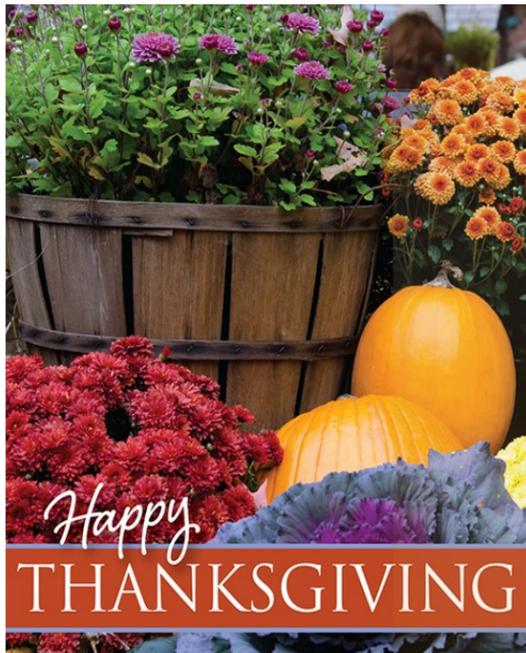




HURSTBOURNE BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ

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Church-wide

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 18
6:00pm

*The Church will provide the meat, dressing, and drinks.
Please bring a side or dessert to share!*

*Please RSVP by turning in the bulletin sign-up form by
Sunday, November 11.*

Happy
THANKSGIVING

Festival of
Lights

Saturday, November 17
5:30pm,
HBC Fellowship Hall



See Pastor Prasad Aghamkar for more details!

*Share a Blessing with our
U of L Students this fall!*

**We are collecting items
for seasonal care
packages.**

Items needed:

pens, bag clips, coffee
(K-cups), skinny hangers,
candy, laundry balls,
and bed risers.

***Place items on table outside
library by January 3***

**Invite an
International Student to
share Thanksgiving with
your family!**

Contact:

brian.hinton@kybaptist.org
for more details

November Birthdays

November 15 Amos Mooney Charlie Wilson Erik Vanzant	November 19 Michael Perkins Amber Rock	November 21 Shelva Barnes Abby Boone
November 16 Martha Dorbor Elaine Nelson	November 20 Carol Black Christie Furlong-Dixon Alexis Hockersmith	November 23 Will Ailstock
November 18 Gayle Raizor Jeff Burrows Mike Moriarty		




**In observance of
Thanksgiving, the
Church Office
will be closed:**

*Thursday, November 22
Friday, November 23*



The True Light



In the book of Genesis we find that the darkness was over the surface of the deep, and God said, "Let there be light" and there was light. Our God is the creator of light. Scientists say that without sunlight most of the life on earth will die, there would be absolutely no life on earth. There will be only darkness.

Prasad Aghamkar

In almost every culture, religion, and people group, there is some importance for light. In Hinduism, people get married in the presence of fire or light. In some people groups they worship the sun because they get light, energy, and heat from the sun.

The opposite of light is darkness. Bible teaches about this spiritual darkness in human hearts and lives. This spiritual darkness is not created by the absence of sun or light, but due to absence of the true and living God. We cannot remove or eliminate this spiritual darkness with the help of the sun, or our good deeds, education, wealth or science. In Matthew 23:27 Jesus said "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness." Scribes and Pharisees were learned scholars and self-righteous people but their hearts and lives were filled with pride and spiritual darkness. Spiritual darkness can lead us away from the true God and ultimately towards the eternal death.

The good news is, our living God has the answer as to how to remove this spiritual darkness. And we find those answers in the Bible.

1. I John 1:5-7 says "God is Light, in Him there is no darkness at all." We trust Him as our Creator and as the creator of light.
2. Psalm 119:105 says "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." We have to learn, read and meditate on His living Word every day.
3. The most famous statement made by Jesus Himself was; "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

During this month the Indian community is celebrating an important festival in Hinduism called the "Festival of Lights." This festival has cultural as well as religious significance in Hinduism. They light earthen lamps outside as well as inside their homes. According to their faith and belief; light brings life, holiness, purity and prosperity into their lives, businesses and homes.

We have a wonderful opportunity to show Christ's light through our lives to our Indian, Pakistani, and Nepali friends. Bible says in Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." During this Festival of Lights, we can show Christ's light through our actions, speech and love.

The lamps, lanterns, electric bulbs cannot remove the darkness created by our sins; only Jesus who is the true Light can remove and destroy the inner spiritual darkness.

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Let people see the true light that you have received from Jesus, so that they will follow Him who is the Light of the world. Let us help people to come out of the darkness into the everlasting life and light. Let us "put our lamp on its stand."

Stepping Forward



Vince Scarbrough

As I was reflecting on some things this past week, the Lord brought something to my mind from years ago. I was 6 or 7 years old and I was helping my Dad and a group of other men do some volunteer work at my school. My Dad is a brick/block mason by trade. He and his crew were volunteering their labor to build bleachers at our football stadium.

On that day, the school had asked for volunteers to come help with a lot of things all over the school property. As you can imagine, there were a lot of tasks and jobs that needed to be performed – some required great skill and others simply required a heart to serve. When they were reading out the list of all the things that needed to be done, my Dad leaned over to me and said, "You can learn a lot about people when you see who steps forward for a job that needs to be done." I understood that a little, but it wasn't until later in the day, and later in life, that I really understood what he was saying.

I watched as adults decided what was worthy of their investment of time. I watched as some very simple, yet humbling tasks were left undone. They were not left undone because we did not have enough people to do them; they were left undone because they were deemed unimportant and no one would really notice if they did them. Even though no one would really notice if they were done, they still needed to be completed in order for the "high profile" task to be properly completed. So, after everyone had finished up and left, I watched my Dad and his co-workers complete those tasks that all the others had deemed as "unworthy." They had to be done for them to finish their job.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to serve others, not to be served by others. You see, there is a huge difference between choosing to serve and choosing to be a servant. One author puts it this way:

When we choose to serve, we are still in charge. We decide whom we will serve and when we will serve. And if we are in charge, we will worry a great deal about anyone's stepping on us, i.e., taking charge over us. But when we choose to be a servant, we give up the right to be in charge. There is great freedom in this. When we choose to be a servant, we surrender the right to decide who and when we will serve. We become available.

As our Savior gathered with his disciples to celebrate his last Passover feast on this earth, his disciples were focused on who was the greatest. There was some "unworthy" task that needed to be completed. Rather than tell them how foolish they were and encourage them to do them, Jesus simply took a towel and a wash basin and began to wash their feet. He came to serve, not to be served, and he set an example for us. So, when you see a task that needs to be done, what is your response? Do you step in as a servant or do you stand back and wait to be asked to serve? Which response is biblical?

Attendance Report

Financial Report

10/28/18

11/4/18

HBC Staff

Attendance Report		Financial Report		10/28/18	11/4/18	HBC Staff	
October 28, 2018		Budget		\$12,343.33	\$28,205.23	Jeremy Pellum Lead Pastor ext. 306	Vince Scarbrough Family Pastor ext. 315
		HBC Only			\$200.00	Jeff Smith Administration and Discipleship Pastor ext. 313	Chase Grubb Student Pastor ext. 308
Sunday Morning Worship Service	341	Lottie Moon Offering			\$25.00	Chuck Lewis Worship Pastor ext. 316	Prasad Aghamkar South Asian Missions Pastor ext. 321
		Eliza Broadus Offering		\$75.00	\$100.00	Cody Truett Worship Associate	
Sunday School Attendance	278	Media Ministry		\$350.00		Michael Dow Maint. Supervisor	Carolyn Holm Administrative Services Manager ext.305
		Hurricane Relief			\$500.00	David Parker Custodian	
November 4, 2018		Christmas Backpacks		\$25.00	\$25.00	Sandra McCormack Worship and Music Assistant	Christy Fuller Communications Coordinator ext.302
Sunday Morning Worship Service	344	World Hunger		\$155.00		Muan Pi Lian Worship and Music Ministry Assistant	Matt Williams Media Director ext. 322
		Total Receipts		\$12,948.33	\$29,055.23		
Sunday School Attendance	290	Weekly Budget		\$24,273.00	\$24,273.00		
		Year to Date Budget Needed		\$218,458.00	\$242,731.00		
		Year to Date Budget Received		\$173,268.00	\$201,674.00		
		Difference Receipts-Budget to Date		(\$45,189.00)	(\$41,057.00)		