



# HIGHLAND COLONY HOME CONNECTION

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From the  
Pastor

As we move into the final quarter of 2011, I want to make sure you know about a couple of important dates coming up quickly on the HCBC calendar.

The first date is Wednesday, October 5. On that evening, we will have our second Mid-Week Worship at 6:15. The response to our first one was amazing! This is a great opportunity to have a meaningful worship experience in the middle of the week. Come eat fried chicken with us at 5:15, then join us for worship!

The second date is November 6. This will be a powerful day we are calling "Life Impact Sunday." We want to fill the building on that Sunday with all of our folks and with many new faces whose lives need God's touch in their lives. Think about your friends, co-workers and neighbors ... people you can invite. They will hear the gospel that day, as I'll begin a series of sermons on the core values of one who follows Jesus.

Thanks for your encouraging comments regarding the current sermon series, "Courageous: Living Heroically." These will continue through October.

God is at work! Join me in trusting him for amazing things at HCBC!

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## Disciple Now Weekend

**October 21-23**

Questions leave a mark on our lives. The questions we answer help to determine who we are and who we become. The questions we can't answer can haunt us and keep us from discovering or living out the destiny God has in store for us. Our questions, our interrogatives, surround us and intrigue us and control us in ways deeper than we often realize. Because questions are so influential, we need to have the courage to ask them. We need to find a way to bring our questions to the One who can lead us to an answer: Jesus. But that's not easy to do. Voltaire, the French philosopher, once wrote that God is a comedian playing to an audience too afraid to laugh. If that's true, then perhaps we can say that Jesus is a teacher playing to students too afraid to ask.

Questions, answered and unanswered, will leave a mark on our lives. So we need to bring these questions to Jesus. As we let the questions in and live the answer out, we'll discover that we can drink in His life and pour out our lives. And in the process, we'll find that the mark our questions for Jesus leave on our lives becomes not just an interrogative but an exclamation pointing others to our God.

Disciple Now is a high-impact, fast-paced weekend that is sure to make a difference in a student's life. Students who attend DNow will meet in grade/gender based small groups in the homes of church members for the weekend plus have times of worship together at the church and interactive events with the entire group throughout the weekend. The purpose is to teach and demonstrate to students in grades 6-12 how to live an effective Christian lifestyle that will be pleasing to God.

This will be a milestone in the lives of teens and give them a chance to meet new friends, strengthen their relationships with current friends, and simply get away so they can focus on their relationship with God. Cost is \$50, which includes all meals, material, and a t-shirt. For families with multiple siblings attending, total charge for two is \$85, and \$100 for three or more. Sign up deadline is October 12; just complete an Event Envelope and turn it in with payment.

Parents and other interested adults can help! We need 8 host homes, which would involve students and their Bible study leader spending the night in your home. Volunteer to host, and your kids can attend DNow FREE! Other needs include transportation and help with food and snacks. There may be other ways to participate; just contact Scott Wilson.

## ReNew Women's Ministry PJ PARTY

Have you ever wanted just to put on your pajamas in the late afternoon and not have to do anything other than eat, laugh and enjoy the company of your friends? Well, ladies: we've got such the night for you! Come join us for the First Annual HCBC Women's Pajama Party on Thursday, October 20, from 6-9!

You can come in your scruffy scuffs, sponge rollers and poodle PJs, or maybe in a glamorous gown and robe with fur-lined slippers...or maybe you have been saving the most chic pair of pajamas for just the right time! We'll have a fashion parade and a special snuggly trophy will be given for funniest, most comfortable, most chic and most glamorous models! And of course, there will be delicious comfort food to enjoy!

Come meet new friends, visit with old friends, bring a friend or two and be reminded once again how what a special lady you are!

## MidWeek is AOK!

On Wednesday nights, there's a place for "All Our Kids"! From 6:15 to 7:15 P.M., our 5th graders all the way down to our preschool age groups are having fun learning God's Word, how He wants us to use it in our lives and developing friendships centered around Him.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade** AOK/Bible Drill -Room B106  
**K5 - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade** AOK/Bible Drill -Room B101  
**3 & 4 year olds** AOK - Room C106  
**Under 3 years old** Childcare in Room C111

## CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Wednesday, October 12, we will have a called church conference to discuss the church's current financial situation and plans for moving forward. We find ourselves with budget challenges that need your involvement as we discuss the situation and make plans for the months ahead. We'll meet in Gathering Room A at 6:15 for a review of our current budget, a time of questions, and a special time of prayer.





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**HCBC MISSIONS**

In September, our Mission Team traveled to the Dominican Republic and Haiti on a Vision Trip to explore the possibilities of HCBC being involved with Hispaniola Mountain Ministries (HMM) and what God is doing in DR and Haiti. HMM is involved in church plants, medical / dental missions in the Bateys, building homes, and providing clean, fresh water wells in Haiti. It was an incredible experience!!! Our team was there when a town of almost 30,000 turned on the faucets for clean water for the first time in months. Please be in prayer with our Mission Team as we seek God's plan and purpose for HCBC on a global scale.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0T0UXiP40IM>

**COMING EVENTS**

- Oct 2 KidStuf
- Oct 5 MidWeek Worship
- Oct 12 Called Church Conference
- Oct 16 Deacon Ordination service
- Oct 20 ReNew PJ Party
- Oct 21-23 Disciple Now Weekend
- Oct 24 L.A.M.P.S. (Adults 50+)
- Oct 26 Quarterly Church Conference
- Oct 30 Lord's Supper

Pray and Plan for Life Transformation Sunday: November 6. On this one Sunday we will gather with a sharpened focus on Life Transformation. We will seek ways God wants to work in our lives and we will witness God work in the lives of others. Who do you know who needs to be a part of this special day? Now is the time to pray and plan to bring them with you.



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011



**October 2  
@ 5:30 P.M.**

**"A Tisket, A Tasket"**

(Can you guess what our Bible Story will be about?)

**Bottom Line:** Use your imagination to think big!

**CREATIVITY - using your imagination to do something unique**

**Adults 50+**

**L.A.M.P.S.**

**Monday, October 24 6:30 P.M. AUTUMN FEST!**

Program will be provided by Graham Smith  
Minister of Music - First Baptist, Natchez  
(Bring your favorite covered dish to share.)



**Adult meal entrées**  
Kids: Chicken Nuggets

- Oct 5 Fried Chicken
- Oct 12 Chili with Baked Potato
- Oct 19 Mesquite Grilled Chicken
- Oct 26 Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

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



**The Hart Family**  
Allison, Deanna, Emily, Trey, and Dan

**HCBC DEACONS**

The following have been recently elected to serve a three year term as deacon. On Sunday, October 16, an ordination service will be held at 6:30 P.M., for those who have not been previously ordained.

- John Burnett      Dusty Majure
- Chuck Callender      Dan McQuirter
- Stan Dickens      Scott Stanford
- Jeff Flowers      Stan Stuart
- Rob Lewis      Nolan Williamson

**Tithes and Offerings**

Projected September Budget Needs	\$ 129,000.00
September Receipts	\$ 78,393.70
September Difference	\$ -50,606.30
Projected Oct-Sept Budget Needs	\$ 1,720,000.00
Receipts Oct-Sept	\$ 1,520,701.95
Fiscal Year-to-Date Difference	\$ -199,298.05
"The Vision" Commitments	\$ 2,519,844.48
"The Vision" Receipts	\$ 2,066,766.18