

# FAITHFUL to MISSION

## HOLLIES BAPTIST CHURCH...

*Our mission: Impacting the world...*



*yesterday...*



*today...*



*tomorrow...*

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...Where the Holy Spirit prevails  
and the love of Jesus avails much  
in the hands and hearts  
of the church and community.

Our first pastor, Elijah Baker, is described in Revival's Children (the definitive book on Eastern Shore churches) as he preached on Easter Sunday, 1776, as "rough and ordinary and obviously no more educated than any of the rest of them... He preached loudly and excitedly. He was overflowing with the Spirit. And when he was finished preaching, that was enough for most of the listeners. Ministers after all were not rough uneducated men who preached outdoors on tree stumps." But a few were strangely affected by this man and his excited religion.

Today, following in the footsteps of Elijah Baker, we strive to 'preach loudly and excitedly' about Jesus, overflowing with the Spirit and maintaining that same, simple faith. This church, established by Elijah Baker in 1790, has a long, distinguished history, and we praise God that we are still seeing the Scripture fulfilled which reads,

"But as it is written, eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him"

(1 Corinthians 2:9)

We hope you will join us in  
IMPACTING THE WORLD WITH THE  
TRUTH AND LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST!



# Take Note: Important Dates and Information

*Think About It:* This campaign is God's challenge to each of us to let Him make us better than what we are - to do and give more than we ever have before. Pray about what your sacrificial gift will be. You may contribute cash, stocks, bonds, property, and gifts in kind. (For example, a paving contractor may contribute paving). However, the generous giving of time, talents, and prayers is equally valuable!

## October 22-26 — Family Prayer Week & Dessert Fellowships

- Prayer is absolutely essential for us to know what God would have us make as a faith promise. No one will be pressured to make a faith promise. It is a matter between each of us and our Lord.
- To learn more about your role in our campaign, please attend one of the Dessert Fellowships on Oct. 22 and 23 at 6:30 p.m.

## November 3 — Vision Event

On Saturday, November 3, the entire church will gather at Eastern Shore Yacht and Country Club for our Vision Event at 5:30 p.m. Transportation and childcare will be provided as needed. Don't miss this great time of praise and fellowship, inspiration and celebration - the biggest event in our church's history!

## November 11 — Faith Promise Sunday

During this special Sunday morning service, we will bring our Faith Promise cards and submit them to the Lord as an act of worship.

## November 18 — Celebration Sunday

We will learn the total of the faith promises made on the previous Sunday. We will celebrate what God is doing and will do among us as we move forward to achieve the vision God has given us for an expanded ministry in our community.

## Did You Know?

- Our financial goal for this campaign is to raise \$500,000.
- Contributions may be made either individually or as a family.
- You may give weekly, monthly, quarterly, or annually over a 156-week period, or a one-time contribution.
- All campaign contributions will be used exclusively for the construction and completion of the new buildings.
- Your contribution will remain private. Only the church financial officers will be authorized to open your Faithful to Mission envelope and record your faith promise contribution.
- You may begin fulfilling your faith promise on Celebration Sunday, November 11.
- The faith promise is: "As the Lord continues to provide for me and my family, I promise to give." Therefore, should your circumstances change at any time during the 156-week contribution period, you may revise your gift accordingly.

# God's Vision for Our Church

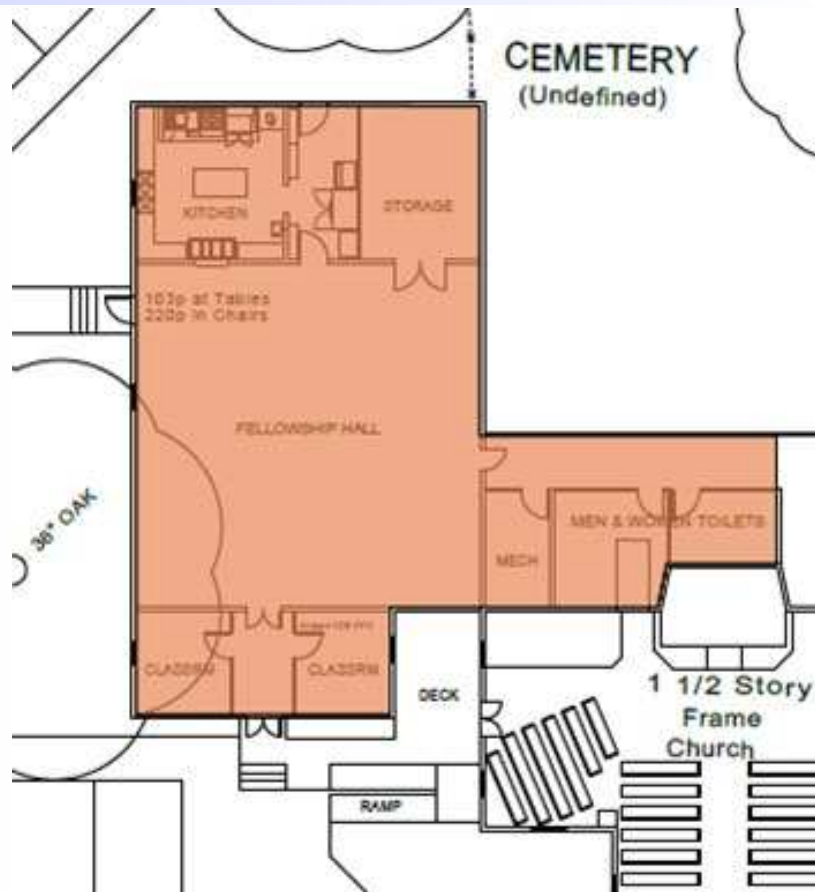
Face to face contact is at a premium in our culture. We are witness to a generation that craves the impact of human contact. Phase one of our building plan will add much needed space indoors and out, so we can visit and learn about each other in a friendly, welcoming environment.

Our new building will also support ministries such as Impact Keller, a partnership with our town government. Keller, like many Eastern Shore railroad towns, has seen better days. Under the guidance of the town council, we are providing volunteer labor and materials to help the under-served residents of the town have homes that are warm, safe and dry. Phase one of our building project will enable us to house large groups of volunteers inexpensively and comfortably as they provide much-needed evangelism and relief work.

It will also provide space for food-related ministries. Many of our neighbors and congregants struggle in a rough economy with basic food needs. Working with our partners at Lighthouse Ministries and the Virginia Baptist Hunger Fund, we provide these needs to upwards of forty working families in our area each month... delivered by people who share the Gospel as freely as food.

Due to our proximity to a large public school, we have recently begun a public school ministry that includes providing school supplies, staff support and appreciation, assisting with a feeding ministry for the school children and prayerfully... with our new space, providing a safe, well-staffed after school program.

Our church is growing and attracting young families with children, but we are finding that because there is no room for them, they often do not stay. Our new "children's wing" will hopefully provide room for preschool to high school aged young people. At present, our teen-led youth group meets in a converted storage shed separate from the building. We want to bring the teens indoors with the rest of the church.



## *Our building project consists of three phases:*

**Phase One** - Shored up original structure, restrooms, easier accessibility of various areas from sanctuary; 3000 sq. ft. ministry center with large group space, classrooms, commercial kitchen, food storage; existing fellowship hall/educational building re-purposed into a children/youth ministry space with classes, restrooms, and kitchen.

**Phase Two** - Expanded children's ministry wing, larger meeting rooms dedicated to youth programs, and more offices for future staff.

**Phase Three** - Family life community center to serve the needs of families and children in our area.

*"Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work."  
Nehemiah 2:8*

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### A Word from the Pastor

As our nation changes and the very fabric of our freedoms is stretched, there is a place for ministries like Hollies Baptist Church - sharing the truth of Jesus Christ without compromise or shame to a world that grows in compromise and starves for shame. The area of the Eastern Shore between Painter and Onley needs a ministry center to provide hope for one of our state's most under-served populations... the working poor. God is calling rough and ordinary people like us to serve in his name by sharing the truth and love of Jesus Christ - first with the central Accomack area, and then the world.

Partnering with Hollies will help to ensure that the lessons of our revolutionary, evangelical past never go unheeded and that more people will hear the story of Amazing Grace in what promises to be a very troubled and rapidly changing future.

The sixth chapter of the Gospel of John relates a powerful story about Phillip's need to expand his faith. A great multitude was following Jesus. Phillip asked Jesus: "Where are we to buy bread to feed this crowd? Even if we had two denari worth of bread, it would not be enough to give just a small amount to each one." Andrew then said: "There is a lad here who has five loaves and two fishes, but this will not feed all these people." Jesus said: "Have the people sit down." And he blessed the loaves and two fishes, and five thousand men and their families were fed until they were filled.

Jesus taught Phillip and the disciples an important lesson that we must learn. Nothing is impossible with God. When God gives a vision, He makes a way for it to be achieved.

