



BRO. DAVID LEFLORE

As we continue our journey through the Gospel of John, we come to a passage that is literally a game changer for all believers. In John 14:17, Jesus promised to send “another Helper,” the Spirit of truth to the disciples. Then, Jesus distinguishes between two relationships the Holy Spirit will have with human beings. First, He says the world cannot receive the Spirit, because it neither see Him nor knows Him. The “world” of course represents folks who are lost and without Jesus. Then, Jesus continues, “you know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.” Who is the “you”? Christians, folks who have accepted Christ as Savior and Lord. I pray that includes you. “With you...In you.” Two small words, that distinguishes God’ relationship with His people from the Old Testament and the New Testament. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, God doesn’t just walk with His people, He now takes up residence inside His people.

But this promise comes with a condition. I know what you’re thinking. You’re thinking of Ephesians 1:13; or Acts 2:38 (look them up). Some folks teach that John 14:15 teaches a condition of salvation, as if obedience earns the Spirit’s presence. Others have softened it, treating it as just an observation, it’s really not a condition. That thought also fails because Jesus said, “If you love me...”, the condition is real. So, what is the condition? Jesus is not describing the basis on which the Spirit is given, but the character of the people to whom He is given. Those who truly love Jesus are those who desire to keep His Words. That desire is a work of the Holy Spirit. John Calvin puts it well: “Obedience is not the cause of grace, but the fruit of it.” Jesus in us is who a genuine disciple is – one whose love for Jesus is not just emotional, but volitional; expressed in our lives being oriented toward Him and His commands.

This verse also guards against a misunderstanding that will follow in our day: the idea that the Holy Spirit can be sought as a spiritual experience divorced from the moral demands of Jesus. The Spirit and the Son are inseparable. You cannot genuinely pursue the Holy Spirit while treating the commandments of Jesus as optional. Love, obedience, and the Spirit’s presence belong together.

I pray you come Sunday as we expound upon “another Helper” further. See you then!

Love y’all,

Bro. David

BRO. ROBBY HARGRAVE

In Chapter 10 of Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life, Donald Whitney reminds us that learning is a spiritual discipline. Following Christ involves more than simply attending church or reading the Bible occasionally. We are called to continually grow in our understanding of God, His Word, and the life He has called us to live. The goal isn't to become someone who simply knows more. It's to become someone who lives differently because of what we know. That makes learning incredibly practical. Read a Christian book that challenges your thinking. Listen carefully to a sermon instead of simply hearing it. Ask questions. Take notes. Study a passage of Scripture beyond your first impression. Learn from mature Christians who have walked with Jesus longer than you have. Most importantly, put what you learn into practice. This week, choose one truth to learn and one action to take. Maybe you need to learn more about prayer and then spend ten extra minutes praying. Maybe you're learning about forgiveness and need to make a phone call. Don't just collect truth. Let truth change you. Growth happens when what enters our minds eventually reaches our hearts and shapes our lives.

Side note - This is what discipleship looks like!

In Christ,

Robby

MICHAEL BEATY

Sr. Adult Trip to Papacita's

Our Senior Adult Ministry had a great time on the trip to Papacita's Mexican Restaurant in Longview on Tuesday, September 8th. We had a good crowd turn out, and everyone enjoyed excellent service and a delicious buffet. If you missed this one, we hope you'll join us on our next outing!

Christmas Choir Kick-Off Luncheon — September 20

If you're interested in singing in the choir for Christmas, join us for our kick-off luncheon on Sunday, September 20th at noon in the Family Life Center. We'll eat lunch together and listen to clips of the songs we'll be singing this season. Come see what it's all about!

If you're not already in the choir and would like to come to the luncheon, shoot me a text or give me a call at 254-592-2172 to let me know you're joining us.

One Year at Holly Brook

I celebrated my first anniversary at Holly Brook on Tuesday, September 8th. It has been an honor to get to serve alongside you this past year. We have such a great church, and I'm grateful for each of you.

Singing Men of Texas, East in Concert

The Singing Men of Texas, East will be in concert Thursday, September 17th at 7:00 PM at Lake Fork Baptist Church in Alba, if you'd like to attend. Mark your calendars, too — the Singing Men will be in concert here at Holly Brook next year on Thursday, May 20th.

Looking forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Michael

RYAN JONSE

Hey Church! We have a lot of exciting things coming up in the Youth Ministry! I am especially excited that the new addition to the CLC will be opening soon. Having more space for our students is going to be such a blessing, and I am excited to see how the Lord uses this new space to help us continue reaching and discipling our youth. We also have the Oil Festival Parade coming up, and our youth will be helping me decorate our float! I am really looking forward to getting our students involved and having some fun together while representing Holly Brook Baptist. Another thing I am really excited about is that in early October I will be attending Conclave, a youth ministry conference focused on equipping youth pastors and leaders. I am really looking forward to learning from other youth ministers, finding new resources, and bringing back strategies that we can implement here at Holly Brook to better serve our students. Please continue to be in prayer for our Youth Ministry. Pray that the Lord will continue to work in the lives of our students, that He will give me wisdom as I lead them, and that we will continue to see students grow in their relationship with Christ and become disciple makers.

Ryan



Women on Mission

September 15th

10:00am

Stuffing bears for
Obadiah Project

September

September 15th

Women on Mission
10am

September 20th

Christmas Choir
Kickoff - 12pm

Deacons Meeting -
4pm

September 22nd

Holly Stitches
9am

September 26th

Oil Festival
Parade - 11am
Carnival Games
9am-3pm



Arts & Crafts Sale

SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 2026

9AM - 3PM

HOLLY BROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Men's Deodorant Drive for Johnson Unit

Please bring new sticks (no sprays)
of men's deodorant to the Welcome
Center for us to bless the men at the
Johnson Unit Prison in Winnsboro!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Laura Jackson 18
Natalee Griffin 18
Anna West 18
James Simmons 19
Jacob Coy 20
Ciera Johnson 20
Troy Martinez 21
Patsy King 22
Scott Holloway 22
Toby Richardson 23
Sandra McMellon 23
Lizzie Perkins 23
Jim Dixon 24
George Terry 25
Sebastian Gilmore 27
Travis Hensley 27
Richard Holderby 28
Sarah Windle 28
Morgan Bible 29
Brandon McNeil 30
Lee Love 30
Brandy Rickman 30
Susie Bates 30

MANIAC PUMPKIN CARVERS

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24TH
9AM-12PM**

HOLLY BROOK BAPTIST CHURCH
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Trinity Women's Choir
Wednesdays 9:30-10:30am
Starting September 9th
Choir Room

HBBC

Holly Brook Baptist Church

Trunk or Treat

October 31st
5-7 pm

Games - Candy - Music
Hay Ride - FREE!

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WEEKLY

Sunday

S.A.M. Bible Study
5pm

Monday

Choir Practice - 5p

Tuesday

Men's Bible Study-
8a

Ladies Bible Study-
6:45pm

Wednesday

Trinity- 9:30am

Youth Group
Kids Klubs
Nest & Den
6:00pm

Thursday

Men's Bible Study-
7:30a

Ladies Bible Study -
9:30a

Game Night - 5p

Friday

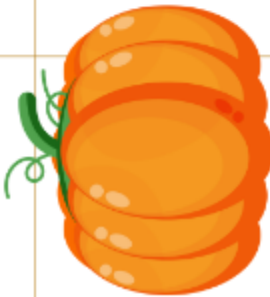
Pickleball - 2p

OBADIAN PROJECT

Small toys

pop its, fidget spinners, party favors, etc

October

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Ladies Bible Study- 9:30a Game Night- 5p	2 Pickleball - 2p	3
4	5 Choir Practice - 5:15p	6 Men's Bible Study- 8a Holly Stitchers - 9a Ladies Bible Study- 6:45p	7 Trinity Choir - 9:30a Youth Ministry & Kids Klubs - 6p The Nest & Den 6p	8 Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Ladies Bible Study- 9:30a Game Night- 5p	9 Pickleball - 2p	10
11	12 Choir Practice - 5:15p	13 Men's Bible Study- 8a GriefShare - 2p Ladies Bible Study- 6:45p	14 Trinity Choir - 9:30a Youth Ministry & Kids Klubs - 6p The Nest & Den 6p	15 Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Ladies Bible Study- 9:30a Game Night- 5p	16	17 
18 Deacons Meeting - 4p	19 Choir Practice - 5:15p	20 Men's Bible Study- 8a Women on Mission-10a GriefShare - 2p Ladies Bible Study- 6:45p	21 Trinity Choir - 9:30a Youth Ministry & Kids Klubs - 6p The Nest & Den 6p	22 Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Game Night- 5p	23 Pickleball - 2p	24 
25	26 Choir Practice - 5:15p	27 Men's Bible Study- 8a Holly Stitchers - 9a Ladies Bible Study- 6:45p	28 Trinity Choir - 9:30a Youth Ministry & Kids Klubs - 6p The Nest & Den 6p	29 Men's Bible Study- 7:30a Game Night- 5p	30 Pickleball - 2p	31 