



HIGHLAND COLONY HOME CONNECTION

'Bringing information and opportunities directly into your home'



From the
Pastor

Do you believe God wants HCBC to grow? Every time I ask that question the response is, *yes!* I suppose the bigger question is, *do you want HCBC to grow?* I have had to seriously ask myself the question ... not because I don't want our church to grow, but because I know it will require a certain amount of sacrifice and change to see that happen. I have decided that I am ready to do whatever it takes to lead HCBC to reach more people and have more influence in our community and around the world.

When you hear talk around our church of "breaking the 500 barrier," we are referring to the goal of getting to an average attendance in Sunday worship of 500 or more in 2010. We are developing a comprehensive strategy to help us get there, but we cannot do this without you. You may be thinking, *what can I do?* Four things: pray, decide to make worship a priority, make Sunday School a weekly habit, and connect with and invite unchurched friends, neighbors, co-workers and family to Highland Colony. If we will do these things, plus implement other parts of our strategy, we can do this in 2010!!

I've gotten a lot of great response from the sermon series, "Resolved." This series will continue through the first three Sundays in February. The series addresses the question: *What can I do to be more like Jesus in 2010?* Five decisions is what it will take. Come hear.

One exciting thing I want to make you aware of is the fact that I've asked Paul Gay to be our Missions Coordinator here at HCBC. Paul and Hannah have been missionaries in Ethiopia, and been passionately involved in missions through the church for many years. He brings so much to the table in the role. Thank you, Paul. You are already making a discernible difference.

Moving forward with you,

JR

Disciple Now Weekend: March 5-6

HCBC's Student Ministry will co-host "D-Now 2010" with First Baptist, Madison. Featured speaker is Chad Norris, with worship led by the Jason Elam Band. Beginning at 6:00 P.M. on Friday, the schedule will alternate between the two venues, with students staying at host homes on Friday night.

Event cost is \$50 if paid before February 21; after that date, price will be \$70 for the weekend.

This year, two special Parents sessions are offered at no charge on Saturday, March 6. Student Ministry specialist Richard Ross will conduct the meetings. Child care will be provided at FBC also.

Food Sunday

The first Sunday of the month is Food Sunday. Food Sunday at Highland Colony has 2 parts:

1. Bring something to share for breakfast with your Sunday School class.
2. Bring a canned or other nonperishable food item to donate to local food banks.

Each month we have a little extra special fellowship in our classes and be a blessing to others who need a little help.

Children's Summer Camp: May 26-30

Lake Forest Ranch in Macon will be the destination for our children who have completed 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade. Reservations need to be made now! Total cost is \$315 per child, with total balance due by April 18. We also need a couple of adult chaperones.

Contact Kathy for more information or to register: 601.856.4031 x30 or Kathy.Flowers@hcbc.net.

ReNew Women's Ministry

Finding Your Way through the Old Testament:

Guideposts for the Journey

Saturday, February 27 9AM -2PM

Our 2010 ReNew Women's Conference, led by Paul Gay, is going to help us look at key points in the history of God's people to develop a framework for understanding His message for the ages. We'll also examine tools that can enrich our study and guide us through difficult sections of the journey.

No materials need to be purchased, but lunch is provided for \$10. Tickets are on sale now!



Sunday, February 14 @ 5:30 P.M.

LIVE IT OUT!

Virtue: HONOR --- letting someone know you see how valuable they really are

Church Pictorial Directories

They're here! Each family who had portraits taken at the end of October for our pictorial directory is entitled to one copy.

On Sundays, February 7 and February 14, there will be a pick up station at the kiosk before and after worship where a volunteer will assist you in claiming your directory.

Welcome! Recent additions to our HCBC Family ...



The Batchelor Family
Ken, Stephanie, Nina



Gerald and Mary Lois Rayburn



Keitan Bradford



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Jay Richardson
Pastor

Bill Hawks
Associate Pastor / Education Minister

Eric Smith
Minister to Students

Kathy Flowers
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Men's Prayer Breakfast - Voice of Calvary

Men! Meet at HCBC at 7:30 on Saturday the 6th to caravan to Voice of Calvary Prayer Breakfast. Please call the church office to sign up!

COMING EVENTS

February 6	7:30	Men's Prayer Breakfast - Voice of Calvary
February 14	5:30	KidStuf
February 22	6:30	L.A.M.P.S. Monthly Meeting
February 24	6:15	Monthly Ministry Conference
February 27	9:00	ReNew Women's Conference
March 4	5:30	Associational Missions Banquet
March 5-6		Disciple Now Weekend
March 15-19		"Spring Break"
May 26-30		Lake Forest Ranch Summer Camp for Children
June 13-16		Highland Colony Family Vacation
June 21-24		Students: Wayfarer Summer Camp -Anderson S.C.

Search for Minister of Worship and Music

If you would like to give input to our Personnel Committee, please send e-mail to personnel.committee@hcbc.net.

FROM HCBC MISSIONS COMMITTEE:

METRO MISSIONS BANQUET

On March 4, Highland Colony will host our associational Missions Banquet. It will be a time of celebration, encouragement, and inspiration and will be attended by visitors from Hinds, Rankin, and Madison counties.

The event begins at 5:30 with a Missions Fair. Member churches that have sponsored various mission projects in 2009 will exhibit details of their activities. The banquet will be at 6:00, followed by the emphasis "Making Kingdom Impact through Church Planting" with speaker Dr. Richard Blackaby, president of Blackaby Ministries International.

You are invited to attend! Tickets are \$7 and may be purchased by signing up at the Missions table in the foyer or call the church office. You can drop payment in the offering plate or a drop box; just be sure to write 'Missions Banquet' on your check or envelope. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, February 24.

	Feb. 3	Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Kids: Chicken Nuggets
	Feb. 10	Mesquite Grilled Chicken Kids: Chicken Nuggets
	Feb. 17	Country Fried Steak Kids: Hot Dog
	Feb. 24	Chili & Baked Potato Kids: Chicken Nuggets

Adults 50+

L.A.M.P.S.

Monday, February 22

6:30 pm

Covered Dish Supper
and program featuring our own

Kay Cassibry



Executive Director of Mississippi Baptists WMU, Kay departed January 31 to Haiti, and will present a first-hand report to us.

Tithes and Offerings		
Projected January Budget Needs	\$	134,606.00
January Receipts	\$	114,524.42
January Difference	\$	-20,081.58
Projected Oct-Jan Budget Needs	\$	565,345.20
Receipts Oct-Jan	\$	497,434.83
Fiscal Year-to-Date Difference	\$	-67,910.37
2009-2010 Budget	\$	1,583,600.00
Projected February Budget Needs	\$	120,353.60
"The Vision" Commitments	\$	2,519,844.48
"The Vision" Receipts	\$	1,777,445.87