

Senior Pastor  
Rev. Jeff Smith



## From the Pastor's Pen

Jeff Smith, Senior Pastor

### Pastor's Pen,

Whew! What a week it has been. I had the opportunity to represent our church at the Alabama State Baptist Convention at Whitesburg Baptist Church. Nothing like gathering with other brothers and sisters in Christ from across this state, and as we gathered to conduct business, worship King Jesus, and hear from God's Word, it was just absolutely encouraging. As I wrote in last week's Pastor's Pen about the presence of God in the tabernacle, we first examined the Lower Court. This morning, we will arrive at the next place, which is the inner court. The Inner Court had a laver and a great brazen altar (which was not pretty at all). To offer a description, Tozer says, "It was like a topless furnace with a grate underneath where you put fire and then on top put a beast and stirred the pot. It would be here the beast would burn up in ugly smoke." This would be the altar where lambs, the beasts, the red heifer, and other creatures were brought to sacrifice. Now, I know some are asking, "Could you scale it back, pastor? This is a little too gory for me." However, we should not sugarcoat how the sacrifices were made, because when we diminish sacrifices, we also diminish the cross. As ugly and unpleasant as it must have been to see the sacrifices take place, imagine even more unpleasant it was to see a man dying on a cross on the side of the hills in Jerusalem. Sadly, church poets have made our Lord's death sound so beautiful that we even send cards about it on Easter. But that is so far from the harsh reality of what happened on that day, a man stripped naked, hanging in the hot sun, bleeding from his hands, feet, side, and forehead. All of this while suffering and groaning in pain, as he had to fight for each breath he took. Some may ask, "Is there anything worse than this?" Yes! Hell itself!

In Christ,

*Bro. Jeff Smith*

**Nov. 16th-Ushers**  
**Rob Peavy**  
**Ron Wayden**

**Nov. 23rd-Ushers**  
**Brannon Winborn**  
**J. C. Patterson**

**Nov. 16th-Greeters**  
**Sherry Norton/Jill Crosby**  
**Karen Snowden**

**Nov. 23rd-Greeters**  
**Nelda McAllister**  
**Linda McAllister**

### Youth Group News!

Youth website is now open!!!

Help our youth group get to  
**Centrifuge 2026**

The Simply Sheets fundraiser is  
now year Round

Scan the QR Code:



Scan to purchase sheets/soaps/  
towels/pillows. 50% of the  
proceeds will go directly to our  
Youth Trip Fund! While selecting  
your items, you'll notice a field titled  
"**Person You Wish to Sponsor.**"

In this field, you will want to enter  
Hillwood's account  
number **(SS001044)** so that it will be  
easier to track the sale.

### ATTENTIONS LADIES!!!!

*Ladies Christmas Banquet*

*Dec. 5th @ 6:00 p.m.*

*Tickets-\$15.00*

*Speaker*

*-Fran Fluhler*

*Founder of Manna House*  
*Make Plans to COME!!*

**ONLINE** *giving*

Open the Camera on  
any Smartphone and  
hover the Camera  
over this code:



**JOIN US**  
*for*  
**LUNCH**

**November 23, 2025**  
**Thanksgiving Luncheon**

**Location:**

**The FLC**

**NO Evening Services**



**Choir Rehearsal**  
**November 20th @**  
**6:30 pm-8:30pm**

*Friendly*  
*Reminders*

**Wednesday**  
**November 26th**  
Church Office hours  
8:30-12:00

No Evening Service  
or Activities

**Thursday**  
**November 27th**  
Happy Thanksgiving!  
Church Office is Closed

**Friday**  
**November 28th**  
Church Office is Closed

*cheerful*  
*givers*

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|-------------------------|----------|
| Weekly Needs for Nov.   | 11,031   |
| Given 11/09             | 7,738    |
| Monthly Needs for Nov.  | 55,152   |
| Given the Month of Nov. | 21,163   |
| Y D Budget Needs        | 496,367  |
| YTD Budget Receipts     | 449,858  |
| YTD (+/-)               | (46,509) |
| Plus One Given          | 5.00     |
| Food Pantry Given       | 356.00   |
| Nehemiah Fund Balance   | 1167.00  |

| <b>NOVEMBER 09, 2025</b> |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| <b>LOVE GOD</b>          |     |
| Enrollment.....          | 202 |
| Life Groups.....         | 93  |
| <b>LOVE PEOPLE</b>       |     |
| Morning Worship.....     | 142 |
| A Call To Prayer.....    | n/a |

### The Week at a Glance

**SUNDAY, NOV. 16, 2025**

**9:15 a.m. Life Groups**  
**10:30 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**10:30 a.m. Lord's Supper**  
**5:00 p.m. Mission Kids**  
**5:00 p.m. A Call To Prayer**

**MONDAY, NOV. 17, 2025**

**10:45 a.m. YTT Choir**

**TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 2025**

**1:00 p.m. Long Range Planning Team**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 2025**

**5:30 p.m. Food and Fellowship**  
**6:30 p.m. Recharge**  
**6:30 p.m. Beginning With God**  
**6:30 p.m. Kids Growing With God**  
**6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study**  
**7:30 p.m. NO Choir Rehearsal**

**THURSDAY NOV. 20, 2025**

**10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Team Meeting**  
**6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal**

**Nov. 16, 2025**

We care! Please tell us how  
we can best contact you.

**YOUR NAME**

Spouse:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

**I am a . . .**

- ☐ First Time Visitor
- ☐ Second Time or  
More Visitor
- ☐ Member of Hillwood  
Baptist Church

**How would you like  
us to contact you?**

- ☐ Home Visit
- ☐ Phone
- ☐ E-mail
- ☐ Other:

Best time to call or visit:

If you would  
Prefer to fill  
this out online,  
scan this code



**“HBC exists to help people find God, grow their faith, discover their purpose, and make a difference.”**