



Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT
LORD'S SUPPER
 December 24 - 4:00 pm



Merry Christmas

BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE: Hank Butler, Quinn Carlisle, Paige Corey, Sylvia Gambill, Allan Hogan, Tim Snowden, Shawn Stewart, Beth Touchstone, LeAnn Vick

DAILY BIBLE READING

12/23	Luke 1:57-80	12/30	Romans 15:14-33
12/24	Luke 2:1-20	12/31	Romans 16:17-27
12/25	John 1:1-18	1/1	Ephesians 1:1-23
12/26	John 1:19-34	1/2	Ephesians 2:1-22
12/27	John 1:35-51	1/3	Ephesians 3:1-21
12/28	Revelation 5:1-14	1/4	Ephesians 4:1-16
12/29	Revelation 7:1-17	1/5	Ephesians 4:17-32

STAFF MEMBER ON CALL
 December 21-23
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COMING UP THIS SUNDAY DECEMBER 23, 2018

Prelude
Lighting of the Advent Candle
Worship Song Joy to the World
Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7
Worship Song Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
Children's Message Frank Coleman
Worship Song The First Noel
Offertory
Vocal Worship Ten Thousand Joys
Soloists—Bob Meng & Abby Calhoun
Message Dr. Ivan Parke
"JESUS: PEACE OR PROBLEM" Luke 2:1-7
Song of Commitment Only Trust Him
Benediction Chorus O Come Let Us Adore Him
Postlude
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION December 23, 2018
 Jason and Kaitlyn Clayton (Babies)
 Debbie McDaniel, Maddie Clayton
 (Crawlers/Toddlers/Preschool 2s)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS December 23, 2018
Katie Odom, Alisha Singley
PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION December 30, 2018
 Margaret Harris, Cheryl Bowles (Babies)
 Jess and Renea Hardy (Crawlers/Toddlers)
 Donna Coleman, Claire Threatt (Preschool 2s)
CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS December 30, 2018
Mary Andero, Katie Odom

STATISTICAL REPORT DECEMBER 16, 2018

BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY		STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Main Connection Group		Receipts:	
Enrollment	548	Budget	13,385.00
Attendance		Child Dev.	.00
Adult	134	Designated	4,900.00
Youth	19	Total	18,285.00
Children	29	Budget Req. to date	1,106,331.00
Preschool	14	(50@22,126.62)	
Worship Team	8	Budget Receipts to date	1,001,947.79
Visitors	8		
Main School Att.	212	CDC Req. to date	1,163,432.50
Nursing Home	13	(50@23,268.65)	
Total SS Attendance	225	CDC Receipts to date	1,128,987.50
Worship Att. AM/PM	220/275		

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 23

- 9:00 A.M. Library Open
 - 9:10 A.M. Sunday School Teachers Prayer Meeting
 - 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Security-Tim Snowden
 - 10:30 A.M. Library Open
 - 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
- Security—Elwood Vick, Dale Touchstone
No Evening Activities

Monday, December 24 OFFICES CLOSED

- 4:00 P.M. Christmas Eve Service
- Security—Victor Threatt, Todd Vick

Tuesday, December 25 OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

- 8:30 A.M. No Adult Exercise

Thursday, December 27

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, December 28

- 8:30 A.M. No Adult Exercise

Sunday, December 30

- 9:00 A.M. Library Open
 - 9:10 A.M. Sunday School Teachers Prayer Meeting
 - 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Security-Joe Wilkerson
 - 10:30 A.M. Library Open
 - 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship
- Security—Duffee Williams, Stan Williams
No Evening Activities

Monday, December 31

- 8:30 A.M. No Adult Exercise

Tuesday, January 1 OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, January 2 NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

- 8:30 A.M. No Adult Exercise

Thursday, January 3

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast

Friday, January 4

- 8:30 A.M. No Adult Exercise

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

— *for international missions* —

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Our goal is \$50,000. Given to date—\$8,050.00

FROM YOUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR...

So, I was thinking.....Do you think Jesus would be happy with how we celebrate His birth today? I mean we do make it a really big deal and do it up real nice, don't we! He would be so proud, or would He? We have events scheduled straight through the month of December, food prepared for this and that, lots of money we may not have is spent on gifts to show our love, late nights making pinterest perfect cookies, teacher gifts. I mean, I guess we do the whole gift giving thing because the wise men did it? I'm not sure, although I love to give someone a gift and let them know I thought of them when picking it out. There's absolutely nothing wrong with what we do, it's just beside the point.

I imagine the night Jesus was born was a silent night. The day the Lord came to earth to live as a man and save us from our sins. That's what it's all about...Right!

Last Christmas was a very different year for our family and a little dark cloud hovered over us that day. Some of us got very sick and I barely had enough energy to get off the couch. We look back and say, it was terrible. Why do we put so much pressure on making that day so perfect? That's just not what it's all about. It's about JESUS!

This year try adding a birthday cake to your celebration and instead of the elf on the shelf maybe try moving the manger people through the house as they traveled to Bethlehem. Cover your tree in ornaments reflecting Jesus, Emmanuel and the many scripture verses predicting the coming of His birth! Invite a stranger to your dinner table or an old friend.

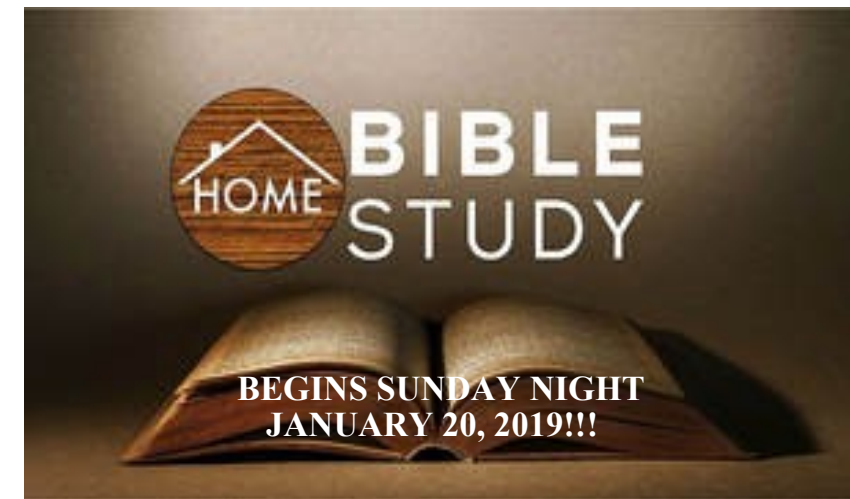
I know Jesus always loves us no matter our faults, but I think He would say, slow down and come to me all you who are weary and tired and I will give you rest. I pray you have a Merry Christmas and a silent night focusing on JESUS. Love, Dana

THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hogan (Theresa) on the birth of their grandson, Brody James Hogan.

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The cost is \$5.00



CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...Mrs. Earline Wall, Elwood and Charles Vick and Mrs. Chyrel Francis and family in the death of their brother.
...Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clay (Wanda) and Mrs. Lorraine Irby in the death of their granddaughter and great-granddaughter.
...Mrs. JoAnn Goldman and Mrs. Connye Meredith, Mrs. Karyn Heard and Greer Goldman in the death of their brother and uncle.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF TOM McDANIEL BY:

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