



GRACE HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

The following is taken from the “Answers” section on Billy Graham’s website, billygraham.org and is a good reminder to believers why we need to be praying for the upcoming election and why we need to be at the polls casting our vote on Tuesday, November 3.

The following question was asked of Billy Graham and his answer follows:

The question – “I’m sick of politicians and political campaigns, and I’ve decided I’m not going to vote this year. It wouldn’t do any good anyway, because just one vote won’t make any difference. Why bother?”

The answer – “Let me ask you a question: What would happen to our nation if everyone decided not to vote? You know the answer—before long we’d lose our freedoms and be ruled by a power-hungry dictatorship. No system of government is perfect, including ours—but all it will take to make it collapse is an indifferent citizenry.

But I also urge you to vote for another reason: I believe it is a God-given responsibility. When Jesus walked this earth, the whole civilized world was under the authority of one individual: the Roman emperor (or Caesar). He wasn’t elected by popular vote, nor did ordinary people have an opportunity to express their views through the ballot box. And the Roman government wasn’t perfect; in fact, it promoted paganism and could be brutal.

And yet Jesus taught that people still had a responsibility to encourage and support their government in every way they possibly could. He said, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s” (Matthew 22:21). The same principle is true for us today: We should do everything we can to encourage and support good government—including voting. Understand the issues...know where the candidates stand on them...ask God to guide you—and then vote.



Beyond that, however, pray for our nation and its leaders—not just the President, but all who have been entrusted with public office. It’s the most important thing you can do. The Bible commands us to pray for “all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness” (1 Timothy 2:2).”

Pray, vote, and pray!

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Wilma Davidson
Jack and Julie Lindsey

Carol Sarver
Rita Brewer



Building Together

OCTOBER 2020

"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 4 / 9:30 a.m.

Classes available for age 2 through 102+
Adults: Hand in your Elective Sheets now
Growing Together In Christ!!

**GBC IS RETURNING TO REGULAR
SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES STARTING
OCTOBER 4**

**MONTHLY SANDWICH SALES
RETURNING TO SUPPORT
MISSIONARY TRIPS/PROJECTS**

October 21 with orders due October 11
Order forms are in your mailbox, at downstairs usher
stand and table in back of sanctuary
or contact Missy Henise



Pastor:

We appreciate your messages every Sunday

Sunday, October 25 FALL FEST

Due to social distancing this year the **Contemporary Service will be held at 8:15**, Sunday School at 9:30 and Traditional Service at 10:45. Then find your way to Buser's Farm, which is easy to find—2.6 miles from Freysville Road, turn right on East Prospect Road (Rt. 124) to Buser Farm Lane at street sign. Right on Buser Farm Lane to farm at end of lane (49 Buser Farm Lane).

Attend services dressed in your "Fall Fest" clothes (favorite jeans, flannel shirt, cowboy boots).

Pig Roast and drink will be provided. Bring a side dish **and** dessert to share, along with a donation toward the cost of the pig roast and entertainment.



Evening service/activities will not be held.

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Pastor: Thank you for serving the flock so well.

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Sunday:	8:15	Contemporary Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:45	Traditional Worship (also live via Facebook)
	6:30	Evening Worship Service / Against the Flow Youth (1 st , 3 rd , and 5 th Sundays)
Wednesday:	7:00	Bible Study & Prayer for Adults (also live via Facebook) Pioneers / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner

Pastor

HOUSE OF HOPE CHRISTMAS PROJECT 2020

HOH Christmas is here!!!! It is looking a bit different this year...but YOUR participation is needed as MUCH this year, as it has in years past. You may be wondering why the change for this year?

#1. The way we need to gather right now---decreased attendance at church due to COVID concerns and worshipping from home, make "adoption" very difficult. There are approximately 120 children and young adults that are a challenge to get ALL "adopted", and the gifts returned, under normal circumstance—let alone NOW. Is it lack of faith?? No...just common sense.

#2. The decreased inventory in stores right now. One example is Walmart--their selection of many things has been pathetic these last several months. Let alone with Christmas coming and people out there trying to buy up what little there is. This would make FILLING a bag for HOH very challenging. I have been communicating with Jenny, and Linda through Jenny, since beginning of August—they were truly concerned for us here with all the "challenges" that Covid has brought to many of us in the USA. Now remember, Haiti is the POOREST country of the Western Hemisphere. God bless their dear hearts!!! So they were not expecting anything from us. For me that was NEVER an option. GBC family...even with the challenges of Covid physically and financially we are a BLESSED people! We told them that we want to do as much as possible but were not going to be able to do our usual "adoption" process. So Linda and Jenny came up with a list of "bigger" gift item suggestions for each age and gender. Those "bigger" gift items will be purchased by me AND others that may be assisting so that they are equal in quality and \$\$, shopping on-line and in stores. Some items have already been bought due to concerns of being unavailable soon.

WAYS YOU CAN BE A PART OF HOH CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR:

#1) Pick a few yellow slips from boards in back of sanctuary, sign your name on the white display board in place designated. Go shopping for those items and bring them back to church and place in blue bins provided in downstairs hallway. And then...GO SHOPPING AGAIN!

#2.) If yellow slips are gone...OR you would prefer to shop for other items—see the following NEEDS and IDEA List. GO FOR IT! Return the items to church and place in blue bins in basement hallway. And then...GO SHOPPING AGAIN!!

#3.) Donations of \$\$\$ are VERY MUCH needed this year to help us buy those "bigger" items in the various age categories. Write a check to GBC, but PLEASE designate "HOH Christmas Project". Cash is great too! Please place in envelopes provided that are designated for "HOH Christmas Project" on tables in back of sanctuary, or your own envelope is fine, but please mark it clearly for "HOH Christmas Project". I have no deadline as of yet----start shopping NOW and bring your things in....and GO SHOPPING AGAIN!!!

We will update you with a deadline through the prayer sheet. Thank you so much! Questions? Call me, Missy Henise. Leave message if no answer and I will get back to you!

NEEDS AND IDEAS LIST FOR HOH CHRISTMAS

Underwear / Socks / Sheets (crib and twin)
Vaseline/ Q-tips / Cotton balls / Band-aids /
Medical tape / Sanitary Napkins / Batteries (AA, C, D) / Colored copy paper / Card-stock paper /
Construction paper / Pens/pencils/crayons/colored pencils / Barrettes/pony-tail holders/hair elastics /
Pony beads / Children's Tylenol (generic is OK) /
Shoes/sneakers/sandals/flip flops / Non-sterile medical gloves for their nurses /
Necklaces/bracelets / Playing cards / flashlights /
Balls—soccer or basketball (check 5 Below) /
Playing cards / Jacks / Tools / Colognes/perfumes (cheap scents are OK) / Coloring books for kids /
Adult coloring books for colored pencils (check Dollar Tree) / Jump ropes (long and short)
NOTE: they speak and read Haitian Creole

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Isaiah 55:4

Pastor: Thanks for all the ways you lead and guide our church

