

## MARCH/APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



### *Holly Grove Christian Church*

*Established 1873*

#### “BITS FROM BOB”

#### **“Growth”**

Spring is just around the corner. Plants dormant will be coming back to life. Very soon the colors of God’s creation will be bursting forth.

A preacher in the Midwest tells of a woman who called him to speak of her dissatisfaction with the program of the Church. He invited her to come to his office and talk the program over with him. She accepted the invitation and brought to his attention some of the things that were needed and could be done. He gratefully acknowledged the wisdom of her ideas. He then said, “This is wonderful that you are so concerned and interested in this. You are the very person this Church needs to head up this program. Will you take the job?” Her reply was just as immediate. “Oh, no, I don’t want to get involved. With my club work and hours that I put in some other things, I just don’t have the time. But I will be glad to advise you any time.” The preacher’s answer was well put: “Good, gracious, lady, that’s the problem now. I already have 200 advisers. I need someone who will work.”

I have never been part of, or member of a congregation that says it did not want to “Grow.”

In Luke Chapter 10 it is recorded for us, that Jesus sent out seventy-two others, two by two, to every town and place where Jesus was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Go, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.” Later in verses 16-20 those sent speak of the things that they accomplished because of Jesus empowering them. Go back and read the scripture again, it says, Jesus told them **to go to every town and place where he was about to go.**

The writer in Hebrews 12:2 tells us that we should fix our eyes on Jesus, who is the pioneer of our faith. Every place we go, Jesus has been there to prepare the harvest. We only need to make a commitment and go. In our going we will have the opportunity to give our attention to someone lonely, bring joy to someone touched by sadness, give aid to someone who needs help.

Look around our community of faith at Holly Grove, **hear** and **see** the requests for opportunities to serve. There are ministry needs available where we can use our gifts and talents to help the Body of Christ at Holly Grove grow, both numerically and spiritually.

We have already begun our Lenten journey that leads us to the Cross. Our desire should be to grow our faith which will bring us closer to God. I look forward to walking with you on this journey.

God Bless,

Bob

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## Announcements

- Our next bi-monthly board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. If you have a concern or idea, come join us.
- The March/April/May "Our Daily Bread" devotional booklets are on the table in the vestibule near the front door and on a table in the fellowship hall. We hope you will pick up a free copy and enjoy quiet time with God during this Lenten Season.



- We have several Bible Studies during the week for adults. The Ladies group that meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. will begin a new ten-week study titled "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" on March 11<sup>th</sup>. There are two adult groups for men and women that meet with Pastor Bob on Wednesdays. These sessions are at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. We invite you to join one of these groups and dig deep in God's Word.
- The Adult Choir practices on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. If you like to sing or make a joyful noise, come join this wonderful group! They are looking for members!
- The Church Food Pantry will be open on the last Saturdays in March and April from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. If you would like to help with the Food Pantry in any way, see or call Suzanne Bowman at (804) 517-1224. There is also the "Food Box" located outside the fellowship hall door with items available for those that may be in need for just a few things.
- The Holly Grove Crafters' Club has started meeting again at Church on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. If you like to knit or crochet or just want to come for the fellowship, they would love for you to join them!



- Jane Harris, Tammy Mayo, and their Sunday school class will be preparing Easter treat bags for the children of the church. There will be a basket on the bench in the vestibule near the front door for donations such as candy, stickers, and small toys. The treat bags will be given out to the children at the 8:00 a.m. Easter Morning Worship Service. Please bring your donations by Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Just a reminder there are book boxes near the church playground and at the Holly Grove Ruritan Club playground. There are lots of books for youth and for adults as well, so pick up a book from one of those locations and enjoy reading.

We also have books available in the fellowship hall library as well.

- For reserving the church, fellowship hall or gazebo, please contact Dianne Montgomery, Vice Chairman.
- If your birthday or anniversary is not on the calendar, please let Cindy Wilson know so you can be added and celebrated! Also, If you would like to receive church emails during the week and are not on the email list, please give Cindy your information at [bccawilson@yahoo.com](mailto:bccawilson@yahoo.com) or call or text (804) 357-4412 and you will be added.



### It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Alexander and Jordin Wilson on the birth of their beautiful baby girl Adaline Carolyn born on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz. and was 20.5 inches long. Her excited big brother Lane welcomed her home along with her thrilled grandparents Byron and Cindy Wilson and very happy great-granny Carolyn Bagby.

May God give this sweet family many blessings!



### Prayer Cross

A wooden cross will be placed in the vestibule near the front door on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> to be used as a Prayer Cross. If you have a need or concern in your heart, you are invited to write your prayer requests on paper that will be provided and place them on this cross. We ask that during the interlude time of the service, as you quietly have silent prayer, that you also take this time to reflect on the pain and suffering leading to the crucifixion of Jesus, as well as the suffering of humanity and the world under sin. As we open ourselves before God, we place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands. We pray that this will be a moving time for reflection and a powerful call to prayer. At the close of our Palm Sunday service, our prayer requests will be removed from the cross and burned, to symbolize releasing our needs to God and to humble ourselves before God, that without Him we are but dust and ashes.

### 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.*

## Passover "Seder" Dinner



This special evening on Maundy Thursday will be another collaborative service that Holly Grove will join Springfield and Elpis Christian Churches to have a Passover "Seder" meal together on Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Rev. Moses Joshua of Springfield will be leading this service using videos, songs, symbols, and seder elements. It is an interactive service and includes your taste buds! This evening meal service is designed for families, children, youth, and adults of all ages. If you are interested in attending, please see Cindy Wilson to see the list of food choices that you can pick from and bring to share. She will need to confirm with Springfield by March 18<sup>th</sup> what food will be coming for this dinner. Springfield is located at 18285 Vontay Road, Rockville, VA 23146.

## Easter Morning Worship Service

**March 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m.**

This year, we will again have one Easter Worship service. It will be outside near the old rugged cross. Chairs will be set up for all to sit in and communion will be served. There will be a Children Worship and Wonder Program story for the children and our choir will have special music. Come and be a part of this very meaningful time together as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection as we listen to the sounds of nature, hear Pastor Bob's message, sing songs, hear the Word of God and the church steeple bell ring. Easter treat bags will be given out to all the children. If we should have rain, the service will be inside.

As Psalm 118:24 says:

*This is the day the LORD has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

## Craig Springs Camps



Craig Springs Camp and Retreat Center is a campground in the beautiful Allegheny Mountains with cabins. It is owned and operated by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Virginia and has overnight Christian camps. Go to <https://www.ccinva.org/virginiacampingministry> to check out the camp schedule for this year. The camps are mostly for youth, but they do have a family camp in July. To learn more about Craig Springs, go to [www.craigsprings.org](http://www.craigsprings.org).

## CW&W Program Schedule

(This Children's program is for age 3 through grade 4.  
Please see Nancy Lloyd with any questions.)

March 3<sup>rd</sup> - Storyteller: Dawn Lipscomb  
Greeter: Katherine Lipscomb (Jesus and Bartimaeus - 33)

March 10<sup>th</sup> - Storyteller: Nancy Lloyd  
Greeter: Elizabeth Lloyd (Jesus and Zacchaeus - 34)

March 17<sup>th</sup> - Storyteller: Carrie Vincze  
Greeter: Gwen Rose (Jesus' Last Passover - 36)

March 24<sup>th</sup> - Storyteller: Suzanne Bowman  
Greeter: Judy Wyatt (Jesus is King - 35)

March 31<sup>st</sup> - Storyteller: Dawn Lipscomb  
Greeter: Katherine Lipscomb (Easter Story will be presented during the "Sonrise" Service)

April 7<sup>th</sup> - Storyteller: Dianne Montgomery  
Greeter: Steve Montgomery (Jesus is Risen - The Road to Emmaus - 38)

April 14<sup>th</sup> - Storyteller: Nancy Lloyd  
Greeter: Elizabeth Lloyd (Jesus Appears to the Disciples - FJ#27)

April 21<sup>st</sup> - Storyteller: Carrie Vincze  
Greeter: Gwen Rose (The Good Shepherd and the Wolf - 39)

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Storyteller: Suzanne Bowman  
Greeter: Judy Wyatt (The Good Shepherd and the Lord's Supper II - 41)

## Giving Online

If you would like to give an online monetary donation to the church, you can give safely via Givelify by using the QR Code below. Just use your cell phone camera, hold it up to the barcode and it will take you straight to our Givelify account.



*Church Address: 1637 Holly Grove  
Drive, Bumpass, VA 23024*

*Church Phone Number: 804-556-1138*

*Keep up with us on Facebook,  
or our Church Website at  
[www.hollygrovechristian.com](http://www.hollygrovechristian.com)*

*Can't get to church this Sunday?  
Check out the Worship service on  
Facebook Live or on YouTube.*

**Elder and Deacon Serving List**  
**March 3<sup>rd</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**Group I**

Dianne Montgomery  
Steve Montgomery  
Ronnie Bagby  
Bill Baxter  
Tammy Mayo  
Byron Wilson

**Group I will be serving: March 3  
March 24  
April 14**

**Group II**

Joe Sommer  
Sherrie Sommer  
Avery Clough  
Jeff Clough  
Diane Rigsby  
Hunter Trayer

**Group II will be serving: March 10  
March 31  
April 21**

**Group III**

Jane Harris  
Pam Hart  
Robert Bowman  
Dale Lipscomb  
Dawn Lipscomb  
Arthur Sigmund

**Group III will be serving: March 17  
April 7  
April 28**

**Communion Preparation**

**March - Byron and Cindy Wilson  
April - Joe and Sherrie Sommer**

**Highlights from the Board Meeting held on**  
**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

Chairman Tammy Mayo called the bi-monthly board meeting to order and opened with prayer. A silent roll was taken with ten members present.

Tammy Mayo presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by Mary Alice Noel, Treasurer. The Church began with a balance of \$206,678.46 on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Total receipts were \$26,325.59, total disbursements were \$22,094.50 and \$3,485.06 was in the Givelify account which gives a balance in Regular Checking of \$214,394.61 as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023. As for our Designated Funds, we have \$400 in the Food Pantry, \$100 for Bible Study, \$450 for the Cemetery, \$500 for the Building Fund, \$1,425 in the Samaritan Fund, \$240 for Worship, memorial donations for Lloyd Hicks of \$125 and memorial donations for Norman Rose of \$225 which is a total of \$3,465. The

Savings Account has \$13,318.36. The Church has two CDs that total \$100,861.76. Report was accepted.

Jane Harris presented the Cemetery Treasurer's Report dated November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 through January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The current Principal Amount in a CD (not to be used for upkeep) is \$26,935 with \$700 being held to place in a CD. The current amount in General Checking (to be used for general maintenance for the cemetery) is \$11,837.26. Report was accepted.

Pastor Andy Rose will be giving up the Christian Youth Fellowship in order to start a group at his new church. March 13<sup>th</sup> will be his last youth group meeting at HGCC. Chairman Tammy has an idea of someone or a couple that could take over. Jane said if it is a married couple, she believes another adult would be needed to satisfy our insurance policy restrictions.

As for the Church property, Jane confirmed that the insurance inspection was completed, and it appears the insurance company will proceed with the policy. We may have a few things to do in order to be in compliance (i.e. fire extinguisher placement). Steve Montgomery confirmed a new flood light was installed on the playground. Dawn Lipscomb asked if the floodlight by the sanctuary/fellowship hall would be relocated by the contractor when the storage room was built. Billy Lloyd stated we would ask them to do so. Billy also said he called the contractor in regard to the depth of the pipe he laid in the ground. It's very shallow and Billy was concerned about the pipes freezing.

The Christian Education Chair still needs to be filled by March 13<sup>th</sup>.

We still are in need for A/V helpers. Jeff Clough along with Tammy Mayo, Diane Rigsby and Grayton Clough are currently assisting.

Billy confirmed the door closer was installed. He also installed something to hold the front door open.

The Church pamphlet still needs to be updated.

Jane will present to members the cemetery amendment change to the Church Constitution by-laws.

UPDATE: Amendment passed by the members.

Billy still has mulch for the playground, and he has gotten a new ladder for the church.

Tammy will be changing the door passcode now that renovations are completed.

Board meetings will be changed to Sundays after church during the winter months.

Most recent electric bill was \$500 which is less expensive than oil.

Tammy adjourned the meeting.

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
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|  |  |   |   |  | <b>1</b>  | <b>2</b> Danny Dean - B  |
| <b>3</b> Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.   | <b>4</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.                           | <b>5</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.   | <b>6</b> Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.<br><br>CYF Meeting - 6:30 p.m.  | <b>7</b> Mary Anne Barlow - B  | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b> Hayleigh Williams - B   |
| <b>10</b> Daylight Saving Time Begins (Advance your clock forward one hour)<br><br>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.   | <b>11</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m. (new study begins)       | <b>12</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Patrick Barnes - B<br>Rhonda Gorman - B<br>River Harris - B | <b>13</b> Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.<br><br>CYF Meeting - 6:30 p.m. (Last meeting with Pastor Andy)<br><br>Don Richardson - B | <b>14</b> Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Stephen & Janette Rose - Anniversary   | <b>15</b>   | <b>16</b> Skylar Barnes - B  |
| <b>17</b> Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.<br><br>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.<br><br>St. Patrick's Day  | <b>18</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.                          | <b>19</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Spring Begins<br><br>Joyner Caleb Hollins (First Birthday)  | <b>20</b> Adult Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.<br><br>Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. (no Evening Adult Bible Study)<br><br>Thomas Klein - B                  | <b>21</b> Senior Citizen Gathering - 11:00 a.m. at Holly Grove Church (Please bring a side dish to share)<br><br>Eddie "Mule" Hendrick - B<br><br>Robbie & Kristy Trayer - Anniversary | <b>22</b> Winnie Chenault - B<br>Michael Shores - B | <b>23</b> Anna Giusto - B<br>Kyle Smith - B  |
| <b>24</b> Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday) and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.<br><br>Missions will receive our Easter Offering<br><br>Ember Trice - B  | <b>25</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Dale Lipscomb - B | <b>26</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Nancy Franklin - B  | <b>27</b> Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  | <b>28</b> Maundy Thursday Passover Meal Service - 6:30 p.m. at Springfield Christian Church<br><br>Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Robbie Bagby - B<br>Elizabeth Lloyd - B | <b>29</b> Good Friday                               | <b>30</b> Food Pantry Open - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Lent Ends<br><br>Michelle Crowder - B |
| <b>31</b> Easter Worship Service - 8:00 a.m. with communion (outside by the old rugged cross)<br><br>Last Day for Missions to receive our Easter Offering<br><br><b>NO</b> Sunday School and no other Worship Service on this Special Day<br><br>Jane Harris - B<br>Shirley Masten - B | <b>B - Birthday</b>  |   |   |  |   |  |

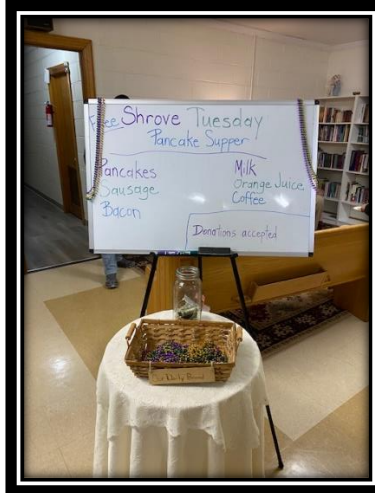
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|   | <b>1</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Rudy Wesselhoft - B  | <b>2</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Jamie Lloyd - B<br>Wyatt Wilson - B                       | <b>3</b> Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Tony & Barbara<br>Jeanne Goolsby - Anniversary | <b>4</b> Christian Trayer - B<br>Brooke Vincze - B  | <b>5</b>                       | <b>6</b> Autumn Lee - B  |
| <b>7</b> Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.  | <b>8</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Mary Hicks - B   | <b>9</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.  | <b>10</b> Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Elsie Harris - B                              | <b>11</b> Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Ronnie Bagby - B  | <b>12</b>                      | <b>13</b> Lucille Gammon - B   |
| <b>14</b> Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.<br><br>Pat Harris - B<br>Steve Montgomery - B<br>J.D. Allison - B   | <b>15</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Sherrie Sommer - B<br>Alexander & Jordin Wilson - Anniversary | <b>16</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Pete Smith - B<br>Rhonda Welton - B                      | <b>17</b> Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Mariah Rose - B                               | <b>18</b> Senior Citizen Gathering - 11:00 a.m. at Gum Spring United Methodist Church (Please bring a side dish to share) | <b>19</b> Carol Jean Smith - B | <b>20</b>  |
| <b>21</b> Men's Breakfast - 8:30 a.m.<br><br>Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.<br><br>Porter Rudolph - B<br><br>Justin & Tammie Allison - Anniversary | <b>22</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Earth Day   | <b>23</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Grayton Clough - B<br><br>Tom & Amy Boothe - Anniversary | <b>24</b> Adult Bible Studies - 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Brenda Parker - B                             | <b>25</b> Crafters' Mission Circle - 6:30 p.m.<br><br>Jessica Ahern - B<br>Herbie Bagby - B<br>Brianna Beckley - B        | <b>26</b>                      | <b>27</b> Food Pantry Open - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Matthew Bagby - B<br>Timmy Clough - B<br>Alex Lloyd - B |
| <b>28</b> Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.<br><br>Worship Service - 10:30 a.m. and CW&W Program - 10:45 a.m.<br><br>Toriana Bagby - B<br>Cindy Wilson - B  | <b>29</b> Ladies Bible Study - 10:00 a.m.<br><br>Mary Alice Noel - B   | <b>30</b> Adult Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.<br><br>Coltin Clough - B  | <b>B - Birthday</b>   |   |                                |  |

**Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>** 

**Job 12:10 says: In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.  
May we care for all of God's creations on this special day and throughout the year.**

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – February 13<sup>th</sup>

*(It was a wonderful night of fellowship and \$419 in donations was raised for our Christian Youth Fellowship!)*



## Christian Youth Fellowship Visit the Reptile Natural History Museum in Gum Spring

*(This visit to the new Reptile Museum was a fun and great learning experience for our youth. You can check it out too!)*



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

