#### **Prayer List**

Vivian Andrews Sandra Fountain James Armstrong Lamar Guv Bernard & Val Atchison Coressa Hornsby Kenneth Babb Ricky Hornsby Katie Bainbridge Martha Huff Anne Bavne Jim Jennings Ernest Bayne Bill/Judie Kitchen **Brett Bentley** Michael Lord Lois Bentley Jake Maddox Richard /Susan Bentlev Nell Maddox Key Christensen Jeff McMullen Eugenia English Marcus McMullen Sandra English Sandra McMullen Sharon Ezell Marie Raulerson Marguerite Folendore Johnnie Shelnutt Bonnie Stafford Lavinia Ward

#### In Military Service

Caroline Hooks Atkinson Chad Meeks Rudy Webb



#### **Sunday School**

Every Sunday, 9:45 AM

# Wednesday Youth Group

Doors open at 5:45 PM

# The Lottie Moon Post Office Is Open

The Lottie Moon Christmas card mailbox will be open through the month of December for you to exchange cards with your fellow attending church members. Cost per card is 25 cents with all money going to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.

# Prayer Meeting Wednesdays at 6:30

Join us for Family Supper at 6:00 pm and Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Choir practice follows at 7:30 P.M.

# SAGE Event Senior Christmas Luncheon and Concert:

**Thursday, December 14th: 11:00 A.M.** Enjoy fellowship with Rick Bazemore (former HBC Minister of music) playing piano and singing in the Sanctuary.

**12:00 Noon**: Meal in Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite covered dish. Meat & Drink furnished.

## **Support Our Food Pantry**

HBC's Food Pantry continues to serve many people in need. Your help through donations of cash or the following items will help us continue this valuable service.

(Any Brand)

14 oz. Can Evaporated Milk

32 oz. Pancake Mix

24 oz. Syrup

18 oz. Jelly

16 oz. Peanut Butter

14.5 oz. Canned Fruit

Vienna Sausages

Ramen Noodles (Dry Soup)

The only blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart. Helen Keller

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec 10: Eric Baker, Mandy Ptak

Dec 11: Anne Etheridge, Ted Worsham

Dec 12: Jan Riner, Cheryl Worsham

Dec 14: Dana Rogers Dec 15: Lindsey Hornsby

Dec 16: Karen Brooks

Nursery Workers Sunday Morning, 12/10 Babies.

Cindy English, Lauren Deen

**Bus Ministry, 12/10**Key Christensen

Children's Church, 12/10

Dianna Perdue

Counting Committee, 12/10 Cindy Folendore, Brenda Davis

Worship Coordinator, 12/10
Mack Atchison

Deacon of the Week, 12/10 Glenn Abbey, 456-4305

Children's Sermon, 12/10 Toni Holloway

**Advent Celebration, 12/10** 

Cindy & Marguerite Folendore

**2018 Offering Envelopes** are available for pick up in the upstairs hallway of the Education Building. Please help save postage by picking yours up as soon as possible.

Check out the HBC Website www.hardwickbaptist.org

#### **CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, December 10th:

9:45 A.M. Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Morning Worship

#### Monday, December 11th:

9:30 A.M. Ladies' Prayer Group

#### Wednesday December 13th:

5:45P.M.Building Opens6:00P.M.Christmas Supper6:30P.M.Prayer Meting

Children to Classes

7:30 P.M. Chancel Choir

We will have our annual Christmas Dinner next week, December 13th. This will be the last Wednesday activities or Family Supper until January. Please remember to make a reservation for supper if you don't have a permanent reservation.



# The Hardwick Baptist Chancel Choir Will present

"Sing We Now Of Christmas"

Sunday, December 17th During Morning Worship At 11:00 A.M.

## **Angels Among Us**

"When God wants to speak and deal with us," said Martin Luther, "he does not avail himself of an angel but of parents, or the pastor, or of our neighbor." Never underestimate how powerfully God can use you in the life of a child, a church member, a friend or a stranger.

"The Hebrew word for *angel* also means "messenger." You may be specially chosen to deliver someone the message of God's love or guidance. Listen intently for what God would have you share with others and do so faithfully.

## Pastor's Paragraphs

The time before Christmas is Advent, a season of preparation for Christmas. Christians prepare for celebrating the birth of Jesus by remembering the longing of the Jews for a Messiah. In advent, we are reminded of how much we ourselves also need a Savior, and we look forward to our Savior's second coming even as we prepare to celebrate His first coming at Christmas.

The word "Advent" comes from the Latin word adventus, which means "coming" or "visit." In the season with this name, we keep in mind both "advents" of Christ, the first in Bethlehem and the second yet to come.

During his 1960 presidential campaign, John F. Kennedy often closed his speeches with the story of Colonel Davenport, the Speaker of the Connecticut House of Representatives: On May 19th, 1780 the sky of Hartford darkened ominously, and some of the representatives, glancing out the windows, feared the end was at hand. Quelling a clamor for immediate adjournment, Davenport rose and said, "The Day of Judgment is either approaching or it is not. If it is not, there is no cause for adjournment. If it is, I choose to be found doing my duty. Therefore, I wish that candles be brought."

Rather than fearing what is to come, we are to be faithful till Christ returns, Instead of fearing the dark, we are to be lights as we watch and wait . . He came once, and He will come again. . . BE READY!

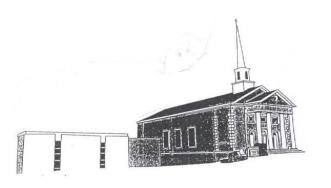
In His love, Bill Kitchen

# **Stewardship Thought**

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

Annual Budget. (2017)	\$ 290,872.63
Needed Per Week to meet Budget	\$ 5,488.16
Contributions 12-03/17	\$ 4,975.00
Budget Contributions. thru 12/03/17	\$232,436.80
Total. Bud. Expenses thru/ 12/03/17	\$233,752.31

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# Week of Prayer For International Missions December 10-16, 2017 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (Your Gift At Work) Our Goal: \$4,000.00

God transforms lives through your gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. One hundred percent of what you give goes to send missionaries and provide for the work He has given them to do. Your gifts and prayers are essential as missionaries impact lives around the world.