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**A Word from the Pastor,
Bro. Kevin Denton**

August 11, 1996, was my first day as Pastor of Horse Cave Baptist Church. The message our Lord led me to that Sunday was from Joshua 3 which I titled "A Step of Faith". The essence of the message was me asking you to take a step of faith with me as we began this new relationship as Pastor and God's people.

I took a step of faith moving my family to Horse Cave, trusting you to take care of us. You took a step of faith calling me as your pastor, trusting me to take care of you and this church family. Since that day we have taken several steps of faith together. And for 27 years we have both kept our promise to each other. The Christian life is a life of trust. We learn to trust our Lord and each other.

Now, we must again take a step of faith together as we end this arrangement as Pastor and God's people. But the beautiful truth is that we will always be brothers and sisters in Christ. We will always be members together in the household of God our Heavenly Father. We are all still

connected through the filling of the Holy Spirit no matter where we go.

Thank you for the memories we will cherish for the rest of our lives. Thank you for working through the challenging times we experienced, seeking God's will for our church and our lives together. Thank you for not giving up on the Lord or His church as we navigated rough waters like loss, change, confusion, heartache, disappointment..... COVID!

August 13, 2023, will be my last Sunday in the pulpit as Pastor of Horse Cave Baptist Church. There is so much I want to say. I'm waiting for the Lord to let me know what He wants me to say. You and I probably will not remember a lot of what I will say. But remember the way which I say it, always in love.

Thank you for the send-off you have planned for Debbie and me.

I can hardly wait to see you, these two last Sundays.

In His Love,

Bro. Kevin

Connect Through Sunday School:



Come and be a part of our small groups on Sunday mornings at 9:45am. We have a class for every age. .

Let's get back to having daily Gospel Conversations!



Go, Outreach & Missions:

Local Mission Partnerships:

Lord's Supper Benevolent Offering total **\$577.00**

Crossroads Life Center

Baby Bottle Blessings

Total to date: \$3,312.43

(coins have yet to be counted)

Parenting Class (Hart Co.)

Debbie Harlan is teaching a parenting class in cooperation with the Hart County Jail every Wednesday.

Counseling

Debbie Harlan and Christy Schroeder volunteer to do counseling each week.



Caverna Independent Schools

Caverna Readifest

Caverna Independent Schools is one of our local mission partnerships. Each year they have a Readifest at the beginning of the school year to help families with school supplies. Total collected: \$700.00

We also need volunteers to help distribute the school supplies on Thursday, August 10, from 8:30am to Noon at the Cave Land Conference Center (formerly known as Cave City Convention Center.)

Please let Bro. Sam know if you are able to help serve our community.

Celebrating Bro. Kevin & Debbie Denton

27 Years serving Horse Cave Baptist Church

41 Years in Pastoral Ministry

Sunday, August 6 - 9:45am - Reflections on 27 years at HCBC

During Sunday School we will gather in the fellowship hall. This will be a time for us all to reminisce about memories of significant times we have shared over these 27 years together. Light refreshments will be available. This will be a great time of fellowship and remembrance.

Sunday, August 13 - Brother Kevin and Debbie's Final Sunday at HCBC

We will have a brunch reception during Sunday School. This will be for our members as well as Bro. Kevin's family and members of previous churches where he served who will be coming for Bro. Kevin's final service.

Bro. Kevin's favorite picture of our church is us all gathered on the front steps for the 150th anniversary. After the service, he has requested a picture out front with everyone in attendance on his last day, the 155th anniversary of Horse Cave Baptist Church.



October 16 - 19, 2023

LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

Those that have signed up need to have their balance for the conference paid by August 15.

Disciple-Making at a Glance **June 2023 (Weekly Averages)**

Come through Worship:	104
Connect through Sunday School:	64
Grow through Grow Groups:	20
Serve through Ministry Teams:	60
Go through Evangelism:	25

August 2023

SUNDAY Sunday Schedule	MONDAY Monday Schedule	TUESDAY Tuesday Schedule	WEDNESDAY Wednesday Schedule	THURSDAY Thursday Schedule	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship (in-person & livestream)	6:00 pm Men's Bible Study	9:00 am Sew Sistas	4:00 pm 15 Minute Bible Study (YouTube)	6:00 pm NA meeting		 Birthdays are In red
		1 Martin Brauchle Addison Wilcoxson	2	3 Phyllis Green	4	5
6 Reflection on 27 years at HCBC 9:45am Sam Norrod	7 Robert Davis	8 Hudson McMahan	9  Peggy Doyle Tammy Felitsky	10 Caverna Readifest 9-11:30am Prime Timers 5:30 Dinner Luke Witherspoon	11 HCBC 155th Anniversary	12 Kailynn Peterson
13 Bro. Kevin's Retirement Reception 9:45am Seth Coates Masyn Martin	14 Joybeth Heberly	15 Christopher Harper Christina Lee	16 	17 Chesney Bethel	18 Shelly Felitsky Steven Martin Ella Saldana	19 Pat Thompson
20 Bobby Dunagan Sue Nunn	21 J.T. Neely Jean Nunn Shayla Sturgeon	22 Debbie Denton Glynnlee Eubank Brandi Mutter	23	24	25 Angel Banegas Faith Ballou	26
27 Mary Helen Gardner	28	29	30  Katie Ford Debra Goodman	31 Andrew West		



Area schools begin this month.
Pray for our ALL our Educators.
(Teachers, Administration, Staff)
Pray for the students.



2023 Finance Report Actual for June Month End

Budget Offering Received:	\$ 22,653.42
Budget Spending:	\$ 24,381.89
Month Deficit:	\$ 1,728.47
Year to date Budget Rec'd:	\$152,590.29
Year to date Spending:	\$154,831.04
Year to date Deficit:	\$ 2,240.75

Private Worship

Scripture Reading one chapter a day
August 1 read Exodus 1



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July 2, 2023

To Horse Cave Baptist Church:

When you called me here almost 27 years ago to work with you as your pastor, we knew eventually this day would come. Today I am resigning as your pastor. I have thought through this decision, prayed through this decision, and have confirmation from the Lord that I have done enough. My last Sunday in the pulpit will be August 13, 2023. That is my 27th anniversary as pastor and the 155th anniversary of Horse Cave Baptist Church.

I will be retiring from pastoral ministry after forty plus years of loving, leading, feeding, and protecting three churches, Eddyville Missionary Baptist Church (3-1/2 years), Lovelaceville Missionary Baptist Church (10 years), and Horse Cave Baptist Church (27 years).

My time is over but your time is beginning anew. I have been praying for your next pastor. You need to as well. I know from personal experience the Lord was preparing me for two years before I even knew there was a Horse Cave, Kentucky. You have the amazing opportunity to experience God as He guides you through this process to the pastor he has chosen.

Trust your deacons as they lead you through this transition. They are feeling the weight of this responsibility and are taking it very seriously. I have full confidence in their care for you and openness to the Lord's will.

But for now, let's enjoy these last weeks together.

In His Love,

Bro. Kevin Denton