



CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 AT 5:30PM

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS TOGETHER

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SNACKS
 ANNUAL 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS!**

2017 LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING®

**Christmas
 Eve
 10am**

CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

Calendar of Events

Childcare is provided through age 4 for Sunday School and all Worship Services

Sunday December 17	8:45am 9:15am 10:30am 3:30pm 6:30pm	Coffee & Donuts LifeGroups Worship Service Summer Meadows Service A Dickens of a Christmas
Monday December 18	5:30pm 6:30pm 6:30pm	CR Meal Celebration Place Celebrate Recovery
Tuesday December 19	11:00am 6:30pm	HillToppers Christmas Luncheon Children of Issachar Bible Study
Wednesday December 20	10:00am 5:30pm	Arabella Service Church Wide Fellowship/Grand Hall
Thursday December 21	10:15am	Hawkins Creek Service

HillToppers Christmas Luncheon
 Tuesday, December 19 at 11:00am
 The church will provide the food.
 Just bring yourself.

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 17, 2017

W E L C O M E T O
WORSHIP

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From My Heart...



History records for us an interesting footnote. It was during the dark winter of 1864. At Petersburg, Virginia, the Confederate army of Robert E. Lee faced the Union divisions of General Ulysses S. Grant. The war was now three and a half years old and the glorious charge had long since given way to the muck and mud of trench warfare. Late one evening one of Lee's generals, Major General George Pickett, received word that his wife had given birth to a beautiful baby boy. Up and down the line the Southerners began building huge bonfires in celebration of the event. These fires did not go unnoticed in the Northern camps and soon a nervous Grant sent out a reconnaissance patrol to see what was going on. The scouts returned with the message that Pickett had had a son and these were celebratory fires. It so happened that Grant and Pickett had been contemporaries at West Point and knew one another well, so to honor the occasion Grant, too, ordered that bonfires should be built.

What a peculiar night it was. For miles on both sides of the lines fires burned. No shots fired. No yelling back and forth. No war fought. Only light, celebrating the birth of a child. But it didn't last forever. Soon the fires burned down and once again the darkness took over. The darkness of the night and the darkness of war.

The good news of Christmas is that in the midst of a great darkness there came a light, and the darkness was not able to overcome the light. It was not just a temporary flicker. It was an eternal flame. We need to remember that. There are times, in the events of the world and in the events of our own personal lives, that we feel that the light of the world will be snuffed out. But the Christmas story affirms that whatever happens, the light still shines.

We must remember as children of God, when we look at the baby in a manger and celebrate His birth, HE IS OUR TICKET OUT OF HERE! No more sorrow, pain, hurt, loneliness, sickness, death, separation....Hallelujah!!!

We now are the light of the world that points others around us to the light of salvation through Jesus Christ! Merry Christmas!!!

Preparing People For The Coming Lord,
Bro. Charles

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

17-Ashleah Daugherty 18-David Mason 22-Kim Hall
17-Richard McAfee 19-Sue Childress 22-Shamiah Morris
17-Mark Mowery 19-Brianna Lansdale 23-James Stone
17-Julie Mowery 19-Julie Richards 23-Kellen Weaver
17-Jacob Owen 20-Ramon Hill
17-Michele Walker 21-Bill Darby
18-Vernon Burks 21-Aaron Perkins

Happy Anniversary

17-Danny & Crystal Jones 19-Lee & Sheri Hopkins
17-David & Tana Scholl 19-Lonnie & Kahlran Stanley
17-Jeff & Maryann Thomas 20-Marshall & Cona Jones
18-Mark & Debra Alford 21-David & DeAnn Miller
18-Mark & Jan Humphrey 23-Jason & Shayla Heaton
18-Pat & Yvonne Wisdom

Special Gifts

In Memory of Dan Templin
Bob & Nora Chucci

Building for Eternity - Recap

Amount Needed to Begin Construction	\$500,000.00
Given to Date	\$634,600.42
Expenses to Date	\$13,727.30
Balance on hand in BFE Fund	\$620,873.12

For Your Information

CHURCHWIDE CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday night, December 20, 5:30 PM in the Grand Hall. NO Wednesday night supper that night! Bring your favorite Christmas snacks and we'll have fun and celebration with church family. Of course we will have the annual 12 Days of Christmas...a little better this year!

CANDLELIGHT LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE

Sunday morning, December 24, 10:00 AM. A great inspirational time to celebrate Christmas. No LifeGroups will meet. One service only.

FOOD PANTRY

During the Christmas season we tend to hand out more food boxes. If you can help please bring your food items to the Connection Center. Thank you.

YOUTH DNOW JANUARY 12-14, 2018

Special early registration & payment price of \$35 through today. December 18-January 10 - \$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.

THANK YOU

Thank you church family for your concern for me and the prayers you prayed for me. God heard your prayer and answered in a positive way.
Ramon McCauley

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

Worship Hour Volunteers

Babies - Lindsay McClung
Toddlers - Amber Hargrove