



## GOD'S INVITATION TO CHANGE

Without question, the church was established on the promise of change. Hearts would be changed, families would be changed, marriages would be changed, communities would be changed, cities would be changed, and, yes, even the entire history of humanity would be changed by those swept up in this movement of God. In fact, the church was not allowed to remain the same. The church is a paradox of unchanging convictions grounded in God's truth and the unique, honest, expression of every culture and people who respond to the God of grace.

This should be seen as a cause for celebration, not consternation. The reality of change is rooted in God's promise that He will work in and through our lives.

To cry out to God and ask Him to act is an invitation for God to bring radical change into our lives. God promises Haggai that He will act and change history. *"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty."* (Haggai 2:6-7)

God is continuously inviting us to believe that His future is better than any past we have experienced with Him. For too long, the church has longed for the good old days, has hoped that the future would simply be a detour to the past. This has never been God's promise, and it is not God's desire for us. He wants to shake the heaven and earth and shake us loose from all that holds us back from entering His future. This future cannot be experienced without embracing and engaging change.

The church was never meant to hide in the statistics and traditions of the past. She was never supposed to pull the cloak of fear over her face and hide within the darkness of a stale cave of bygone programs. The reality of change is the promise of miracle. The same God who changes our hearts and changes the world around us, calls the church to change. It is essential that we do not water down what is really going on. The church is God's agent of change through which His power is revealed.

Paul tried to kill the church and ending up dying for her to change culture.

Enjoy today and have a great week.

— *Pastor Derrell*



## PASTOR LARRY SMITH

On May 10, 2017, Rev. Larry Smith celebrated his thirtieth anniversary in ministry as part of the pastoral staff at Huffman Baptist Church. We want to recognize him publicly today and thank him for his service to the Lord and to Huffman Baptist. We all appreciate and applaud

Larry and his wife Linda's faithful service to the Lord and to the ministry of Huffman Baptist Church for these thirty years. *-The HBC Personnel Team*

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

9:15 AM Small Groups  
10:30 AM Morning Worship

### MONDAY, MAY 29 *MEMORIAL DAY*

*Church Offices Closed for Holiday*

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

9:00 AM Soft Steppers / REC  
1:00 PM Staff Meeting  
4:00 PM Library Opens  
4:25 PM Prayer Meeting / Founders Room  
5:15 PM Family Night Supper / Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM SS Prep Class / 159C  
6:30 PM Celebration Choir / Choir Room  
6:30 PM Children's Bible Study / 251C  
6:30 PM Adult Discipleship / 159C  
6:30 PM Students' Crave / REC

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

9:00 AM Women's Discipleship / Founders Room  
9:30 AM KTL Knitting Fellowship / Parlor

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 AM Soft Steppers / REC  
12:00 PM East Maryville Baptist Church

### HBC PASTORAL TEAM

Interim Pastor.....Rev. Derrell Crimm  
Minister of Adult Education and Discipleship.....Rev. Larry Smith  
Business Administrator.....Mr. Pat Ray  
Interim Minister of Music.....Mr. Jerry Sager  
Interim Youth Director.....Mr. Jay Freeman  
Preschool / Children's Minister.....Mrs. Carrie Smith

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