

Pastor's Note



Pastor Charles Announces Retirement Plans

At this past Sunday's joint meeting with our Church Staff, Deacons, Church Council, and the Administrative Team I announced my plans to retire as Pastor of Holland Avenue Baptist Church on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013.

This decision was reached after a year of seeking the Lord's will for my life and the life of our great church. Pat and I labored over this decision, but in recent months the Lord has flooded us with perfect peace.

You accepted Pat and me into your Spiritual family in 1989. These 23 plus years have been wonderful. We have so many incredible memories of our time together.

You were there when Pat and I experienced the death of a parent. You ordained our son, Rich, to the gospel ministry. You celebrated with us the birth of our grandchildren. You were there

when Aidan battled for his life. You were there when Pat and I had times of illness and surgery. We have worshipped and studied together. Mission trips – over 20 – have been shared. You supported the decision I made to change the direction of A Bridge of Faith. You listen attentively as I proclaim God's Word. You have forgiven my mistakes. You have encouraged me. God has blessed me in so many ways – many of them through you, such as our first trip to Israel in 1998 and my teaching trip to Moldova in 2006.

These next six months will hold the key to our future. I want them to be times of vision, excitement, and expectation. God has so much in store for us. There are lives to be touched; messages to be preached; lessons to be taught; ministry to be performed. I pledge to work hard during this time of transition. Together we can accomplish great things in the days ahead.

Pat and I will take some time off in April and May. She has been so supportive. Her prayers for me have been the driving force of my ministry. Pat has been willing to take a back seat in order that I give my time to Holland Avenue Baptist Church. I look forward to spending quality time alone with her, my best and dearest friend.

While I will be retiring as your pastor, I will continue to seek opportunities to preach and teach. My dream is to work in a ministry related position in a limited, part-time way. Pray that I will find the perfect fit for my gifts and talents.

I love you. I will miss you. I will pray for you. **I will pray believing that the greatest days for Holland Avenue Baptist Church lie ahead.** To God be the glory for the great things He has done and will continue to do!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

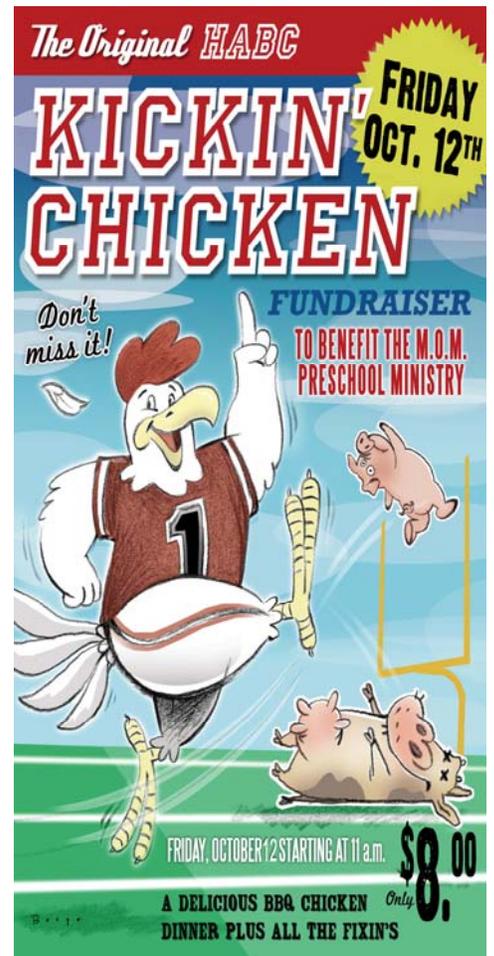


Thank you Charles for all you do

in front and behind the scenes at Holland Avenue Baptist Church. You are a man after God's own heart and we thank you for your servant hood, teaching and ministry at Holland Avenue Baptist Church. You go the extra mile for those that the Lord has called you to be shepherd over. We are blessed and thank the Lord for your and Pat's continual ministry and love for us.

The Personnel Committee

We encourage all our members at HABC to show and tell Pastor Charles how much he is appreciated during the Month of October.



Music Notes...

I want to thank our church family and Celebration Choir for coming together for "God With Us" two weeks ago. It was such a blessing to lift up our voices in total praise and thanksgiving to our God in a mass choir from six local churches! What a glorious time of worship and testimony we shared together.

Thank you to many of you who stepped up to move furniture, keep children, feed the participants, prepare food, carry banners, sing in the choir, lead in sound and media or who came to join in this wonderful time of praise! It was another

beautiful picture of our HABC family coming together to accomplish something big for our BIG God!

All of our choirs are working on Christmas music! It seems crazy but we only have a little over 2 months to prepare for the Christmas season! The children's choirs are preparing a fun but powerful musical called "The Secret In Snowflake County" which they will present on Sunday, December 9 in the AM service.

The Celebration Choir along with our Youth will present "Peace, Hope

and Joy" on Sunday, December 16 in the AM service. We are also seeking a time and a place to present this music along with the gospel out in our community during the Christmas season. Please join us in praying for an open door where God can use us to reach out beyond our walls with this strong message of joy and peace!

Living because HE lives,
O'Neta

Month in Review - September

Attendance

Average Sunday School Attendance	177
Average Worship Attendance	197
Average Nursery Attendance	15
Average Children's Church Attendance	44

Lakewood Ministries

Average Sunday School Attendance	17
Average Worship Attendance	20

Stewardship

Budget	56,125.68
Bridge of Faith	2,830.00
Total Designated	11,003.75
Total Children's Worship	54.84
Total Monthly Receipts	67,184.27

Wednesday Night Suppers

October 10

Meatball Subs
Chips
Pickle Spears
Dessert
Beverage

October 17

Baked Ham
Green Beans
Rolls
Dessert
Beverage

October 24

Chicken Casserole
Tossed Salad
Dessert
Beverage



Happy Birthday to Ms. Ernestine Derrick.

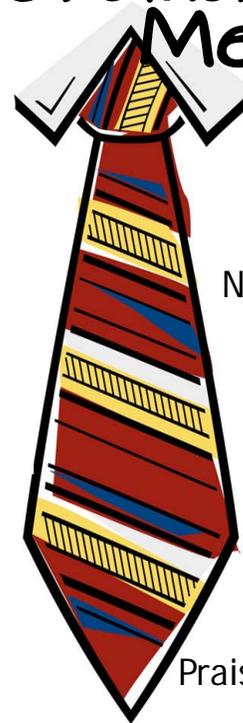
Ms. Derrick will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 11!



The Faith Hope and Love Sunday School Class will hold a fundraiser (garage sale) to benefit Jordan Cooke, grandson of Johnnie Neese, in his work with Great Commission Ministries, on Saturday, October 27 from 8:00am until 12:00noon in the Fellowship Hall. Donations will be appreciated. Please call Karin Langston, 739-0039 or

Johnnie Neese, 794-5687 for pick up or bring to Sunday School Class room at the church, room 100.

Brotherhood Meeting



November 13

6:30 PM

Shealy's BBQ
\$10.00

Praise & Testimony

***Building Bridges to Jesus
one heart at a time!***

CHURCH STAFF

Charles M. Wilson
Pastor

Tammy Adams
Minister of Children

O'Neta Poovey
Minister of Music

Lindsay Shupe
*Minister of Singles/
MOM Preschool Director*

Brad Siedschlag
Minister of Youth

Emily Lipscombe
Pianist

Stacey Arnold
Organist

Gayle Smith
Financial Secretary

Terra Kelly
Church Secretary

Ricky Roddy
Custodian



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"Building Bridges to Jesus One Heart at a Time"

Our Next Herald :

November 12

Office Hours

Mon. - Thurs. 8:30-4:30
Friday Office Closed

Phone: 794-9133
Fax: 794-2935

Prayer Line 926-9264

MOM 794-6461
Pre-school

**COMING
SOON!**

Church Directory Portrait Sessions

January 9-12 & 15

Sign-up information to follow.



Children's Ministry

*Building a
Foundation of Faith
for the future!
Preschool through 5th Grade*

Corn Maze

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12

All Children & Families!

(Chaperone required for children under 8 yrs.)

\$10.⁰⁰ each

6:00pm - Pizza @ Church

7:30 - 9:30pm - Corn Maze

Back to church for Kripsy Kreme

Pick-up by 10:30pm!

Don't forget your flashlight!



HALLELUJAH

★ HOEDOWN ★



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:00-8:00 PM



Thank You...

HABC,
Our family would like to thank you for all the prayers, cards and visits during the hospitalization and passing of my mother, Sarah Davis. The love and support we have felt from the members of our church has helped us through the loss of our loved one. We pray for God's blessings on each of you.

Love in Christ,
Liz & Terry Broome

Dear HABC Family,
How we have appreciated the cards, visits & prayers sent up on our behalf by our HABC family. We have neglected to tell you, but do so appreciate you. We have felt God's hand touching me in so many ways, it is unreal. Thanks and we love you.

Gladys Pilgrim

To our Holland Avenue Family,
As you all are aware that 2012 has not been the best year for Danny and me. We have had 4 surgeries and one really nasty car crash. But through it all we have been loved by a wonderful church family. We cannot begin to tell you how much your prayers, visits, cards, flowers and phone calls have meant to us. We are truly blessed to be part of a loving caring church like Holland Avenue.

Thank You seems like such a simple thing to say. But we really want you all to know how thankful we are for you.

Much Love,
Bobby & Danny Bland

The Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor. Isaiah 61

The women at The Oaks arrive with very little. Often, they have just the clothes they are wearing. Basic hygiene items are something they cannot afford. We would like to provide "Fresh Start" Care packages for The Oaks to give women on their first day.

Each kit would include:

**Toothbrush/ toothpaste/ deodorant/shampoo/conditioner/ brush/ soap
1 pint of laundry detergent/ Note of Encouragement**

While shopping for your families remember these women and pick up a couple things for them. The dollar store has everything we need for these kits.

What to Buy:

Toothbrushes/ Toothpaste/ Deodorant
shampoo/conditioner/ brush/pick
bar of soap (individually boxed)

What NOT to buy:

Mouthwash/ nail polish
nail polish remover/ nail files/ tweezers/ clippers

All donated items can be placed in the laundry basket next to the guest table in the sanctuary.



Guatemala Fundraiser Dinner!

October 28

Immediately following the morning worship service.

Menu:

Grilled Pork Chops
Sweet Potatoes
Roasted Cabbage
Broccoli Salad
Dessert

All proceeds will go toward the children's home Christmas party!



The ruffles, the bows,
the skirts that twirl
The **Brazells** are having a baby girl!

Please join us for a
Baby Shower honoring
Kimber Brazell

Sunday, October 28
3:30pm - 5:00pm
HABC Fellowship hall

Kimber is registered at Babies R Us,
BuyBuy Baby & Target