

September - October, 2011

# highland crest baptist church

# T.R.U.T.H

Join us for our 15th Annual  
**FALL BIBLE CONFERENCE**  
September 9 - 11, 2011

Our Ministers

**Jim Downs** Senior Pastor  
**Chad Hertler** Associate Pastor of Discipleship & Evangelism  
**Jed Manders** Minister of Youth & Family

## Conference Schedule

**FRIDAY SEPT 9 6:30 P.M.**

*Jerry Chaddick & Bailey Smith*

**SATURDAY SEPT 10 9:30 A.M.**

*Bailey Smith & Jerry Chaddick*  
continental breakfast served at 9:00 a.m.

**SATURDAY SEPT 10 6:30 P.M.**

*Bailey Smith*

**SUNDAY SEPT 11 9:30 A.M.**

*Jerry Chaddick & Bailey Smith*  
no Sunday School hour this week  
continental breakfast served at 9:00 a.m.

**SUNDAY SEPT 11 6:30 P.M.**

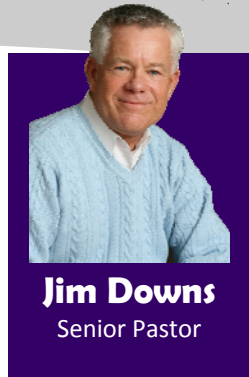
*Jerry Chaddick*

Childcare for age 0 to 4 years will be provided for all services

Bus transportation available - call church office 494-3647

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**Jim Downs**  
Senior Pastor

### Friendly Reminder from the Church Office

The month of October has been set aside by Focus on the Family and recognized nationally as PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

How will you show appreciation to our Pastors???

Do you really have time to read this article? After all, you probably have plans for the next hour or so, and can you afford to spend a few minutes perusing the information in this newsletter? You have a choice, you know! Nobody is making you read this! So....WHY are you still reading? Is it a habit to do it, or guilt if you don't? Or do you believe that the investment of your time, even for these few minutes, will add something of lasting value to your life? If it sounds like I'm asking worthless questions, would you allow one more (before you give up on this article)? Isn't that what all of life is about...making choices with what we have? I have challenged your choice in the use of your time, albeit a very small amount. Just think about all the innumerable decisions we make in how we will "spend" our bodies, our energy, our affections, our possessions, our words, our relationships, or our very lives. An Old Testament Proverb says it in a negative way, "There's a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof is

the way of death." Jesus said it in a positive way, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and all these things (basic needs) shall be added unto you." As for me, time is one of the hardest things to manage. But I realize that the way I choose to "spend" my time is a reflection of what is most important to me. I can't afford to let the world set my agenda when it comes to time. In general, the world system will be offering a lot of things that lead to a dead end. Bluntly, may I say, that the lost world that I live in is seeking to fill my life, 24-7 with anything and everything that will keep me from investing in the abundant life God is offering me. The seeking of His kingdom first puts everything else into a right perspective. Well, I've got to go.....it's my day off and the grass needs mowing! But wait! In the light of what I have just said, is that the best way to spend my life? Ah....decisions, decisions.....

Give it some thought,  
And with much love,

*Bro. Jim*

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## The UNCHANGEABLE GOD in changing times

**Jim Downs** Senior Pastor  
**Jerry Chaddick** Speaker Lake Charles, LA  
**Bailey Smith** Speaker Atlanta, GA  
**Luke Garrett** Worship Leader Broken Arrow, OK

[www.highlandcrestbaptist.com](http://www.highlandcrestbaptist.com)

## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

4	6:30p	Lord's Supper (pm service)
5		Labor Day (church ofc closed)
9	6:30p	Fall Bible Conference
10	9:00a	Continental Breakfast - FBC
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11	9:00a	Continental Breakfast - FBC
	9:30a	Fall Bible Conference - no Sunday school hour
	6:30p	Fall Bible Conference
12	6:00p	Jessica Hamer baby shower
14	5:30p	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:30p	Business Meeting
16	2:00p	XYZ Rawhide Bus Trip
17		Youth Rock Climbing activity
21	5:30p	Ministry Council Meeting
24	7:00a	Honor Role
	8:30a	Deacon Meeting
	9:00a	Ladies Day Out - Making Aprons
28		See You At the Pole

### OCTOBER

1	1:30p	Nicole Bolton Bridal shower
4	11:30a	XYZ Fellowship Potluck
5	5:15p	Wednesday Night Meal
6	6:00p	Tina Driver Baby shower
12	5:30p	Finance Committee Meeting
13	6:00p	Budget Council Meeting
14-15		Men's Retreat
16		Jed Manders' Birthday
19	5:30p	Administrative Council Mtg
21	7:00a	Ladies Day Out -IKEA Bus trip
27	6:00p	Budget Meeting
28-29		Deacon Retreat

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sun	9:00 am	Sunday School (all ages)
	10:15 am	Worship Service
	5:00 pm	Prayer Group
	6:00 pm	Evening Service
Tue	6:30 pm	South Campus Bible Study
Wed	6:30 pm	Discipleship Training all ages
	7:40 pm	Choir Practice

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Regular Hours: Monday thru Friday  
9:00 a.m. to Noon & 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

### Courageous

When you look up the word *courageous* in the dictionary it is defined simply as: *brave*. To be honest, I thought Webster would have offered a little more than that! I would like to add some of my own synonyms to help paint a better word picture: fearless, gutsy, heroic, valiant and greathearted. I believe these are all accurate words to describe the parents who are choosing to raise their children in a way that glorifies God! With hard work and constant involvement it requires a ton of effort and can be intimidating to be a "courageous" parent. But best of all – parenting continually reminds us how we need the grace of God.

We HIGHLY recommend a new movie coming out this Fall. From the makers of *Fireproof* and *Facing the Giants: Courageous* will be in theatres starting the weekend of September 30th. The main theme of the movie portrays a man who decides that being an average father is no longer good enough. He challenges others to make a decision to be the men that God has called them to be. It gets even better! Throughout the movie, these parents model what family devotions look like and interact with one another to practically equip families. Every person who sees this movie will see a plan of action. Churches all across America will be using this movie as an opportunity to strengthen families by putting the focus back on Jesus. We will be one of those churches. Send a message of support by planning to see this movie on opening weekend, September 30th & October 1st. You can see preview clips and more information by going to [www.courageousthemovie.com](http://www.courageousthemovie.com). Please begin praying that God would use this movie to bring families back to the cross.



Psst...! Jed's birthday is Oct 16th



### ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

Join the Highland Crest Facebook group to get important up-to-date announcements...



**Jed Manders**  
Minister of Youth & Family



**Chad Hertler**  
Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Evangelism

### Other opportunities...

September 17<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Event  
Rock Climbing  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Youth Service  
Project day (*Notice this date has changed*)  
November 19<sup>th</sup>  
Youth Bowling

It is good to take a step back and a fresh look at what the Bible says about following Christ. We can make it so complicated. Mark Dever (Pastor of Capital Hill Baptist Church in Washington DC), has helped me to understand that discipleship really is two things: *instruction* and

*imitation*.

I suspect if you are like me, you associate *discipleship* with Bible studies. No doubt about it - *instruction* is central to following Christ.

- One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Gal 6:6
- Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Eph 6:4
- I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. Rom 15:14

At Highland Crest we focus on *instruction* through preaching, Sunday school, and Wednesday night discipleship training. As we gaze into the pages of Scripture, we see that *instruction* is not the only element of following Christ. *Instruction* is to be combined with *imitation*:

- "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1);
- "Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith" (Heb. 13:7);

### NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES START SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>

Watch our website for details

- "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 4:9);
- "You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings" (2 Tim. 3:10);
- "Beloved, do not imitate evil, but imitate good" (3 John 11).

In a sense, one can grow in their relationship with God by listening and watching how older Christians work, rest, raise a family, deal with conflict, evangelize their neighbors, persevere through trials, serve in the church, or fight against sin and imitate them! Please don't be intimidated by the concept of *imitating*. Following Christ is as much caught as it is taught. People need access to our lives—the good, the bad, and the ugly to know what being a Christian looks like.

How can I disciple? Mark Dever provides a few helpful suggestions:

1. Arrive early at church gatherings and stay late.
2. Practice hospitality with members of your church.
3. Ask God for strategic friendships (i.e. people who are teachable).
4. Schedule regular breakfasts, lunches, or some other culturally-acceptable social engagement with teachable individuals (of the same sex). Depending on the person, you may decide to meet once, indefinitely, or for a set number of times (say, five). If you and the individual share a pastime, look for ways to share that pastime together.
5. Ask them about themselves. Ask them about their parents, spouse, children, testimony, job, walk with Christ, and so on. In asking questions, however, do so in a manner that's appropriate for your cultural context (don't scare them!).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Our monthly meals are back!!! October menu: Sloppy Joes, French Fries, Baked Beans, Fresh fruit Oct 5th at 5:15 p.m. Cost: \$3 /person, \$10 /family

6. Share about yourself.
7. Look for ways to have spiritual conversations. Maybe decide to read the Bible or some other Christian literature together.
8. Consider their physical or material needs. Would they benefit from your help?
9. Pray with them.
10. Depending on your home situation, invite the person to drop by your house or spend time with your family. Let them watch you live life.
11. Look for ways to pray for the person throughout the week by yourself and/or with your spouse

May we be a church that not only offers Biblical *instruction*, but also practices Biblical *imitation!*

### PENDING MEMBERS

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