as a whole.



This is our annual in home retreat weekend. We will gather at the Furniture Market with students from all around North Mississippi. This event is one of our best times growing in our relationship with God and with others. We stay in homes hosted by our church members. Students are divided by grade and by gender for these homes. We have small groups sessions at the homes and each home does a mission project on Saturday. Cost is \$50. Register online <http://harrisburgonline.org/studentministry>.



FAITH Evangelism is a discipleship program that creates a culture of evangelism in our church by equipping and mobilizing believers in lifestyle evangelism, disciple-making, and ministry.

Our next **Faith Banquet** is February 10th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Bo Grace, Senior Pastor at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Memphis and former Associate Pastor of Evangelism at Harrisburg.

AWAKEN begins Sunday,
January 25th, 5:30 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall.

AWAKEN 

Change a Life. Change the World is more than a catchy tagline—it's what happens through WMU® around the world every day. We meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Please join us Tuesday, January 6th and 20th at 11:15 a.m. in Room 516 / 517.

**PraisRing
Youth Handbells**

for students grades 7 - College

Starting Jan. 20th

@ 4:00 PM | Location TBD



Directed by Christy Bolen

The **Men's Ministry at Harrisburg** is dedicated to helping men be the godly men God calls us to be. Harrisburg's men are active in our community. Our next Men's Luncheon is scheduled for February 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING BIBLE STUDIES

What Love Is: The Letters of 1, 2, 3 John by Kelly Minter

Led by Kay Martin

Begins Wednesday, January 7th at 9:30 a.m. | Location TBD

The letters of 1, 2, & 3 John were written to encourage followers of Jesus to remain faithful to the truth. Believers are challenged to look at contrasting themes such as walking in the light instead of darkness, truth versus lies and deception, loving God more than loving the world, and the meaning of true fellowship and community rather than shallowness. This study reveals not only the heart of John but also the heart of Jesus.

Breathe: Making Room for Sabbath by Priscilla Shirer

Led by Katie Moore

Begins Wednesday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m. | Location TBD

One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to stop and cease from all the activities and busyness and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. It is time for us to breathe and build margins into our lives for God. In the Old Testament, God instituted principles and laws that would transform the Israelites' mindset. He didn't just want them legally free; He wanted them to be able to walk in freedom and enjoy it. So God gave them many gifts, including boundaries in which to enjoy those gifts. Sabbath was intended as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, the concept of Sabbath will change your life

Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby (for men & women)

Led by James Moore

Begins Wednesday, January 7th at 6:00 p.m. | Location TBD

This 13-week Bible study is based on seven Scriptural realities that teach us how to develop a true relationship with the Creator. By understanding how God is working through us even as we try to fathom His ways, we can begin to clearly know and do His will and discover our lives greatly and gracefully changed.

RECREATION / SENIOR ADULT NEWS

"Intelligent people are always open to new ideas. In fact, they look for them." *Proverbs 18:15 (NLT)*

Pray for this year's Recreation Committee: Mark Bresee, Cheryl Ware, Jon Maynard, Travis Beard, Cheryl Dexter, Jamie Kyker, Julie Hensley, and Keith Teeple. Share with them insights that might help the Recreation Ministry continue to be an effective tool for the Kingdom!

BASKETBALL HAS STARTED!

Have you ever seen a second grader dunk a basketball? With lower goals this year that might just be possible! There are three games in our gym each Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (6:00, 7:00, 8:00), and six on Saturdays (9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, and 2:00).

MORNING STRETCH

The class meets 9:00-9:45 each Tuesday and Thursday. January is a cold month. Free non slip socks will be given to January participants!

REC FACILITIES

Gym: (Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri: 2:30 -9:30); (Sat, 9:00am – 1:30pm); Closed for Parents Night Out January 9, Disciple Now January 16-17. Fitness Room: Mon thru Fri, 7:00am– 9:30pm, Sat, 9:00am – 1:30pm. Call Rec Desk for up to date schedule 823-7114.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Facilities will be closed Wednesday, December 31, at 6:00 and will reopen Friday, January 2. Text/Call 662-231-4944 for specific times.

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.

Pray for this year's Senior Adult Committee: Don Wilson, Ben Burlison, Barbara Briscoe, Tony Mason, Karen Williams, Margaret Duncan, Kay Chandler, Ruth Rasberry, Max Sturdivant. Share with them insights that might help the Senior Adult Ministry continue to be an effective tool for the Kingdom!

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

We are gearing up for another year of outings. Janice Magers and Brother David are working on the upcoming trips. Calendar dates are posted at Sr. Adult Bulletin Display and Facebook. Call Office at 662-823-7135 if you have any trip suggestions.

MERRYMAKERS LUNCHEON

Monday, January 26th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be celebrating our birthdays. Special guest will be the Monday Night Pickers.

Thanks to **Lynda Thornton** and **Cecilia Palmer** for the great work they have done these past four and a half years. Harriett Miller, Kay Moore, and Shelia Vernon will be stepping up to lead us this upcoming year.

MORNING STRETCH

The class meets 9:00-9:45 each Tuesday and Thursday. January is a cold month. Free non slip socks will be giving to January participants!

SHEPHERD'S CENTER *Seniors Serving Seniors*

Thursday, January 15, 9:00-11:00. This is for anyone 50+. Contact Dot Rieves or Jackie Webb for location and more information.

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

We pick up on Sunday mornings for 8:30 Worship, 9:45 Sunday School, 11:00 Worship. We take home after Sunday School, and after 11:00 Worship. Call David Smith 231-4944 to arrange pickup route.

Spring Break 2015 we are taking a **Student / Family Ski Trip** to Snowshoe, West Virginia. This trip is open to all students and their families. The cost of the trip is \$435 per person based on six people per room. Includes: 3 days skiing, lift ticket, ski rental, 4 nights lodging and transportation. Check out <http://www.snowshoemtn.com>. For info on where we are staying, check out <http://www.silvercreekwv.net>. If you are interested, please sign up upstairs in the Student Room or online. www.harrisburgonline.org.

SECURITY WALKERS

January 4 th	January 11 th	January 18 th	January 25 th
8:30 am - 9:30 am Mark Weeden	8:30 am - 9:30 am Blue Logan	8:30 am - 9:30 am Larry Durham	8:30 am - 9:30 am Dean Thompson
9:30 am - 10:30 am George Hand	9:30 am - 10:30 am Tim Roberts	9:30 am - 10:30 am Chuck McIntosh	9:30 am - 10:30 am Kirk Kennedy
10:30 am - 11:30 am Doug Whitenton	10:30 am - 11:30 am Ross Loftin	10:30 am - 11:30 am Lee Thornton	10:30 am - 11:30 am John Hall

What's Happening at Harrisburg

You are cordially invited to a Bridal Shower Sunday, January 11th, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the HBC Courtyard Parlor for **Misty Yielding**, bride-elect of **Jake Hanson**, son of Merilla Haydock. Given by Smokey Young Sunday School Class.

You are cordially invited to a Bridal Shower Sunday, January 25th, 1:30-3:00 p.m. at the home of Becky Baxter, 1099 Quail Creek Cove for **Mallory Sullivan**, daughter of Ronnie & Valerie Sullivan, bride-elect of **Brandon Hillyard**. Given by Mike Ferris Sunday School Class.

You are cordially invited to a Bridal Shower Sunday, February 1st, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the HBC Courtyard Parlor for **Kelly Biddle**, daughter of Mike & Kathy Biddle, bride-elect of **Brent Dickson**. Given by Smokey Young Sunday School Class.



Ecuador 2015! Mark your calendars now and look for meeting dates coming soon!

Daily Devotion

Would you like to receive a devotion in your e-mail inbox each weekday to encourage you as you live the Christian life? David Langerfeld sends out a devotional thought each weekday that is free to anyone who requests it. To receive the **Daily Encourager**, send a request to dlangerfeld@harrisburgonline.org.

JOINING BY BAPTISM:

Matthew Curry, 11-23-14

Ander Pearce McDade, 11-23-14

Blakleigh Pearson, 11-23-14

Doreon Young, 12-28-14

JOINING BY STATEMENT:

David Hilbich, 12-14-14

Dr. Mary Begole, 12-14-14

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