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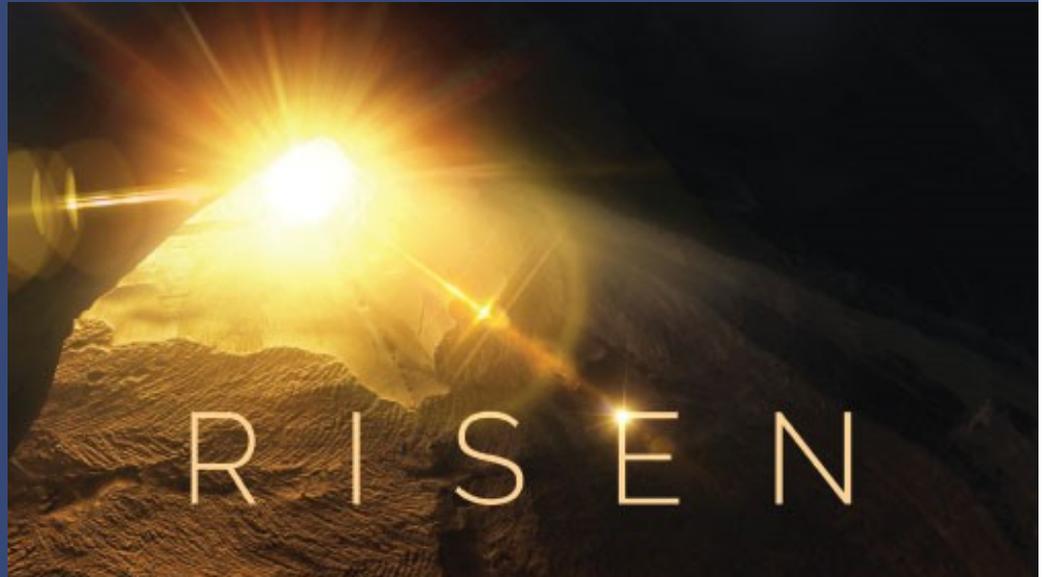
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A note from Pastor Jeremy



Jeremy Pellum
Lead Pastor

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of the Team of Pastors, I want to thank you for your faithfulness and generosity during these difficult and unusual days. Your generosity is a powerful testimony of your love for our Lord and your love for one another (Matthew 22:36-40; John 13:34; 1 John 3:18).

As I consider the saints of Hurstbourne Baptist Church, I am reminded of the generous Macedonians in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5.

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.

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The Macedonians suffered “extreme poverty” and a “severe test of affliction.” Yet, in the midst of their difficult circumstances, they gave “beyond their means.” They were literally “begging” the Apostles for “the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints.” This is what Christian generosity looks like! And so many saints at Hurstbourne Baptist Church have modeled this kind of generosity! All praise to God! Only the grace of God can produce such kind and generous hearts!

COVID-19 GENEROSITY FUND

With these verses in mind, I am so happy to tell you about our COVID-19 GENEROSITY FUND. This fund was recommended by your Team of Pastors and approved by our Business and Finance Committee. It exists to support and care for our members during these difficult and unusual days.

If you have a need, we want to know about it! Please contact the church office

and speak to one of the pastors. We will receive your request, pray with you, and then fill out an application for our Benevolence Committee. Our Benevolence Committee is resolved to respond to every single request with wisdom and compassion.

A Call to Generosity

Church family, these days of difficulty are actually days of opportunity! Whatever your situation is, let me urge you to be generous. Be generous from the heart. Be generous with your church, your family, your neighbors. Be generous financially, but more importantly, be generous with the Gospel! Share the Gospel with one another. Share the Gospel with a friend. Share the Gospel with your neighbor. Share the Gospel at all times.

These difficult days are days of tremendous opportunity to be generous. “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

With love,

-Pastor Jeremy

Wondering about our church's response to COVID-19?

visit hurstbournebc.org for the most recent updates.

What's Going On With HBC?

Q&A with Pastor Jeff



Jeff Smith

Administration &
Discipleship Pastor

As the COVID-19 pandemic has unfolded, many of you are asking questions about church plans and how you can still connect with your church family. Understand that the COVID-19 situation is still changing, and so some of these answers may change; but I'll answer the most common questions below as best I can.

When will we resume in-person activities on the HBC campus?

This is the most common and urgent question. The short answer is "We don't know." But we are operating on the assumption that we won't be able to resume normal activities for at least the rest of April, and probably some of May as well. It might even go longer. We can't even begin to plan resuming activities until the spread of COVID-19 decreases significantly in our area.

Can I still contact the church staff?

Absolutely. Our staff is mostly working from home, but you can still contact them through phone or email. The church office phone (502-426-2444) is being forwarded to our Communications Coordinator, Hannah Deaton, so that she can still answer and reply to your calls during office hours. To reach a particular staff member, leave a message with Hannah or contact them directly through email. A full listing of staff emails are on the front page of this newsletter.

How can I view worship services and other videos?

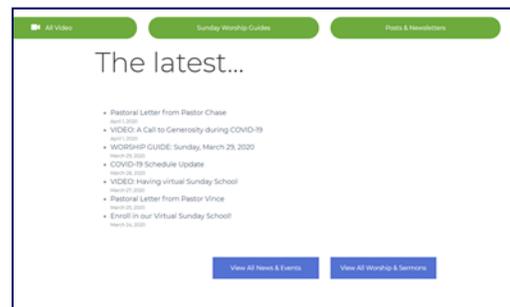
Last Sunday's worship service is available on the front page of our website, hurstbournebc.org. Click the "All Video"

button to see all the videos we have posted since the COVID-19 pandemic took hold. Click the "Worship Guide" button to see the worship guides that correspond with the worship service videos.



How can I see the latest church news and updates?

Visit our website, hurstbournebc.org, and scroll down to the section called "The Latest." There you'll see a list of the most recent additions to the website, sorted by date.



How can I view the Wednesday night prayer list?

The mid-week prayer list is being emailed out to all our members and regular attenders by 6:30pm on Wednesdays. If you are not receiving the prayer list, and you wish to receive it, please contact Hannah.



...What's Going On With HBC?

How can I find out phone numbers, addresses, and emails of other church members?

During office hours, you can still call Hannah for contact information on a church member. But the best way to see that information for yourself is to log on to HBC Church Center at myhbc.churchcenter.com. For more info on Church Center, check out my video, "How to connect to Church Center," posted on the website.

How can I meet with my Sunday School class?

We have encouraged our Sunday School classes to find creative ways to connect and teach during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some classes are using Zoom, which is a popular video/phone conferencing tool that can be accessed by many devices, including normal phones. For more info, check out my recent video, "Having virtual Sunday School," posted on the website.

How can I financially support our church and church members right now?

You can mail gifts to the church office or give through Church Center. We still need your support to keep doing ministry and keep preparing for the day we are able to meet again! We have also set up a special

benevolence fund to help church members that may be in need during COVID-19. If you wish to give to this fund, write "COVID-19" in the memo line of your check, or select *COVID-19 Generosity Fund* when giving through Church Center.

What are we doing for Easter week?

Visit the website and watch Pastor Vince's recent video, "Walking through Easter Week." Make plans to celebrate Easter with your family and focus together on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Watch the EasterNow video on the website and download the app if it's helpful. Finally, plan to watch our special worship service videos on the website on the evening of Good Friday and the morning of Easter Sunday. Remember that the church worldwide unites around the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our church is united in spirit in the gospel, even as we look forward to the day we will be together in person.

If you have additional questions, or just want to talk, please feel free to reach out to me or anyone else on staff. We're here for you and we are praying for you.

-Pastor Jeff



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office with any questions.*



A note from Pastor Prasad



I Waited Patiently for the Lord

Prasad Aghamkar
South Asian Missions
Pastor

Greetings, church family, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. I want to share with you a testimony about God’s grace, power, and His faithfulness.

I want to thank God for blessing us with the Green Card (permanent residency in the US); it is an answer to our prayers. This process began 5-6 years ago, and it was a long journey, full of uncertainty and anxiety. But through it, God showed us many wonderful things.

1. God was always with us, as He promises in His Word, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)
2. He taught us to be patient. The waiting period was difficult, but we learned how to completely rely on His timing and will.
3. We never stopped praying. We literally “prayed without ceasing.”
4. We experienced that God’s timing and will is always perfect.
5. We believe that God has provided us with this Green Card with a divine purpose and we dedicate it to Him.
6. We, as a family, experienced the true meaning and importance of personal, family and corporate prayer.

As a family we all are excited to receive the Green Card, but more than that, we are happy to have the “Salvation Card”, received only through our Lord Jesus Christ. Unlike the Green Card, the unique thing about the “Salvation Card” is that *you don’t have to wait!* Simply accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Lord.

I would like to urge you all not to be discouraged. God is working, *constantly* working, and He will answer your prayers, according to His perfect will and time.

I would also like to take this time to express our gratitude and thank our church family for your continuous prayer support, encouragement, and love toward my family and the Asian ministry work.

To end, we as a family can proudly and confidently say that “I waited patiently for the Lord, He inclined to me and heard my cry” (Psalm 40:1).

Blessings and prayers in Christ,

-Prasad Aghamkar

A note from Carolyn

Carolyn Holm
Administrative
Services Manager

I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because the news about your faithfulness is being spread throughout the whole world. Romans 1:8

During this most difficult time I thank God for you, and for your faithfulness to our Lord and Savior. It is hard not to get bogged down in worry and fearfulness, however I believe that God is doing a mighty work right now. As we continue to reach out and love others, God’s work is being done. I love this church and am praying for you each day.

-Carolyn Holm



A note from Hannah

Lessons from a Little Girl and Ecclesiastes

Hannah Deaton

*Communications
Coordinator*

My niece Sadie loves unicorns, Jiu jitsu, golden lipstick, and talking to other people. All of this, combined with the fact that she has three big brothers, has me convinced that she is going to conquer the world someday. She has been struggling, in her own five-year-old way, with all of the difficulties presented to her due to COVID-19.

She recently spotted her preschool teacher, whom she adores, in a car ahead of them as they waited for drive-through ice-cream. My sister pulled the family van around so everyone could talk. After a quick conversation and goodbye, my sister looked in the back seat to see Sadie’s lip begin to quiver and her eyes fill up. Sadie shared, “I feel like I need to cry, but I don’t know why the tears became out. I just want to keep Ms. Jen.”

Sometimes situations and times and feelings seem wrong and like they will never end. My strong little niece, who just wants to hug her teacher, does not understand time or her tears the way we might understand ours. As I have faced grief over the past month, I can understand that my situation and heartache won’t last forever. I can even understand why my tears are “becoming” out of me. Yet, I still cry and question why certain things happen.

As I’ve contemplated this season and read Ecclesiastes, here are a few things I’m learning:

1. *There is a time for this season of COVID-19, and all that you are specifically going through within it. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)*

I encourage you to thank God for this time, even if or when you don’t feel thankful.

2. *Since there is a time for this season, then this time is not just by chance. It is appointed and given by God. (Ecclesiastes 3:14; 7:14)*

Ask God to show you what He is trying to teach you during this time. Write down what you learn!

3. *God has given us a desire to understand that which is infinite, but we have finite minds so that we might trust Him with what we do not understand. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

Remind yourself, out loud and often, that God is the only God, and that HE IS in control.

4. *As a result of our inability to understand everything, our trouble lies heavy on us. (Ecclesiastes 8:6-7)*

We are not perfect and we live in a fallen world. Sometimes, our lack of trust has our trouble lying heavy on us. Sometimes, we are trying to trust God and our trouble still lies heavy on us. Go to Jesus and cast your cares upon Him. He can bear your burdens.

5. *Even so, this time is beautiful. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

Ask for eyes to see the beautiful parts of this time. Write down something that is true, something that is honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable (Philippians 4:8). Share what you write with someone in your life.

...A note from Hannah

6. The ultimate purpose of this season is not that we understand everything, but that we fear God and find joy in what he has given us. (Ecclesiastes 8:15; Ecclesiastes 12:13)

Remind yourself of this truth, often and out loud. He is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).

When my sister, Sadie’s mom, saw that Sadie was crying, she did not rebuke her or ask her to simply remember that this will pass. Instead, she held Sadie’s hand. Church

family, I want to remind you to fight for joy, always. But I also do not ask you to shun your sadness. Our Father knows how to care for us, much more than any earthly parent. I firmly believe that He wants to hold your hand through this time. Let Him!

-Hannah Deaton



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