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A Word from the Chairman of Deacons, Philip West

Hello church family! I know we are in “uncharted waters” - or at least waters that we have not been swimming in for the past 27 years. While I know there will be challenges for us in the days and weeks ahead, I am also confident that there are blessings ahead for HCBC, and I am excited about seeing what the Lord has in store for us during this period of transition.

In case you were not at the business meeting on August 16 or in worship this past Sunday, August 27, your deacons want to make sure you know where we feel led. We have not made any decisions because they are not our decisions to make. What we do next and the avenue we go is the church's decision.

We spoke with Jeff Crabtree, our KBC Regional Consultant, about what our next step should be. There are a number of options, and certainly some of those options are new ideas that hadn't been thought of the last time our church went through a pastor change. After looking at the options, the deacons feel led that the best option for us is to call a “Transitional Pastor”. That is something most of us have not heard of.

Bro. Kevin has been here for 27 years and we are blessed, thankful, and grateful for that and the ministry leadership he provided. As you can imagine, following someone that has been at church for a long time can be really difficult on the next Pastor. They are always being compared to how the precious Pastor did things. In the majority of churches, the Pastor who follows a long time Pastor typically stays at the church for only a year or two. This creates a tough situation that is often difficult on the Pastor and on the church.

What we are going to propose is that we go through an intentional time of transition. During this time, the Transitional Pastor would be here every Sunday bringing the message, but would be doing more than that. He would not be doing things for us, but guiding us in things like: Where are we? What are our strengths? What areas do we need to grow in? He will help form a transition team that will do some important work before we call a new Pastor. He will also help review our church documents and procedures and propose any changes that may be needed. These are things that often times a new pastor would do, but this would get us in better

shape as a church before the Lord sends us our new pastor. Another positive thing is that this process could possibly steer our hearts to the right individual as our next Pastor.

There are people who are called to a Transitional Pastoral Ministry. One of those is a man we have spoken to named Dan Garland. He actually trains men to be Transitional Pastors. He has retired from the full time ministry, and has also served at KBC and Lifeway in a variety of capacities. Some of you may know Pastor Dan. He just went through this same process with Immanuel Baptist Church in Glasgow and finished up with them this past spring.

We as deacons are excited about this process. While we do not know how long it will take, we feel like it will likely be a few months (not weeks, but also not years!).

Pastor Dan Garland will be with us the next couple of Sundays to let us get to know him, and to bring our Sunday morning messages. Sept 3 will be a time for us to get to know him a little and he will probably talk a little bit about the Transitional Pastor process. On Sept 10 he will bring the message, and as a part of that message will lay-out what this process could look like. There will also be a portion of that service that will be dedicated to trying to answer any questions you may have about the process that is being proposed.

We encourage you to be here both Sundays, but especially September 10. At the end of the service, we will have a special called business meeting to vote on accepting the process of Transitional Pastor and on calling Dan Garland as our Transitional Pastor.

As Bro. Jeff Crabtree has challenged us over the past couple of weeks - please continue to be in prayer for 1)unity in our church, 2)that God will direct our church leadership ,3) for Bro. Kevin & Debbie as they start this new chapter themselves, and 4) for guidance & patience for our church over the next few weeks and months.

While we all likely have some apprehension and uncertainty regarding what lies ahead - I am excited about the possibilities, and I hope you are too. I truly believe the upcoming months can be some of our finest days as a church, and I look forward to being on this journey with each of you! If you have ANY questions about any of this - please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or any of our deacons.

Philip West

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Private Worship

Scripture Reading one chapter a day
September 1 read Exodus 32
September 10 read John 1

Go, Outreach & Missions:



Eliza Broadus Offering*

Eliza Broadus Offering Season of Prayer
September 10-17, 2023

Pick up a Prayer Guide in the main foyer or in the brochure rack outside the church office.

Online Prayer Guide available, [click here!](#)

Our church goal is **\$500.00**

But you are a Chosen Race,
a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation,
a People for His Own Possession, that you may
proclaim the excellencies of Him who
called you out of darkness into
His marvelous light.

1 Peter 2: 9

Horse Cave Heritage Festival



We are hosting a booth again this year at the Heritage Festival September 15 & 16. Yes, we are giving pickles away again this year. This is a great opportunity to invite people to our church, hand out Bibles, tracks, and let them know more about Jesus! We are in need of volunteers to work the booth for 2 hour shifts. We need at least 2 volunteers per shift. Times are: Fri, 9/15, 4-8 pm & Sat, 9/16, 9 am-7 pm. If you can help, please sign up in the foyer at the main doors. You may also call the church office to sign up.

If you would like to donate toward the purchase of pickles (\$6.34 per jar), please make checks payable to HCBC and note it for "Pickles". Note "Pickles" on the envelope if giving cash.

Thank you for your support each year!

Local Mission Partnerships:

Crossroads Life Center

Parenting Class (Hart Co.)

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

Mentoring

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



Caverna Independent Schools



Special thank you to all the volunteers that served at this year's **Readifest** distributing **297** boxes of school supplies and backpacks. It was a great time



to meet families in our community and allow them to see who we are and that we are here for them.



September 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	9:00 am Ladies Bible Study 4:00 pm Midweek BOOST! on YouTube 6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study	6:00 pm NA meeting		 Birthdays are In red	
PURE IN HEART - Youth Day Retreat @ Hopewell Church - Monroe, KY Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023 Time: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Speakers: Andy & Chelsea Brownfield, Coral Hill Baptist Associate Pastor & his wife <div style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; color: white; opacity: 0.5;">Lunch Provided</div>						1	2
3 Laura Bennett	4  Church Office Closed for Labor Day	5 Pam Turner	6 Ladies Bible Study Begins 9:00 am & 6:00 pm	7	8	9	
10 Called Business Meeting after morning worship (See Philip's article - page 1 of newsletter) Melissa Williams	11	12	13  6 PM Trustees Meeting Greg Dunn Kennedi Meador Marty Thomason	14 Prime Timers Luncheon 11:30am Amy Logsdon Mercedes Mills	15 <div style="background-color: orange; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Horse Cave Heritage Festival</div>	16 Pure in Heart See above announcement	
17 Pat Goldsmith	18 Brian Harlan	19	20  CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING 6 PM Kaycee Bunch Kandace West	21	22 Kohl Meredith Raylan Peterson	23  First Day of Fall!	
24 Church Picnic games/fellowship 4pm Potluck meal 5pm (See below) Steve Hatcher	25 Ricky Burnette	26 Alex Goldsmith Hanna Logsdon Christie Wilcoxson	27  Deacon's Meeting 6 PM Sherry Matthews	28	29 Mark Clark Bowen Gardner Kailyn Scott	30	

**church
picnic**
plan to attend!

Sunday, September 24, 2023
Horse Cave City Park Picnic Shelter
Games/ Fellowship @ 4 pm Potluck dinner @ 5 pm
(Bring enough food for your family plus one)

2023 Finance Report Actual for July Month End

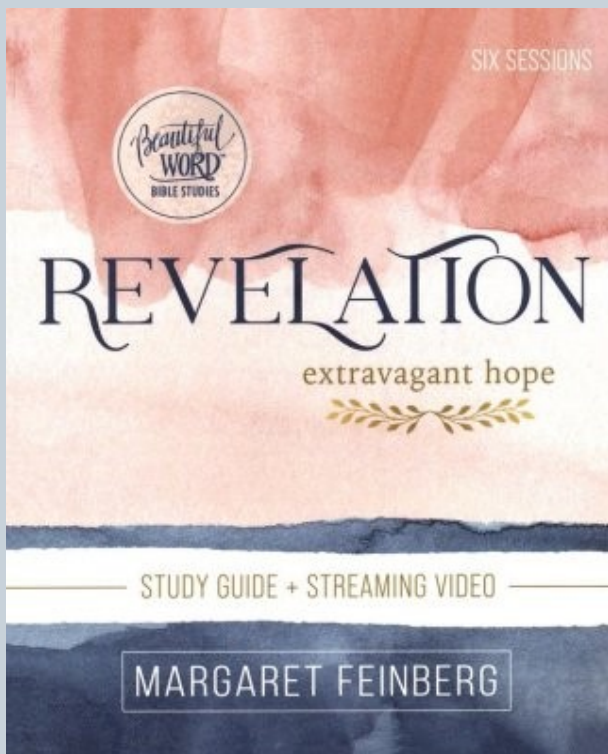
Budget Offering Received:	\$ 23,575.87
Budget Spending:	\$ 24,963.64
Month Deficit:	\$ 1,387.77
Year to date Budget Rec'd:	\$176,166.16
Year to date Spending:	\$179,794.68
Year to date Deficit:	\$ 3,628.52

Disciple-Making at a Glance July 2023 (Weekly Averages)

Come through Worship:	111
Connect through Sunday School:	71
Grow through Grow Groups:	23
Serve through Ministry Teams:	52
Go through Evangelism:	21



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Revelation
by
Margaret Feinberg

Ladies' Bible Study
Beginning Wednesday, September 6
2 classes offered: 9am & 6pm

Debbie Harlan will be leading this six week ladies' Bible study in the Caring Hearts class (room 101). The cost of the book is \$16.00. Please contact Debbie or call the church office if you are interested in participating so we can make sure everyone has a book when the first class begins.

**Hope Awakes
in Bethlehem**

*For unto you
is born this day
a Savior which is
Christ the Lord*

Christmas Choir Kick-off

**Sunday, September 17, 2024
@ 5:00 pm
In the choir room**

It is that time of year again. If you don't believe me, some retail stores are already displaying Christmas decorations. It is too early for retailers, but not when we are trying to do our best for God when presenting the Christmas program.

Everyone (Middle School through Senior Adult) is invited to participate in this years' program (even if you do not know what part you sing), please come to the kick-off. We will begin listening and learning some of the music. Everyone will receive the music and a music CD with the part they sing enhanced for easy rehearsal.

It is not a huge commitment since there will only be 8 rehearsals prior to the program. It would be great to have a large choir this year.