

Dear HLBC Family,

These are reminders for all of us.

First, the Pastor Search Team wants to thank you all for taking the time to complete the survey questions regarding preferences you may have for your new pastor. These are so important in our search process. We are organizing your answers, with ours, this week and will create a generalized guideline to use as we begin considering résumés. That will begin sometime in April. Please be praying for your Pastor Search Team (Ken W.—Kathy V.—Alyssa G.—David L.—Dan M.—Tina P.)

Also, please continue to pray for the Pastor, and his family, that God has already assigned to HLBC, as well as the place and people he is currently serving. Pray that we all stay diligent in our search to find God's man for our church. The search team is excited as we anticipate the journey God is taking us on, the spiritual wisdom and growth in Him we'll all experience, and the assuredness He will give in our calling a new Pastor.

Now the reminders.

This Sunday afternoon, March 27th at 4:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, I will be leading a Membership Class. This is for new members as well as long time members of HLBC who may desire and/or need a refresher course. Also, for any of you who would like to know more about our church, and explore the possibility of membership, you are invited to attend. The meeting will be no longer than 1 to 1-1/2 hours. You will learn the importance of church membership. You will also learn what you should expect from the church and what the church should expect from you regarding membership.

Also, Sunday evening, March 27th in our 6:00 p.m. service, Brother David Schindler will be baptized. David has been saved for quite some time but has never been baptized by immersion as the Scriptures tell us. Please come and celebrate with David in this important step he is taking in obedience to Jesus.

On Monday evening, March 28th at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, there will be our monthly accountability meeting with the Transitional Church Council Members. We have some information to give you and documents of which we need to make you aware, as well as asking for your suggestions on one or two issues. Please plan to attend.

On Sunday, April 10th, right after our morning service the Pastor Search Team will have their second report to the church on the progress they have and are making. They will bring you up

to date on a few documents they want you to know about. They will also do their best to answer any questions you may have.

Finally—please remember that Easter is ‘Bring a Friend Day.’ I believe, that if everyone invites a friend or two or a family or two, we can fill our sanctuary. Ask God to help you—to lead you to those he wants you to invite. They may be lost or saved but strayed away from the church and fellowship with Christ. The longer they stay in that darkness—the deeper the darkness gets as their spiritual eyes get more and more accustomed to the dark. We need to get them back into the Light now, and Easter, Bring a Friend Day, can be that day.

God does not give up on people, and neither should we. A famous quote does, after all, say: *“If God could restore us back to Himself, He can restore any relationship back to us.”* He is a God of restoration, a God of new beginnings, a God of second chances and a God who holds tomorrow in His hands. Jesus does not discard broken situations. He repairs and then maintains them. Invite someone who needs to know that God. Who else is going to be Jesus to them if not you? If not now when? Please don’t delay and don’t neglect this Easter 2022, that may, very well, be the day your friend or family member is given a new life, a new beginning and new hope.

God’s Richest Blessings To You All,

Pastor Jimmy
Pastor Search Team