

MAY/JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER



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Holly Grove Christian Church Established 1874



Our Mission

The mission of Holly Grove Christian Church is to attempt to be the eyes, ears, hands, and feet of Jesus, as we serve our community and share His love.

Bits from Bob “Non-Essential”

We have heard this term a whole bunch ever since the stay-at-home order was put into place in the State of Virginia. So, depending on the “type” of business, you were given a new identity; essential or non-essential! What is your new hash tag?

I was listening in on a television interview with Mike Rhodes of “Dirty Jobs” as he was contemplating on the closing of business that were considered non-essential. He understood what governmental leaders were saying but at the same time his thought was all jobs and all people are essential.

How is your attitude in the face of what is going on in our country? Charles Swindoll wrote a book, *Strengthening Your Grip*. He said: “The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. He goes on to say attitude is more important than circumstances, than failure, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company.... a church.... a home.”

He concludes his paragraph by saying, “I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you...we are in charge of our attitudes.”

I must admit that my attitude lately was lousy. Angry about things I had no control over. The only thing I can control is how I react to life.

Paul writes in Philippians 2: 5

“In your relationship with one another, have the same mindset (Attitude) as Christ Jesus: Who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used in his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.”

Hopefully you are not having an attitude problem, but if you are, this verse can help you overcome. Be a servant. Do something for someone. Make a phone call, send a card, offer a prayer. Think about someone else besides yourself. Pray for those who in their profession are at risk.

We cannot control the circumstances of life, but we can take ownership of how we choose to react and respond.

I eagerly await the time when we can have fellowship with each other again.

God Bless,

Bobby

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Announcements

- As all of you know, our church services have been suspended due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic until further notice. Even though we are not together each Sunday, we hope you are staying current on things with our emails, our Facebook page, our website at www.hollygrovechristian.com, and with the very meaningful weekly "At-Home" Worship service thanks to Pastor Bob Lane and Andy Rose with sermons, scriptures, beautiful music and the Children's Worship and Wonder program video. The board will have a conference call meeting to discuss more on the church suspension on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. Our next scheduled board meeting will be Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. All budgets are due to Diane Rigsby and all officers that have terms expiring June 30th need to have the name of their replacement to Chairman Tammy Mayo. Both need to be done before this meeting.



- It is graduation time! Congratulations to our Louisa County High School Graduates Griffin Hollins (graduated April 25th), Dustin Mayo (graduated April 25th) and Natalie Smith (graduated April 28th)! We also celebrate Coleman Vincze on his upcoming graduation from Virginia Tech! His ceremony will be held online and is scheduled for Friday, May 15th. With everything the grads have been through this year, they have all handled everything with such grace. We are so proud of them and their many achievements! We do plan to have a Graduation Recognition Sunday when we return to church during a Worship service so we can hear more about what our graduates plan to do! That date will be forthcoming.
- The Food Pantry will be open on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall through Saturday, May 30th. Safety guidelines are in place. Thanks to all those who have volunteered and have given donations! Andy Rose has emailed the updated schedule and there is one spot open on Saturday, May 23rd if you would like to volunteer. Also if you want to help out but can't get out to shop or don't have the time, you can donate money online and our shoppers will use your money to buy what we need. Go to our church Givelify page and select how much and then select the food pantry "envelope." Here is the link: <https://giv.li/w063gb>.
- All summer camps at Craig Springs have been cancelled due to the pandemic. They will be doing virtual camps. More information regarding this online camp portal will be forthcoming through the Virginia Christian, www.ccinva.org website, and the craigsprings.com website by June 1, 2020. There will be no cost for the programs but they appreciate any donations.
- Updated schedules for deacons, elders and bell tollers will be sent out before we resume church.
- If your birthday or if you are a couple and your anniversary is not on the calendar, please let Cindy Wilson know, so you can be included and celebrated!

- Thanks to Louisa County Public Schools for providing internet to the children and families of Holly Grove. LCPS just recently parked a "Wireless on Wheels" trailer at our church to use as a WiFi hot spot. Hopefully this will help students gain some access to the internet.
- While we have not been using the church sanctuary, Robert Bowman, Property Chairman has been busy painting the baptistery in the pulpit area. We know this has been quite a task and we thank you Robert!
- If you have been by the church, we are sure you have seen the new gazebo! Thanks to the vision of the Holly Grove Pruners, we have this wonderful place to sit, reflect and enjoy. Special thanks to John Kruep for pouring the foundation and Shawn, Tammy, Natalie and Lacie Smith for building the gazebo. When school let out due to the coronavirus, building the gazebo became a family project for the Smith family. Thanks to all of you!
- Arthur Sigmund would like to thank the church for letting him setup on the corner on Saturdays in his bright orange food truck. It has helped him tremendously as a small business owner during this very difficult time and he is so appreciative! He will be there for a while longer on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. so come on by and enjoy some delicious food! Just remember to use social distancing.
- We are still working on updating the congregational list of addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. We thank those that have sent their information in. If you have not sent your updated information in yet, please send to Cindy at bccawilson@yahoo.com. We hope to have the list completed in June.

New Members



On Sunday, March 15th, Curtis, Rhonda, Paige and Eric Welton and Samantha Miller joined our congregation. We feel blessed to have them be a part of our church family. It was such a special morning!

Online Ministry

Here are some ways we are reaching our community online to spread the Word of God! Information submitted by Andy Rose.

Facebook: 391 Friends of HGCC total, 16 new since 3/15/20. That's almost 400 people who we potentially reach every day.

YouTube: As of 4/27/20 we have had 836 Video views by 334 people in the last 28 days and 14 new subscribers (brings total to 18). The Easter sermon alone counted for 129 views!

Church Website: In the last 28 days we have had 266 website visits by 170 people and the website blog posts have gotten 106 views by 72 people.

AN UPDATED CALENDAR WILL BE DONE ONCE WE RETURN TO CHURCH

HOLLY GROVE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> ◀ April May 2020 June ▶ </div>						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 J. T. Crowder - B Sal & Ashton Luciano - Anniv.	2 Food Pantry open - 9 - 10:00 a.m.
3 Coleman Bagby - B	4 Adam & Kathryn Lipscomb - Anniv.	5 Dale & Dawn Lipscomb - Anniv.	6 Food Pantry open - 6 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. by Conference Call Sarah Wade - B	7 National Day of Prayer Owen Harper - B	8 Robert Bowman - B	9 Food Pantry open - 9 - 10:00 a.m. Addison Richardson - B Joe & Jane Harris - Anniv.
10 Mother's Day	11 Christina Clough - B Glen Harper - B Carolyn Mann - B	12 Destiny Glass - B Stephen Rose - B	13 Food Pantry open - 6 - 7:00 p.m. Diane Rigsby - B	14 Jacki Bagby - B Wyatt Clough - B	15	16 Food Pantry open - 9 - 10:00 a.m. Armed Forces Day Carl & Kimberley Lacy - Anniv. Clark & Katie Wilson - Anniv.
17 Sandy Howard - B	18 Fayth Glass - B Jeff & Crystal Clough - Anniv. William & Ashlee Byiers - Anniv.	19 Josh Giusto - B Marty & Jane Miller - Anniv.	20 Food Pantry open - 6 - 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting – 7:00 p.m. (At Church or by conference call to be determined)	21 Tommy Barlow - B Frank & Bertie Clough - Anniv. Joe & Sherrie Sommer - Anniv.	22 Lacie Smith - B	23 Food Pantry open - 9 - 10:00 a.m. Katie Giusto - B Colton Lipscomb- B Dawn Lipscomb - B J.D. & Rhonda Gorman - Anniv.
24 Kelsey Smith - B	25 Memorial Day  John Kruep - B Allison Ward - B	26 Chris & Janette Cheely - Anniv.	27 Food Pantry open - 6 - 7:00 p.m. Tanner Gammon Hart - B	28	29 Zachary Lipscomb - B	30 Food Pantry open - 9 - 10:00 a.m. Mason Bagby (First Birthday)
31 Pentecost Sunday and Pentecost Offering Loraine Boyd - B Finley Harris – B Willie and Jamie Lloyd - Anniversary	B = Birthday					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Carolyn Bagby - B Clay & Lindsay Hart - Anniv.	2 Justis Barnes - B Frank Clough - B Adam Lipscomb - B	3	4 Leslie Bagby - B Rita Bagby - B	5 Nicholas Smith - B Rodney & Diane Rigsby - Anniv.	6
7 Pentecost Offering Dwight Chenault - B	8 Tim & Andrea Hollins - Anniv.	9 Twila Rose - B Nicholas & Dana Smith - Anniv.	10 Shawn Smith - B	11 Marty Miller - B	12 Joe Harris - B	13
14 Flag Day (Fly your American Flag with pride)	15 Robbie & Jacki Bagby - Anniv.	16 Randy Wilson - B	17 Sheri Hart - B	18 Chris Shores - B	19 Steve & Dianne Montgomery - Anniv.	20 First Day of Summer
21 Father's Day Dana Franklin - B	22 Jessica Bagby - B	23 Jaimie Snead - B	24 Josh Lloyd - B	25 Angela Bagby - B Chris Cheely - B Nathan & Angie Harris - Anniv.	26 Tom Boothe - B	27
28	29 Savannah Lee - B Jeffrey Mayo - B	30 Andrea Hollins - B Karen Hughes - B	B = Birthday			



The identity statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) states: *“We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”* To learn more about the Disciples of Christ, go to www.disciples.org.

Brief Highlights from the March 18, 2020 Board Meeting

A call-in session was opened by Chairman Tammy Mayo. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss issues that relate to the CDC facts/guidance for our church during the coronavirus outbreak.

After discussion, it was decided that we suspend services. We will revisit this with a meeting on April 1st.

Andy Rose will do a video on CW&W and a Bible study from Pastor Bob and post these on line for viewing.

Pastor Bob will visit when needed.

Concern about funerals was brought up and Tammy will check into this.

Dianne Montgomery will continue the Food Pantry. Andy will bring some frozen meat and put in refrigerator.

It was decided not to go with rails on the new gazebo.

Ferrell's Termite and Pest Control has the ability to fog the building if needed.

Robert Bowman will reset the programmed heat for the building.

Tammy Mayo will collect our mail and distribute as necessary.

Lorrie Barnes will be notified that cleaning will not be necessary until we start to meet again.

Dawn Lipscomb will take care of a notice on our outdoor sign and Pastor Bob closed with prayer.

Brief Highlights from the April 1st, 2020 Board Meeting

A call-in session was opened by Chairman Tammy Mayo. The purpose again was to discuss issues that relate to the CDC facts/guidelines for our church regarding COVID-19.

Chairman Tammy Mayo reminded all committees that they need to submit their budgets to Diane Rigsby for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Those officers, which their term ends on June 30, 2020, need to submit to Tammy those names that they have secured as their replacement. Those with term expirations are Secretary Patricia Hicks, Elders Sherrie and Joe Sommer, Deacons Griffin Hollins, Byron Wilson, Joey Barnes and Shannon Kruep and Cemetery Trustee Gwen Rose.

Funerals were discussed and general feeling was that we could have a private service with ten people or less, minister, one elder and outside if possible. Tammy Mayo will get in touch with Lacy Funeral Home.

UPDATE: Tammy spoke with the funeral home on April 3rd and they are adhering to the CDC guidelines of no more than ten people in attendance and cremation is not a rule. They can prepare the body and hold it until a later time for a large funeral or they can prepare the body for immediate burial where there is no embalming (so no bodily fluids aren't transferred to the mortician) and the body will be immediately placed in the casket. This would be a closed casket and no visitation. They will do whatever the family wants. It seems most are being cremated or doing an immediate graveside burial and the families are planning a memorial service for a later date.

Some members do not have computers and cannot get Emails. Tammy will look into a pre-recorded message for our church phone similar to how the schools send out messages.

Discussion was held on a bank account where members could make donations to the church online. Tammy will call our treasurer, Mary Anne Barlow about checking with the bank on setting up a new account for this.

UPDATE: Givelify has been set up.

Andy reported that he had videoed Pastor Bob's sermons for the next eight weeks.

It was decided that the board would meet by conference call again on April 22nd and Byron Wilson closed with prayer.

Brief Highlights from the April 22nd, 2020 Board Meeting

A call-in session was opened by Chairman Tammy Mayo. The purpose of the meeting was to again discuss suspending church services because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Tammy reminded committee chairmen to submit their budgets to Diane Rigsby before the May 20th board meeting and for those officers with terms ending June 30, 2020 to submit the name of their replacement to her before the May 20th meeting.

Tree removal at the cemetery has begun.

The food pantry is very busy and everyone was very appreciative that stopped by.

Communion was discussed and it was decided to order some pre-packaged communion to give out to those who may want it for the weekly online "At-Home" Worship service.

UPDATE: It is on backorder.

Andy Rose and Pastor Bob will be videoing sermons on April 29th for Sundays May 3rd and Mother's Day, May 10th.

The next board meeting call-in session will be on May 6th at 7:00 p.m. and Steve Montgomery closed with prayer.

Online Giving

Many have asked about giving online to the church. The board approved to begin using Givelify. Here are the details from Givelify on how to use or you can also go to the link to donate on our website at www.hollygrovechristian.com.

- Download the Givelify Application onto your smart phone or tablet, it is free, and can be found wherever you get apps on your phone (for example, iPhones it is in the AppStore).
- If you are not an "App" kind of person, you can create a profile and log in online on your computer.
<https://giv.li/w063gb>
- You can create a profile on the app or the website either by using your Facebook credentials, or your email and a new unique password (recommended).
- **Search for Holly Grove Christian Church, when you find it, make sure it is showing a picture of the Last Supper from CWW and has the Holly leaves disciple's logo as well.**
- Select how much you want to give. (Can also allow it to deduct an amount automatically every week or month if you choose)
- Select which "Envelope" you choose to give to, right now the choices are:
 1. Tithe
 2. General Offering
 3. Other (Samaritan Fund)
 4. Food Pantry
 5. Children and Youth
- Enter your card information (you can choose whether you want that information saved for next time or not).
- Click the donate button and you are done. The money will be deposited into the Church account the next business day. The App also allows you to keep track of how much and when you donated to the church in case you use charitable donations for taxes or whatever.

Now if you are not comfortable doing things online, that is completely fine, we understand and will continue to be grateful for your support in any manner you can provide it, but we do ask you to consider using this great option as we move forward together. Thank you all for everything that you do!

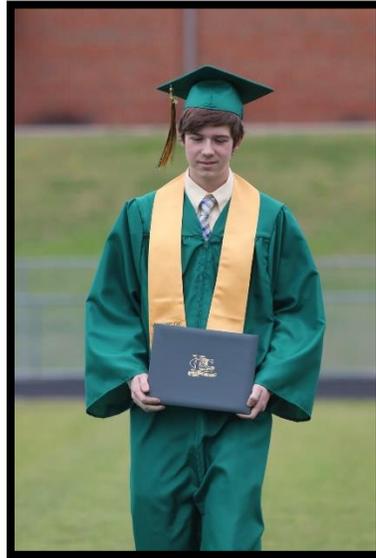
Recent Holly Grove Happenings

Even though we have not been having Sunday church services, there has still been many things going on at the corner at Holly Grove Christian Church. We serve a risen Savior!



Easter Sunday with the old rugged cross (picture of cross taken by photographer Brian French). Folks brought flowers and left them at the foot of the cross. Those live plants will be planted around the new gazebo. The rocks were painted by Caroline and Kaylynn. Everyone enjoyed looking at them! Thank you girls! There were many folks that stopped and looked at the cross and some dressed up in their Easter clothes and came and took pictures near the cross or in front of the church. Even with these circumstances, Easter was a beautiful day to celebrate our risen Savior!

Holly Grove Happenings Continued



Our Louisa County High School Graduates Griffin Hollins, Dustin Mayo and Natalie Smith. Congratulations!



Graduation Parade with over 20 cars



The New Gazebo



A tree fell on the Shed



Children Worship and Wonder Program



Arthur's Orange Food Truck



Food Pantry Items

Joshua 24: 15b says: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." God bless you all.

If you should have any articles or pictures for the next newsletter, please give to Cindy Wilson or email to bccawilson@yahoo.com.