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## A Note From Pastor Jeff



**Jeff Smith**  
Admin. & Disciple-  
ship Pastor

*Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"*  
Hebrews 13:5-6 ESV

In July 2010, I gave a sermon on those verses during a Sunday morning service at HBC. I started the sermon with a confession: as a young adult, I did not give very much to my church. Money was tight, and when I thought about tithing—giving a tenth of my income—I would think, ‘God, I really want to tithe, but I just

can’t do that right now.’ One day, I realized how false that thought was. God had given me everything I had! If God wanted me to give some of it back, then I needed to trust him.

After starting my sermon with that confession, I plunged into Hebrews 13:5-6. As I explained the Scripture, I used three diagrams to illustrate how we come to understand true contentment in our finances.

We usually start off in the left circle, dominated by thoughts of what we lack. We push outward, trying to get more, often making harmful choices along the way. But when we come to know Jesus, we start learning to be satisfied with what we have, whether little or much. And Jesus doesn’t stop there.





He then leads us to be content with *less* than we have. Jesus makes us realize that he gives us more than we need. We find it easier to tithe, easier to give, and easier to save.

This is exactly what happened to me as a young Christian adult. Once I trusted God enough to start tithing regularly, two things began to happen. First, I saw God provide for my needs. I didn't always have much, but I didn't go hungry and I almost always had a job. Second, I became more content even as I lived with less. I soon didn't miss the tithe that I was giving to the church. I found it easier to give to other causes, and I slowly started building some savings.

Biblical contentment is a powerful thing. When we place our faith in Christ, we trust that Jesus's sacrifice for our sins was enough to bring us total peace with God. But as we come to know Christ

more, we realize that his grace and provision applies to all of life. We may often feel like we don't have enough, but we don't have to give way to those feelings. Instead, we can lean into God's constant love and care, and step out in faith to do what God asks us to do.

- *Pastor Jeff*

## Recent Giving

September 17	September 24	October 1	October 8
Budget \$137,372.67 Eliza Broadus Offering \$1,215.00 World Hunger \$200.00 RENEW Capital Campaign \$220.00 Media Ministry \$60.00	Budget \$27,097.85 Eliza Broadus Offering \$535.30 World Hunger \$200.00 Media Ministry \$720.00	Budget \$23,562.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$351.41 World Hunger \$250.00	Budget \$40,416.59 Eliza Broadus Offering \$255.00 World Hunger \$395.00
<b>TOTAL: \$139,067.67</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$28,615.00</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$24,163.61</b>	<b>TOTAL: \$41,066.59</b>
Weekly Budget \$34,615.00 Year to Date Budget \$103,846.00 Received to Date \$214,544.00 Difference from Budget \$110,698.00	Weekly Budget \$34,615.00 Year to Date Budget \$138,462.00 Received to Date \$241,641.64 Difference from Budget \$103,180.00	Weekly Budget \$34,615.00 Year to Date Budget \$173,077.00 Received to Date \$265,204.00 Difference from Budget \$92,127.00	Weekly Budget \$34,615.00 Year to Date Budget \$207,692.00 Received to Date \$305,620.00 Difference from Budget \$97,928.00



# November Birthdays

**November 2**  
Ela Reid Still  
Allison Honeycutt

**November 3**  
Violet Pellum

**November 4**  
Carol James

**November 5**  
Hulse Haley

**November 6**  
Bill Shanander  
Amanda Dreisbach  
Olivia Scarbrough

**November 7**  
Diana Grammer

**November 9**  
Reagan Schatz

**November 10**  
Emily Galloway

**November 11**  
Maggie Edgar

**November 12**  
Lana Thomas  
Frederick Smith  
Kainan Hupp

**November 13**  
Craig White  
Francis Wilson  
Liz Clark

**November 15**  
Charlie Wilson  
Amos Mooney

**November 18**  
Gayle Raizor

**November 19**  
Pat Isaacs  
Robert Christy

**November 20**  
Carol Black

**November 21**  
Shelva Barnes

**November 22**  
Sherman Lay

**November 23**  
Jeff Toler  
James Mitchell

**November 24**  
Owen Tavelli  
Louis Redd

**November 25**  
Leslie Houvenagle

**November 26**  
Hannah Alford  
Carol Ann Becknell

**November 28**  
Judy Miller

**November 29**  
Anna Kolcz Still

**November 30**  
Lynn Milligan  
Aspen McDonald  
JaeJun Kim





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# GOSPEL TO EVERY HOME 2023

## PROCLAIMING DAYS

NOVEMBER 4 IN BELLEMEADE, 11AM-1PM

NOVEMBER 11 IN BELLEMEADE, 11AM-1PM

DECEMBER 3 @ HURSTBOURNE GRAND CHRISTMAS  
CAROLING, 6PM

SIGN UP AT [HURSTBOURNEBC.ORG](https://www.hurstbournebc.org)

**RENEW**  
*for all generations*

  
**\$1,069,701**  
GIVEN TO DATE

**\$2.5M**  
TOTAL