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BAPTIST CHURCH
preparing people for the coming Lord
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Monthly Newsletter of
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
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the connection

JANUARY 15-17, 2016



TRANSFORMED
BY THE RENEWAL OF YOUR MIND
ROMANS 12:1-2

Cost: \$45 (Early Registration before Dec 16 cost is \$35)
To Register online go to whbchurch.com/youth-ministry
If you would to send a student to DNow the cost is \$45 per student. Please mark your offering envelopes "DNow".

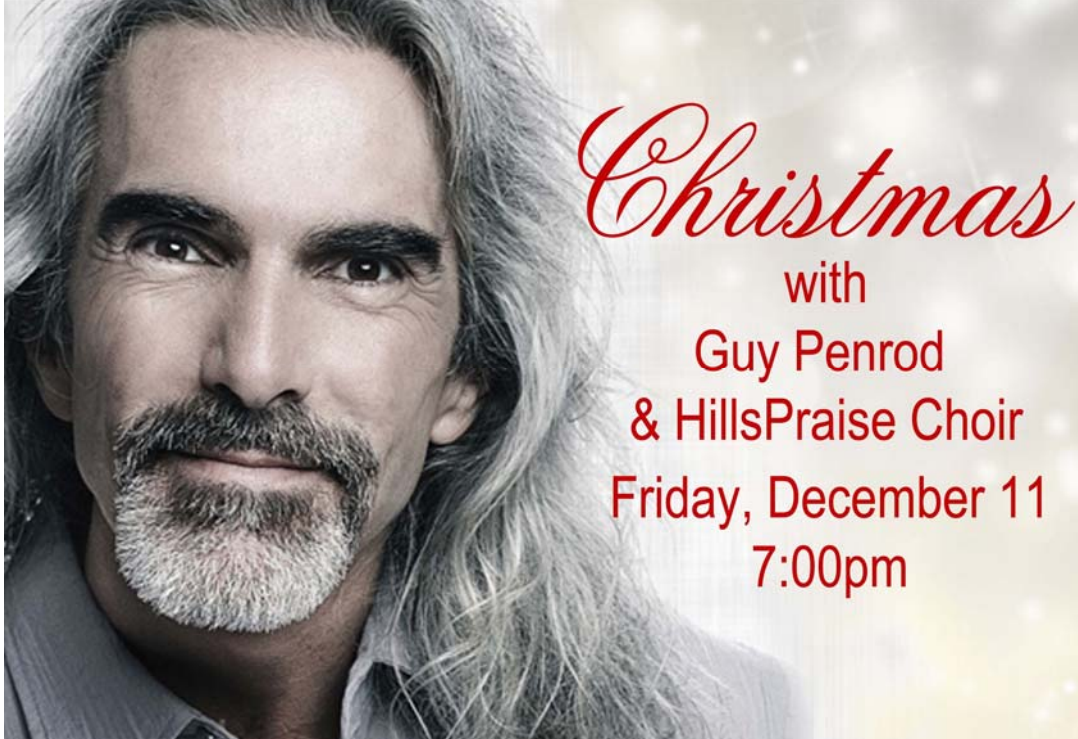
weekly schedule

SUNDAY
8:45am Coffee & Donuts
9:15am Sunday School
10:30am Worship
5:30pm Children's Choir Practice
5:30pm Adult & Youth Service
in Worship Center
6:00pm Youth & Adult Small Groups
6:30pm Family Worship

MONDAY
5:30pm Meal
6:15pm Celebration Place
6:30pm Celebrate Recovery

WEDNESDAY
5:15pm Fellowship Meal
6:00pm AWANA
6:00pm HillsPraise Choir Practice
6:15pm Youth
6:30pm Adult Bible Study

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Christmas
with
Guy Penrod
& HillsPraise Choir
Friday, December 11
7:00pm

Church Wide Christmas Fellowship
in the GRAND HALL
Sunday night, December 20, 5:30 PM
Bring a Christmas snack! 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!!!



Candlelight Lord's
Supper Service
Wednesday Night,
December 23
6:30
Worship Center



Cruise with us February 20-27, 2016!
Western Caribbean Cruise Norwegian Jewel from Houston

Things to Think About:
A \$250 deposit per person is needed to make your reservation
Deposits are risk-free until your final payment date, 12/07/2015

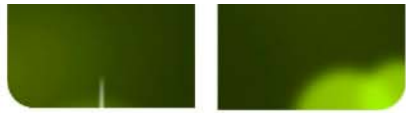
Price ranges from \$514-\$924 plus taxes & gratuities based on double occupancy

Call Sandra Kurz (Group Specialist & Cruise Consultant) to book your cruise.
Direct: 954-514-4384
Toll Free: 877-416-9722 ext. 4384
Group ID #2520352
Email: skurz@ncl.com



2015 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS ...AND BECAUSE YOU GIVE IMB HELPS CHURCHES SEND MISSIONARIES TO THE BILLIONS WHO HAVE YET TO HEAR.



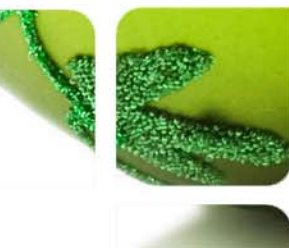
from my heart
Bro. Charles Hunt

In 1247, a hospital was founded in England called St. Mary's of Bethlehem. Two centuries later it was converted into a hospital for the mentally insane. The patients were often chained, and abused; and, the institution became known throughout the country for its noise and confusion. The original name of Bethlehem was shortened to Bedlam, a word, in our language which denotes a place of uproar and confusion.

The same could be said, and used to describe Christmas in these days. It has

Seekers in the spotlight

We are the Seekers and that is what we do. The Seekers is a class of older couples and singles (40-100) but very young at heart. We are a class of servants, we love to serve other people. We are a loving, praying class and we have a desire to walk with God. The class is led by Jim and Jan Albritton who spend a lot of time preparing for our lesson. We use the Bible as our study guide. We are going through the Bible Chapter and Verse. We study a verse or verses and then we have a discussion. We don't rush. We take the time to discuss the lesson. Sometime we chase rabbits, but Jim tries to keep us on topic. We do value every opinion. So if you are looking for a class that has lively debates, loves people and enjoys spiritual unity then the Seeker's Class is just for you. We would be very happy to have you visit our class. You can find us in room A-125 (Conference Room).



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

ultimately become more Bedlam, than Bethlehem. With all the activities, shopping, buying, parties, and everything else that is connected with Christmas, no doubt we're stressed out!

One thing that characterizes Christmas is the spirit of giving, and it is described in Matthew 2:11, "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

THE GIFT OF LORDSHIP

The first gift presented to Him was the gift of gold. It is that gift which represents the gift of Lordship. I think of two women who were having lunch in an elegant hotel, and were approached by a mutual friend. The friend stopped and conversed with the ladies for a few minutes, and then asked them what was the occasion for their meal. One lady replied, "We are celebrating the birth of my baby boy!" The friend asked, "Then, where is he?" The mother said, "Oh you didn't think that I'd bring him with me did you?" In much the same way we often treat our Lord with such neglect. He is the One who sits in a position all His own. He is God and besides Him there is no other, yet, we often treat Him as if He were nothing more than a casual acquaintance. Is He Lord of

your life?

THE GIFT OF FELLOWSHIP

The second gift that was given was the gift of frankincense. It represents the gift of fellowship. One of the most blessed truths about frankincense was that it was often referred to as an emblem of prayer. In Psalm 141: 2 David said, "Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." It shows our prayers rising up to God. It depicts communion, fellowship, and intimacy. It describes spending time with someone whom we hold dear. Is spending time with our Lord included on your Christmas. If not, then the perfect gift you could give Him this year is The Gift of Fellowship!

THE GIFT OF SONSHIP

The third gift given to our Lord at His birthday was the gift of myrrh. Myrrh represented the gift of Sonship. Probably the most noted use of this gift of myrrh was that it was a perfume used to embalm the bodies of the dead. This represents the fact that Jesus came to provide the way of salvation. Have you invited Him into your life? If not, don't waste another Christmas. Accept Him today!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,
Bro. Charles

The Seekers

We are the Seekers and we want you to understand
We are a class of old ones, but we are the best in the land.

We teeter and we totter and we stumble in the hall
Everyone avoids us because we might make them fall.

With Jim and Jan to led us and they always want their way
We doubled up on their salary just to make them want to stay.

If someone happened by our room while walking down the hall
They would probably hurry past because they thought we
were in a brawl.

We sometimes do get noisy, the volume does get loud
The smoke and fire sometimes doeth fly, but it gets
covered with cloud.

When our class is over, the time for the end to come
We all walk out together because we still are friends with everyone.



Herb Reavis



Malcom Ellis



Mike Smith



Heath Peloquin



Jim Walsh



Mark Trammell Quartet



The Whisnants



SATURDAY, January 9
4:30pm Dr. Mike Smith
6:00pm Meal
6:30pm Dr. Mike Smith

SUNDAY, January 10
9:15am Dr. Mike Smith
10:30am Bro. Malcom Ellis
4:30pm Bro. Jim Walsh
5:15pm Meal
6:00pm Bro. Heath Peloquin
7:00pm Bro. Malcom Ellis

Visit www.pmet.net for more information

MONDAY, January 11
11:30am Senior Luncheon
with Bro. Malcom Ellis
4:30pm The Whisnants Concert
5:15pm Meal
6:00pm Bro. Malcom Ellis
7:00pm Dr. Herb Reavis

TUESDAY, January 12
11:30am Ladies Luncheon
with Mrs. Lisa Reavis
4:30pm Mark Trammel
Quartet Concert
5:15pm Meal
6:00pm Bro. Malcom Ellis
7:00pm Dr. Herb Reavis

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BIRTHDAYS

1-Anaiya Amos
1-Jan Humphrey
1-Taylor McNeal
1-Wyatt Morgan
1-Braxton Mull
1-Shirley Perkins
1-Britney Stauss
1-Mary Walton
3-Dale Dawes
4-Tabitha Lair
5-Kim Allen
5-Walker Cherry
5-Ernest Dozier
5-Lonnie Jones
5-Iva Dee Smith
6-Ivan Eidson
6-Makenna Hargrove

6-Deborah Jones
6-Nicole Roadcap
6-Jacob Walters
7-Reyne Merrell
9-Jaydan Adams
9-Betty Hudman
9-Jason Pevey
10-Lauren McGrew
10-Kathy McGuire
10-Barbara Parrish
11-Darian Lamborn
11-Linda Motley
12-Brandy Wooley
13-Ray Hairston
14-Alton Blair
14-Daniel Johnson
14-Jennifer Perkins

14-Hayden Roadcap
15-Gracie Baird
16-Jozef Gertz
17-Ashleah Daugherty
17-Mark Mowery
17-Julie Mowery
19-Sue Childress
20-Ramon Hill
21-Roosevelt Cotton
21-Bill Darby
21-Aaron Perkins
22-Kim Hall
22-Shamiah Morris
22-Jaxon Nichols
23-Morris Johnson
24-Denise Bowens
24-Michael Hill

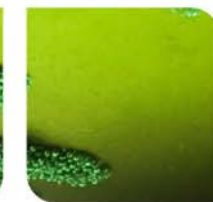
24-Jessica Purifoy
25-Dorene Craig
25-Weldon Richie
26-Edward Blanchard
26-Michelle
Cunningham
26-Ginger Richardson
27-Reese Richardson
28-Ron Fitzgerald
28-Kitty Minor
29-Cindy Downey
29-Layne Hopkins
29-Phillip Williams, Jr
30-Daniel Golden
31-Nora Chucci
31-Hope Lyons

ANNIVERSARIES

5-Paul & Leann Spencer
6-Thomas & Diana Graves
8-Ricky & Shannen Lamar
8-Marty & Christy Mayfield
10-Michael & Renae Purifoy
13-Steve & Lana Snider

15-Charlie & Sandy Johnson
15-John & Cindy Wilkerson
17-Jeff & Maryann Thomas
18-Mark & Debora Alford
18-Mark & Jan Humphrey
18-Pat & Yvonne Wisdom
19-Lee & Sheri Hopkins

19-Lonnie & Kahlan Stanley
21-Morris & Evelyn Johnson
21-David & DeAnn Miller
28-Lynn & Linda Akin
30-Billy & Kim Hall
30-Clay & Stacey Perkins





The Upper Room Children's Ministry

Kids on a Mission

Thank you to every person that has given in our WHBC Kids on a mission project! We have raised over \$10,000 to date, and our well on our way to making our goal. Romans 12:5 says, "so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." We are so thankful to you for showing the unity within our church body to our children, and are blessed to be a part at Woodland Hills!! If you have not had a chance to give and would like to, you can pay using our church website at www.whbchurch.com. Click on online giving, and then type your amount into the multiplication box. You may also place your gift in the offering plate with check designated to WHBC Kids on a Mission. Thank you again church family!

Sunday School Preview:

December 6 - Moses was born and called
 December 13 - Christmas: Angels spoke to Mary and Joseph
 December 20 - Christmas: Jesus was born
 December 27 - Christmas: Wise Men Visited Jesus

AWANA

December 2 - Boot Camp Night (Wear Camouflage)
 December 9 - Store Night
 December 16 - Christmas Party
 December 23 - NO AWANA (Christmas Break)
 December 30 - NO AWANA (Christmas Break)

Pancakes and Pajamas Christmas Party

We will be having our Pancakes and Pajamas Christmas Party on Saturday, December 19th from 10:00—2:00. Children can come in their pajamas and will need to bring a \$5.00 max gift to exchange. We will be making Christmas crafts, watching Christmas movies, and making pancakes as we fellowship and celebrate the birth of Christ! We hope to offer this time also for parents to do some Christmas shopping and prepping for the Holiday Season.

Children's Choir Sunday Evenings 5:30-6:30

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 Children's Director
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	2 Guest Speaker: David Combes 6:30pm	3 Hawkins Creek 10:15am Eden Place Meal/Service Hosted by Doulas Class 6:00pm	4 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am Adult Game Night 6:00pm Family Force 5 Concert/ LeTourneau 7:00pm	5
6	7	8 Shamgar 8:30am Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	9	10 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	11 Kindermusik 9:30 & 10:30am Christmas with Guy Penrod & HillsPraise Choir 7:00pm	12 Kindermusik 9:00am
13	14	15 Shamgar 8:30am Jones' Bible Study 6:30pm	16	17 Hawkins Creek 10:15am	18	19 Pancakes & Pajamas 10:00am-2:00pm Youth Party 6:00pm
20 Church Wide Christmas Fellowship 5:30pm	21	22	23 Candlelight Lord's Supper Service 6:30pm	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26
27 	28 	29	30 	31 		