

# FOCUS 2018

## Bible Conference January 7-9

**Sunday**

- 9:15am: Dr. Jim Moss
- 10:30am: Bro. Malcom Ellis
- 5:00pm: Fellowship Meal
- 6:00pm: Bro. Malcom Ellis & Dr. Don Whitt  
Music by The Whisnants

**Monday**

- 5:00pm: Fellowship Meal
- 6:00pm: Bro. Malcom Ellis & Dr. Herb Reavis  
Music by The Whisnants

**Tuesday**

- 11:00am: Luncheon  
Bro. Malcom Ellis  
Bro. Mark Humble
- 5:00pm: Fellowship Meal
- 6:00pm: Bro. Malcom Ellis & Dr. Herb Reavis  
Music by Mark Trammell Quartet

This is a free event.  
A Love Offering will be taken.  
For more information visit [www.pmet.net](http://www.pmet.net)

	Herb Reavis, Jr.
	Malcom Ellis
	Jim Moss
	Don Whitt
	Mark Humble
	The Whisnants
	Mark Trammell Quartet

## Calendar of Events

Sunday December 24	10:00am 3:30pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service Summer Meadows Service
Monday December 25	5:30pm 6:30pm	Church Offices Closed CR Meal Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday December 26	6:30pm	Children of Issachar Bible Study
Wednesday December 27		No Mid-Week Services
Thursday December 28	10:15am	Hawkins Creek Service

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES  
THIS WEEK OR NEXT WEEK**

FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,  
 TO US A SON IS GIVEN,  
 AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL BE  
 ON HIS SHOULDERS.  
 ISAIAH 9:6A

Charles Hunt, Senior Pastor  
Kason Kuykendall, Pastor  
Aaron Perkins, Minister of Music  
Clark Sexton, Minister of Outreach  
Kim Hall, Day School/Nursery Ministry

Jason Hunt, Minister of Youth  
Christy Mayfield, Minister of Children  
Rosio Newton, Preschool Ministry  
Paula McKinley, Pianist  
Sue Childress, Organist

December 24, 2017

# Welcome

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## From My Heart...



Bro. Aaron shared this a couple of weeks ago in Morning Worship, but it's too good to not share again...Merry Christmas, Bro. Charles

One of America's greatest poets is Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. His diary records the events of the 1860's for us. On July 9, 1861, his wife Fanny's dress caught fire and engulfed her with flames. He desperately tried to put out the fire and save his wife, he was severely burned on his face and hands. Fanny died the next day. In his diary for Christmas day 1861 he wrote, "How inexpressibly sad are the holidays."

In 1862 the toll of war dead began to mount and in his diary for that year Longfellow wrote of Christmas, "A merry Christmas say the children, but that is no more for me."

In 1863 his son who had run away to join the Union army was severely wounded and returned home in December. There is no entry in Longfellow's diary for that Christmas.

But on Christmas Day 1864 – at age 57 – Longfellow sat down to try to capture, if possible, the joy of the season. He began:

*I heard the bells on Christmas day.  
Their old familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet the words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

As he came to the third stanza, he was stopped by the thought of the condition of America. The Battle of Gettysburg, days looked dark, and he probably asked himself the question, "How can I write about peace on earth, good will to men in this war-torn country, where brother fights against brother and father against son?" But he kept writing – and what did he write?

*And in despair I bowed my head:  
"There is no peace on earth", I said,  
For hate is strong, and mocks the song  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.*

It seems as if he could have been writing for our kind of day. Then, as all of us should do, he turned his thoughts to the One who gives true and perfect peace, and continued writing:

*Then peeled the bells more loud and deep;  
"God is not dead, nor doth he sleep!  
The wrong shall fail, the right prevail,  
With peace on earth, good will to men."*

## Scripture of the Month



*"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."*  
*John 9:4*

### Happy Birthday

24-Denise Bowens	27-Reese Richardson	28-Kitty Minor
24-Michael Hill	27-Cathy Williams	29-Cindy Downey
24-Jessica Purifoy	28-Cody Hargrove	29-Layne Hopkins
25-Weldon Richie	28-Lillian McClung	29-Mike Putney
26-David Carlson	28-Lyndon McClung	30-Daniel Golden
26-Ginger Richardson		

### Happy Anniversary

27-Rocky & Lauren Burton
30-Billy & Kim Hall
30-Clay & Stacey Perkins



## Building for Eternity - Recap

Amount Needed to Begin Construction	\$500,000.00
Given to Date	\$638,412.63
Expenses to Date	\$13,978.20
<b>Balance on hand in BFE Fund</b>	<b>\$624,434.43</b>

## For Your Information

### YOUTH DNOW JANUARY 12-14, 2018

Cost - \$50. Sign up/pay online at whbchurch.com.

### CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Celebrate Recovery will meet Christmas day at 5:30pm. We will have a Meal, Worship, and a Christmas Movie. There will be no childcare provided but children are welcome to attend the meeting.

### 2018 CHURCH BUDGET

Wednesday, January 3 - 2018 budget discussion in the Worship Center

Sunday, January 7 - Vote on proposed budget by secret ballot at the Connection Center

### NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 31

One service only at 10:30 AM

### HAITI MISSION TRIP

Several will be leaving for a Mission Trip to Haiti on Wednesday. God is doing some marvelous things in this ministry. Please pray for those who will be going and ministering.

### END OF YEAR SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS...

Checks must be dated and mailed by December 31, 2017 to count toward tax deductions for 2017. It's a great time to make a special contribution to the Budget or Building For Eternity.



**Special Gifts**  
In Memory of Dan Templin  
Dennis & Beverly Fleet



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