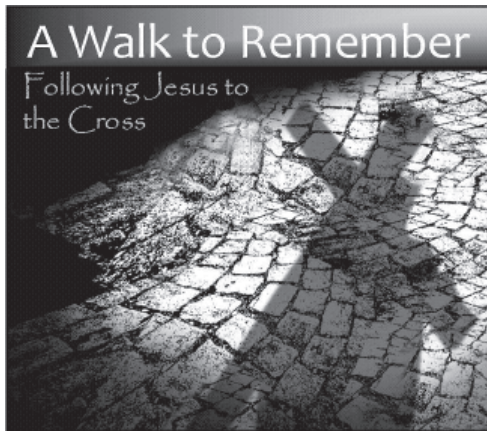




# HIGHLAND COLONY HOME CONNECTION

*'Bringing information and opportunities directly into your home'*



Wednesday, March 31  
and  
Thursday, April 1

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Guided Group Walkthroughs  
available during the day.

*Call the church office to schedule an appointment.*

"A Walk to Remember: Following Jesus to the Cross" ... no, this is not a movie title, but the name of an event that will be taking place at Highland Colony for two special days before Easter.

Last year's premiere presentation was offered for only one day, and after visiting the displays, many members realized they should have invited guests to also experience the unique opportunity to follow Jesus through the final week of his life. Please bring your family and friends!

You'll come up on the scene just behind every major move Jesus made in those last days. You will taste, smell, touch, hear and see things that will put you back in time. You will learn things about life in that culture and time that will help you to place yourself there ... just behind Jesus as he walked through those final days. You will see Easter as you've never seen it.

In this museum-like setting, you will experience a self-guided tour that will end at the cross and tomb and have the opportunity to worship through sharing the Lord's Supper with those who walk through with you. It will truly be a "walk to remember."

The exhibit will open at 4:00 PM and the last showing will begin at 7:00 PM, or whenever all have had to opportunity to finish the walk. Make your plans to experience this and bring others with you. Prepare yourself for a powerfully meaningful Easter. Pictured are just a few of the many scenes our HCBC volunteers created last year.



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My calling as your pastor necessitates that I be a “big picture” leader. I must never take my eyes off our church’s overall mission if I am to lead us to fulfill that mission.

What is our mission? We simply state it like this: our mission is to make disciples. In other words, the reason we exist is to lead people into The Kingdom and to equip all of us, new and long-time Christians, to become more like Jesus ... more mature followers of Christ.

To that end, I want to ask you to join me in prayer about three things:

- 1) Staffing – Your Personnel Committee and I are working diligently on filling both vacant positions. We are looking for “game-changers”, so this is about so much more than just filling a slot. I am excited about this opportunity. Please pray.
- 2) Breaking the 500 barrier – This is the leadership burden God has put on my heart this year. We have a strategy in place, but none of this will happen apart from prayer. Please seek God with me concerning this ... consistently having more than 500 in worship each week.
- 3) Giving – We knew that this time in our history would be difficult financially. With a new building, our fixed expenses have gone up a lot. The truth is, we don’t have a giving problem as much as we do a heart problem. The tithe is God’s way of financing his work. Will you pray about your giving with me? If we were all being obedient to God in this area of our lives, finances would not be a problem.

Eric Smith, we will miss you! Although your time with us has been brief, you have made an indelible impression. We will pray for you and support you as you launch off into this exciting adventure God has called you to accomplish. God bless you, Eric.

“A Walk to Remember” will be better than ever this year, as we approach the Easter season. The preaching emphasis in March will be prayer. Come join us!

Keeping my eye on the ball,

*JR*



**LIVE IT OUT!**  
March 7 @ 5:30pm

**Virtue: HONESTY** --- *choosing to be truthful in whatever you say and do.*

**Children’s Camp: May 31 - June 4**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade children are eagerly anticipating returning this year to Lake Forest Ranch in Macon for summer camp!

**Reservations MUST be made by March 16** to claim our spot at LFR; spaces are limited! Cost is \$315 per child, but total is not due until April 18.

Contact Kathy for more information or to register: 601.856.4031, extension 30, or email [Kathy.Flowers@hcbc.net](mailto:Kathy.Flowers@hcbc.net).



**BUCKETS OF HOPE**

**“Feeding the People of Haiti one Family at a Time”**

You can be a blessing to a family in Haiti by purchasing a five gallon bucket and about \$30 worth of supplies to fill it.

For detailed instructions on the project, go to [www.namb.net/bucketsofhope](http://www.namb.net/bucketsofhope)

You need follow the instructions precisely and bring your bucket to church by **Tuesday, March 9**. We will be delivering them to the State Convention Office on March 10.

**March Staff Anniversary:**

*Kathy Flowers - 4 years*



*Bill says ...*

In January, Jay shared his Breakthrough 500 vision with us a church. The goal is to an average attendance in Sunday morning worship of 500. The corresponding Sunday School goal is 400.

We need to have an average attendance of at least 400 in Sunday School to breakthrough 500 in worship.

Since the introduction of the challenge we have averaged about 312. We had a high day of 347 and low day of 264. That’s a huge gap between our high and low and just goes to show how important it is for all of us to be connected on Sunday morning and to be inviting a friend or neighbor.

We can reach 400 in Sunday School in 2010, but it will take all of us working together to get there.



## 24 Hours of Continual Prayer

From Noon on Friday, March 26 through Noon on Saturday, March 27 we will have a special worship event focused on Prayer for our church, including:

- ◆ Breakthrough 500 in 2010
- ◆ Staff Needs
- ◆ Connecting with Lost and Dechurched
- ◆ Church Finances

A sign-up sheet will be available on Kiosk.

The prayer will take place Room B108. (Enter the church through the double doors facing the back parking lot on the east side of building near offices.)

Voices of Calvary Ministry  
**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
**Saturday, March 13 8 A.M.**  
 Highland Colony will host this event. Please call the office to sign up if you plan to attend.

*Everyone is invited to participate!*  
**Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast**  
**Thursday, March 25 6:45 A.M.**  
 Invite your co-workers to meet you here at Highland Colony before you go to the office.

## Tithes and Offerings

Projected February Budget Needs	\$ 120,353.60
February Receipts	\$ 97,119.92
February Difference	\$ -23,233.68
Projected Oct-Feb Budget Needs	\$ 685,698.80
Receipts Oct-Feb	\$ 594,554.75
Fiscal Year-to-Date Difference	\$ -91,144.05
2009-2010 Budget	\$ 1,583,600.00
Projected March Budget Needs	\$ 120,353.60
"The Vision" Commitments	\$ 2,519,844.48
"The Vision" Receipts	\$ 1,800,101.01

### Staff Searches:

**Minister of Worship and Music**  
**Minister to Students**

To give your input please send e-mail to [personnel.committee@hcbc.net](mailto:personnel.committee@hcbc.net).

**Adults 50+**

**L.A.M.P.S.**  
**Monday, March 22**  
**6:30 pm**

Covered Dish Supper and Guest Speaker  
**Wayann Garrett**  
*The Seven Festivals of the Messiah*



*Recent additions to our Highland Colony family include...*



**The McCrory Family**  
 Johnny and Laura Cate, Cole



**The Cote Family**  
 Andy and Tara  
 Haley (baby Carson - born February 23)



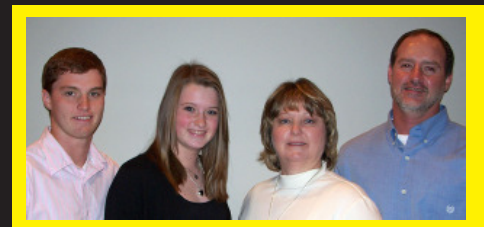
**The Stanford Family**  
 Scott, Paxson, Caroline, Stacey



**The Luke Family**  
 Ricky and Dianne  
 Brad, Julie



**The Ivey Family**  
 Tresha, Conner, Caitlin, Ken



**The Holder Family**  
 Tyler, Rebecca, Pamela, Kevin



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## COMING EVENTS

March 4	5:30 pm	Metro Missions Banquet and Missions Fair
March 5-6		Student Ministry: DiscipleNow Weekend
March 7	- "Food Sunday" -	bring SS class breakfast snack to share; and bring a nonperishable food item for food bank
March 7	5:30 pm	KidStuf
March 9		Deadline - "Buckets of Hope" for Haiti
March 13	8:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast at HCBC
March 14		DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - <i>Spring FORWARD!</i>
March 15-19		"Spring Break" (no Student's or Children's activities on Wednesday; childcare available for choir)
March 22	6:30 pm	L.A.M.P.S. for Adults 50+
March 25	6:45 am	Mission Mississippi Prayer Breakfast at HCBC
March 26-27		"24 Hours of Prayer"
March 31 and April 1		A Walk to Remember
May 31-June 4		Children's Camp at Lake Forest Ranch
June 13-16		Highland Colony Family Vacation
June 21-24		Student Ministry: Wayfarer Summer Camp

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### Electronic Funds Transfer

We do have the capability to receive funds electronically. For information on this service for our members, please contact Sarah in the church office.

**Jay Richardson**  
*Pastor*

**Bill Hawks**  
*Associate Pastor / Education Minister*

**Kathy Flowers**  
*Director of Children's and  
Preschool Ministries*

**Sarah Kirby**  
*Office Manager*

**Carol McCorkle**  
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*Building Supervisor*

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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8:00am - 4:30pm**

**MidWeek**  
@ Highland Colony  
meal entrées

March 3	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce	<i>Kids: Chicken Nuggets</i>
March 10	Fried Chicken	<i>Kids: Hot Dog</i>
March 17	Chili & Baked Potato	<i>Kids: Chicken Nuggets</i>
March 24	Ham Steak	<i>Kids: Chicken Nuggets</i>
March 31	Mesquite Grilled Chicken	<i>Kids: Chicken Nuggets</i>