The Hilton Baptist Church Record

Lynwood Wells, Pastor

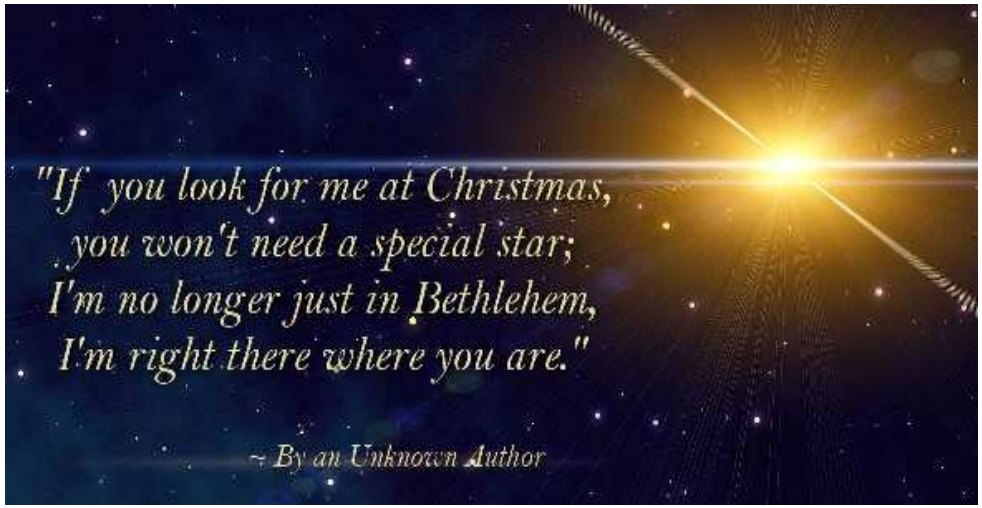
December 4, 2018

8-102 Wednesday Night Supper	$65.00
8-107 Lottie Moon	$1230.00
8-503 Flowers	$57.00
8-403 Food Pantry	$140.00
8-145 Cash in Cash out– Coffee Fund	$2.25
8-145 Cash in Cash out– Samaritans Purse	$10.00
Community Dinner	$8.00
Budget	$5644.00
Total Deposit	$7156.25

Worship Attendance 68

Poinsettias

We will be decorating our church sanctuary with Christmas Poinsettias. You can give a Poinsettia In Honor or In Memory of a loved one. We will list all the names in our Christmas Bulletin and Forecast. When you fill out your envelope just indicate who you want to give the poinsettia in honor or in memory of. The cost is $12.00.



Happy Birthday This Week

12/1 Joan Allen
12/3 Mary Louise Linthicum
12/3 Beverly Tawney

Online Giving

www.hiltonbaptistchurch.org

Under the giving tab

December

Peninsula Rescue Mission

Men's White Socks
Deodorant
Bleach and Ground Coffee

Church Pantry

A young man should ask himself not if it is his duty to go to the heathen, but if he may dare stay at home. The command is so plain: "Go."

Lottie Moon

Pray for our Missionaries

BS, DS
American People– Mike Brungardt, DC
East Asian People– BB, BG
European People– Tracy Barth, Beverly Harth
Northern African and Middle Eastern People-JG
South Asian People– ML
Southeast Asian People– SC, SP
Sub Saharan African People– Nathan Schoen
Candy Ware– Arizona, Meghan Swafford—Arkansas, Jennifer Christiansen– Iowa, Spencer Parish—Nebraska, Holly Aubrey, Marietta Gonzales—New York Virginia Wilson, North Carolina, Dean Fulks– Ohio, Hal Hopkins-Pennsylvania, Emma Aguilar Mejia – Texas, Linda Bridges– Washington

Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting International Missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work.

Our Church Goal $6000.00
Collected to Date: $1230.00

Weekly Assignments

Greeters
December 9– Moses Sabb
Robert Overman
December 16– Robert Overman
Pam Cooke

Usher and Parking Lot Attendants
December 9– Moses Sabb– Front PL
Roger Cooke– Back PL
December 16- Stan Langdon–
Front PL
Roger Cooke– Back PL

Lock Up
December 9– Pam Cooke
December 16– Robbie Ayscue

Van Ministry
December 9– Pam Cooke
December 16-Joe Caskie

Food Distribution this week
December 4– Kathy Moore
Gloria Ammons
December 6– Pat Painter
Betty Powell
December 11– No Food Distribution
December 13– Cathy Childs
Sue Monfalcone

Nursery Helpers
December 9– Faith Class
December 16– Hope/Tribble Class

Sonshine Kids Church
December 9– Tracy Venable
December 16– Kathy Caskie

Hilton Baptist Church
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This week at HBC

Tuesday, December 4th
1:00pm– 3:00pm
Food Distribution

Wednesday, December 5th
5:30 pm Wednesday Night
Fellowship Supper
6:15 pm NC Practice
6:00 pm Youth and Children's
Classes
6:15pm Bible Study / Prayer

Thursday, December 6th
10am Thanksgiving Service
6pm Sisters Fellowship

Saturday, December 8th
10am– 2pm Children's
Christmas Workshop

Sunday– December 9th
9 :00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship Celebration
Sonshine Kids Church
2nd Sunday of Advent

We can pick you up...Just contact the church office.

Christmas Dinner and Musical at HBC

Saturday, December 15th
Dinner 6:00pm - Musical 7:30pm

Please plan now to come and be a part of this celebration as we gather together as a church family and celebrate the birth of our Savior.

If you can not attend the dinner but would like to come to the musical, it will begin approx. at 730 pm , there is no charge. Dinner tickets $5.00
See Sue Monfalcone or the church office for tickets.
You must have a ticket if you want to eat dinner

Hilton Baptist Church Children's Christmas Workshop

Children ages 4 through 6th grade

Saturday, December 8th 10am until 2pm
Games, Fun, Lunch, Crafts, Music and so much more.....
Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with us!
Invite Kids to come and have lots of fun!

Fliers are available in the Connection Center, Please give them out to kids!

PORT HELP NEEDED

PORT from January 16th – January 23rd
We need everyone's help.
Can you please donate one evening or one morning to help out?
Sign up in the Missions Outreach Corner.
See Pam Cooke if you have any questions.

Donations are needed!

We are collecting warm clothing for the PORT Clothes Closet.
If you have lightly used clothes that would help make someone warm please place them in the Mission Outreach corner. We are collecting under clothes, socks, hats, gloves, pants, coats, warm clothes of any kind. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus!

Happy Hearts Christmas Lunch
Tuesday, December 11th
12:00pm at Smithfield Station

We will be leaving the church at 11:30am so please be on time. We will be car pooling so please sign up on the Happy Heart Bulletin Board and indicate if you will be able to drive.

There is still room for more to go, please sign up as soon as possible. Call Pat Painter or Barbara Caffacus if you have any questions.

Wednesday Night Supper
BBQ

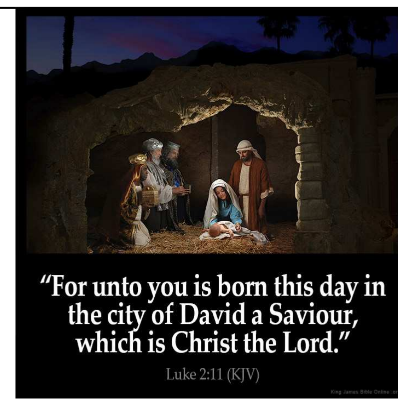
Helping in Kitchen
Worship Team

Our Lottie Moon Post Office is located near Prior Hall. Please send your Christmas Cards to your Church Family through the Lottie Moon Post office and make a donation to the Lottie Moon Offering for the cost of the postage .

December Events– Mark your Calendars

Thursday, December 6th- Sister's Fellowship at the church 6pm
Saturday December 8th– Children's Christmas Workshop 10am-2pm
Monday, December 10th– Vision Team Meeting 6:30pm
Tuesday, December 11th– Happy Hearts—Christmas Lunch Smithfield Station
Saturday, December 15th– Christmas Dinner and Musical Dinner starts at 6pm/ Musical at 7:30pm
Sunday, December 16th– Hilton School of Music Recital 6:30pm
Wednesday, December 19th– No Wednesday Night Activities
Monday, December 24th– Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5pm
Wednesday, December 26th– Church office closed, No Wednesday Night Activities
Thursday, December 27th– There will be no food distribution.
Monday, December 31st– Church Office Closed
Wednesday, January 2nd– Resume all normal Wednesday Activities

"Serving our local community with the love of Jesus"



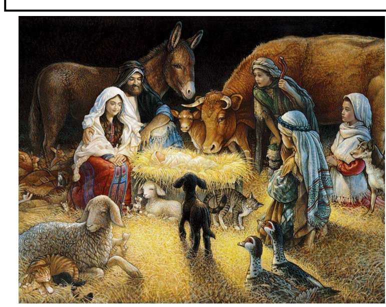
The Church Budget for 2019 in the amount of $300,387.99 was approved this past Sunday Morning.

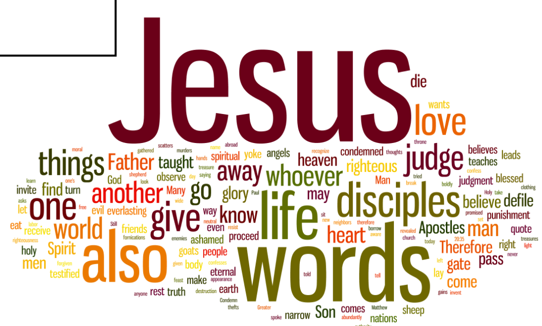
Thank you to everyone who voted. We are looking forward to growth and change for 2019. God has blessed us so much!

Invite your family and friends to come and join our family. God is so good!

Priscilla Jones has moved
Her new address is
Priscilla Jones
Peaks Resources
3223 Central Ave
Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

Drop her a card or note. I am sure she would love it.





Don't forget our special Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm. Invite your family and friends to attend. This is a very special service as we worship the newborn king.

God Is With Us

"Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people." Luke 1:68

Immanuel: God is with us—God came to us. What a staggering thought. It is really the essence of our Christian faith and our Christian lives. The very fact that the almighty and invisible God clothed himself with our humanity, and presented himself to us in the baby who was born as Jesus of Nazareth – it is simply and overwhelming thought!

All other religious ideologies essentially tell you that you must do something: Do this, and you will find inner peace. . . . Do this, and you will reach nirvana... Do this, and maybe you will make it to Heaven. But Christianity says it is done—done for you at the Cross, paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian is not merely following a creed; it means you are a Christ-follower and you follow Jesus. It is knowing the power of having Christ himself live in you and through you. It means knowing that when he left his earthly ministry He left you with his Holy Spirit upon which He depended, giving you the strength to be the man or woman He has called you to be. Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20) and "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

The message of Christmas is God with us. This was not simply the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. It is the awesome truth and reality of knowing His presence every moment of your life today. In your moments of sorrow, He is your comforter. In your moments of weakness He is your strength.

This is important for us to know, especially during those times when we are going through great difficulty. The psalmist said, "If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me" (Psalm 139:9–10). It is great to know that God is with you wherever you go.

The Bible never teaches that we will have problem-free lives as followers of Christ. But the Bible does teach that we never will be alone. And because of that, we don't have to be afraid. As Ray Stedman said, "The chief mark of the Christian ought to be the absence of fear and the presence of joy."

This is the message of tidings of great joy which were given for all people on that night in the skies over Bethlehem. It is a message which is timeless and never grows old. That is the message that this sin-sick world needs to hear: Immanuel—God is with us.

On the amazing grace journey with you, Lynwood

The Choices You Make At Christmas

"Be sure to do what you should, for then you will enjoy the personal satisfaction of having done your work well.... For we are each responsible for our own conduct."
Gal. 6:4-5

At Christmas time, we often feel like we have to get it all done, and then we crash and burn when we can't do it all. If you want to simplify this season, you need to understand that it's all about making choices – and then sticking to those choices, no matter how tempting it is to add more to your holiday "to do" list.

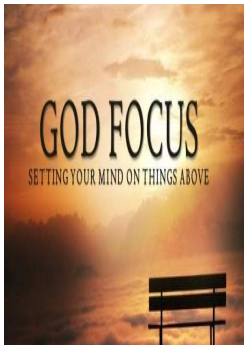
It's easy to forget or try to avoid this fact, but it's true: You're the only one who must assume responsibility for your time, and you're the only one who can clarify what's really important to you. The choices you make control your calendar and, as a result, your lifestyle. Your choices are far more powerful than your circumstances, and you have the power to simplify your life by making purpose-full choices.

Like it or not, the Bible teaches, *"We are each responsible for our own conduct."* (Galatians 6:4-5 NLT) That's why it's so important to seek a life that puts God first on your priority list. Discovering what God wants you to focus on allows all other matters to fall into their proper place.

So think seriously about how you will spend your time and energy this Christmas. What and how you give of yourself to others says it all. In the long run, the donation of your life will count far more than the duration. It's not how long you live – or even how much you cram into the length of your life – it's about how you live, according to God's plan for your life.

Let's honor Christ first this season by allowing His purpose guide what we do this Christmas season. Serve where you know God intends for you to serve. Don't just volunteer for anything or everything. Pray about it. You may even sense God is prompting you to start a "not to do" list . Ask yourself, "How much time do I really have this Christmas?" The answer is you have just enough time to do God's will this season. When you try to do more than God planned for you to do, it's only natural that you'll stress over your schedule.

Finally, does your Christmas list include rest? God doesn't want you to burn out; in fact, he may want you to specifically add "rest" to your to-do list because he knows you're trying to overdo it. Pause by the manger, stare into the stillness of the stars. Contemplate the wonder of God coming into your world with His awesome love today.



Ever feel frustrated because you hear messages about getting closer to God and you definitely desire this for yourself, but you are swamped with so much to do already that this only makes you feel guilty because you are too busy for God? I know I have felt this way, even in ministry, and I think we all feel the same at one time or another.

Some of you may need to carve some time out of your busy schedule for more specific time to be with God, but that isn't necessarily the only answer to this question. Look at the following scriptures:

I have set the Lord always before me. Psalm 16:8 NIV
My eyes are ever on the Lord. Psalms 25:15 NIV
I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.
Psalm 34:1 NIV

I once saw a sign that read: "Your God is what you pay attention to." You see, I believe you can pay attention to God while you are doing everything else. It's all about doing everything for God and seeing God in everything we do. It's about bringing God into the boardroom, the exercise room, the living room, and the bedroom. Now of course He's already in all these places but we're talking about being aware of His being there at all times. That's what it means to set the Lord always before us.

Worship is a frame of mind that always has God in the picture. A life of true worship is one which practices the presence of God consistently. We don't need church, or Bible study, or devotions to remind us about the Lord if we're already aware of Him all the time. These opportunities then become more precious to us because we can devote all our attention to that which we have been aware of all along.

Slow Down and Welcome Christmas

"The Christmas spirit comes on me more slowly than it used to," writes Joan Mills, a mother of three children, in her book Christmas Coming. "But it comes, it comes. Middle-aged (most of the time) and jaded (some of the time), I complain of plastic sentiment, days too brief, bones too weary. Scrooge stands at my elbow muttering, "Bah!" and "Humbug!" as I total the bills. But when I acknowledge the child I once was (and still am, somewhere within), the spirit of Christmas irresistibly descends."

"For Christmas is truly for children those we have, and those we have been ourselves. It is the keeping-place for memories of our age in lovely ritual and simplicities.

I'm tired," I say fretfully. "There's just too much to do! Must we make so much of Christmas?" "Yes!" they say flatly.

"But bayberry, pine and cinnamon scent the shadowed room. Snow lies in quiet beauty outside. I hear someone downstairs turning on the tree lights while another admires. I lie very still in the dark. From the church in the village on the far side of the woods, carillon notes fall faint and sweet on winter clear air.

"Silent night," my heart repeats softly. Holy night. All is calm All is bright.

"As I take the stairs lightly going down, no bones weary now, my whole self is thankful; once again, I am flooded with the certainty (call it faith) that there's goodness in the world, and love endures."

Saying a Prayer for the Christmas Meal

Lee, A seven-year-old boy, was asked to say thanks for the Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. Lee began his prayer, thanking God for his Mommy, Daddy, brothers, sister, Grandma, and all his aunts and uncles.

Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the stuffing, the Christmas pudding, even the cranberry sauce. Then lee paused, and everyone waited ... and waited.

After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the Brussels sprouts, won't he know that I'm lying?"