



HIGHLAND COLONY HOME CONNECTION



*From the
Pastor*

Commencement seems to be the word for May. It speaks of a new beginning. Graduation is an ending and a beginning. Life is that way. Things end and things begin. This is a God ordained cycle. Even in death, for the Christian, new life begins. Most of this ending and beginning is done in the context of family.

This month and some of the next, I'll be preaching on the subject of family. I'll cover the topics of structure, seasons, affluence and forgiveness. We'll celebrate graduations, babies and mothers. We will also participate in the oldest family meal in the Christian faith, The Lord's Supper. This will be a great month to invite unchurched friends to HCBC.

On June 6, our church will be doing something I've never led a church to do in my twenty years of being a pastor. We are going to have a budget catch-up day. You may not know that although our giving is actually up this budget year, something to celebrate, we have fallen behind more than \$100,000 in our budget.

The good news is that we have only spent some \$20,000 more than we've taken in. Our contingency fund is down to \$25,000, which means we can't afford to fall further behind. So we're going to catch up. This is something growing churches sometimes have to do.

We are calling this "Catching Up and Stepping Up." In a way, it's a commencement; an entrance into an exciting future. I wish I could tell you all God is doing here. We're a part of a movement way bigger than we. We're family; in this together. More to come.

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Parent - Child Dedication set for May 9

When our church comes together for Parent-Child Dedication, we are not simply celebrating the gift of a child and the commitment of a parent. We are embracing our responsibility to support families by teaching God's Word, serving one another in love, training up disciples of Jesus, and pointing others to Christ.



Join us on Mother's Day as we recognize families. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please contact Kathy Flowers.



It's almost graduation time! Come help us celebrate their accomplishments as we recognize our High School Graduates during worship on Sunday, May 16.

Families: We need a picture of your graduating High School Senior! Send a photo to the church office along with name, school from which they are graduating and immediate future plans (digital photos can be e-mailed to mail.office@hcbc.net) by Sunday, May 9.



24 Hours of Continual Prayer

From 8:00 A.M. on Friday, June 4 through 8:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 5 we will have a dedicated worship event focused on Prayer for our church. Please sign up this month at the kiosk.

CATCHING UP & STEPPING UP



JUNE 6

Budget Catch Up / Challenge Day
Will include dinner on the grounds!

STUDENTS

May 30 - End of School Youth Party

For those completing grades 6-12...Details to follow!

CHILDREN

May 19 - A.O.K end of the year parties

(Our 3yr olds through 2nd graders will sing for our Midweek adult Bible study group and then have their party)

Childcare will be provided for choir members throughout the summer, but no organized programs on Wednesday nights.

We have 16 children going to **Lake Forest Ranch** for camp from May 31 – June 4. Please pray that God will use this experience powerfully in their lives.

SCHOOLS OUT!



Make Music a Part of Your Life



Join
the
Choir!

Interim Minister of Music and Worship Pastor Ian Richardson invites you to come on and join the choir NOW!

Be a part of our "Celebrate America 2010" patriotic event scheduled for June 27.

Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 and child care is provided.

I'm a BIG BROTHER now!

Cooper checks out his little sister Marley Kate, who was born Monday, May 3. Proud parents are Scott and Cassie Wilson.

The family will soon be moving from Austin TX as Scott assumes his responsibilities as HCBC's new Students and Missions Pastor.



- Who: Parents & Kids (bring the whole crew)
When: Sunday - Wednesday Nights, **JUNE 13-16**, 6-8pm
Where: Highland Colony Children's Theater
What: A family Vacation Bible School!

We'll learn spiritual habits that will help a child to establish a lifestyle of pursuing a relationship with God. Experience a unique vacation Bible school event by participating in the activities as a family. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss it.

No Age Restrictions Apply...however: curriculum is designed for 4 years through 5th grade. Childcare provided for 3 years and under!

If you are interested in helping with Highland Colony Family Vacation please contact Kathy Flowers at 601-856-4031 ext 30 or kflowers@hcbc.net. We need volunteers for childcare, greeting, games, etc.

It is our desire for families of children to experience this time together so we especially need volunteers who will not have children participating in HCFV!

Highland Colony

FAMILY VACATION



*Loving God,
Growing Together,
Serving Others*

North Ridge Summer Missionaries

We're looking for a few missionaries who will help North Ridge Church get launched this summer. What's involved? Commit to attend worship with North Ridge beginning May 23 through the end of August.

You will still be able to attend your Sunday School class at Highland Colony and then drive over to North Ridge (meeting at Velocity Sports on Wilson Ave. in Ridgeland) for Worship at 11:00.

Summer missionaries will primarily be warm bodies to help add energy to the crowd, but will also serve as backups for any needs with hospitality, children, tech, etc.

Please prayerfully consider helping in this capacity. For more information call Bill Hawks or send him an e-mail: bill.hawks@hcbc.net

Service

Please begin now praying about where God may use you to serve in your church.

The new Sunday school year will begin in August and there are many places and ways to plug in. If you have questions please contact any staff representative.

Hospitality Ministry:

We will be expanding our hospitality ministry beginning in June. Call the church office or click on "Serving Others" at www.hcbc.net if you have an interest in any the following areas of service:

- Greeter
- Usher
- Coffee / Refreshments
- Welcome / Information

Projected April Budget Needs	\$	121,937.20
April Receipts	\$	105,268.88
April Difference	\$	-16,668.32
Projected Oct-April Budget Needs	\$	927,989.60
Receipts Oct-April	\$	793,924.25
Fiscal Year-to-Date Difference	\$	-134,065.35
2009-2010 Budget	\$	1,583,600.00
Projected May Budget Needs	\$	139,356.80
"The Vision" Commitments	\$	2,519,844.48
"The Vision" Receipts	\$	1,833,379.35

Mississippi Tornado Relief

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is accepting financial donations to assist the victims of recent devastating tornados in our state.

Checks should be made payable to Highland Colony, with "MS Tornado Relief" noted on the memo line, and collections will be forwarded to MBCB.

Other types of donations, such as food, clothing, or equipment, are not being accepted at this time.

Voice of Calvary Ministries:

*Building Communities...
Life by Life...
Brick by Brick...
Dream by Dream*

Men! We need volunteers for Saturday, May 15!

We'll participate in a work day at Blackburn Middle School. Meet for a Prayer Breakfast at 8:00 at Voice of Calvary and then we'll begin our project of painting the field house. Paint will be provided, but please bring brushes, rollers, drop cloths or other supplies and come dressed appropriately for the task at hand!

THE VERITAS SCHOOL

The Veritas School, beginning their second year on campus at HCBC this fall, is now accepting applications for 6th-12th grade enrollment.

For more information, call 601-713-1555 or visit their website: theveritasschool.org.

Celebrate America

June 27 during morning worship at HCBC



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COMING EVENTS

May 6	National Day of Prayer
May 9	Parent-Child Dedication
May 15	Voice of Calvary Breakfast / Work Day
May 16	High School Graduate Recognition
May 22	North Ridge Church Benefit Show
May 31	Memorial Day / Church Offices Closed
May 31-June 4	Children's Camp at Lake Forest Ranch
June 4-5	24 Hours of Prayer for HCBC
June 6	Budget Catch Up / Challenge Day
June 13-16	Highland Colony Family Vacation
June 20-24	Student Ministry: Wayfarer Summer Camp



MEN! We need your help
SATURDAY, MAY 15
Voice of Calvary
Breakfast and School Work Day

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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

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

MidWeek
@ Highland Colony
meal entrées

May 5	Ham Steak	Kids: Chicken Nuggets
May 12	Mesquite Grilled Chicken	Kids: Chicken Nuggets
May 19	Country Fried Steak	Kids: Hot Dog
May 26	Chicken Pot Pie	Kids: Chicken Nuggets