

THE NEWSHERALD of HARTFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

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Youth – Robert Guilford Children – Chase Childs

December 18, 2017

Church Family,

Proverbs 29:1

If you will, imagine with me for a moment a wonderful Christmas morning. Presents are around the tree and the roast turkey is in the oven spreading its aromatic allure across the house. You sit down around the tree and unwrap a plethora of presents to the delight of many. After presents, breakfast, a nap, and some much-needed coffee, you hear the cars begin to arrive with friends and family members from near and far. Joyous cries of celebration ring out as loved ones rarely seen arrive in full form with family in tow.

Now for some of you this is a happy memory, but for others this is the sound of dread because of one or two guests. For you know that with the arrival of one or two comes the questions and criticisms about life choices, food choices, even hair choices. The criticism, no matter how well-intended, overflows. Though much of this criticism will be unhelpful and possibly even well-deserved, I encourage you to keep the words of this Proverb well in your heart today. Take the criticism, measure its worth, and then either toss it or treasure it, but whatever you do, do not refuse it.

In Christ, Bro. Les

LOTTIE MOON OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Our Goal: \$15,000.00

Received So Far: \$15,588.00

Praise the Lord!



*Join us for our Carols, Candles and Communion Service
Wednesday, December 20th, at 6:30 p.m.*

On Sunday, December 24th,

Christmas Eve,

our only service will be at 10:15 a.m.

On Sunday, December 31st,

New Year's Eve,

we will have our regular morning schedule but no evening activities.

****Our First Responders Cookout will be on Sunday, January 7th, at 5:30 p.m.**

Everyone is invited! Details on next page.

****The Newsherald will not be published again until January 8th. See the page at the end for opportunities for service for 12-31-17 and 1-7-18.**

GIFTS

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of Ellis Kinman: Kenneth & Geraldine Kinman

In Honor of Betty Faulk: Becky Tindell

In Honor of Vernon Alford: Walt & Jo Ann Bush

In Honor of Bruce Spivey: Mutt & Joyce Brannon

SYMPATHY

Our HBC family extends heartfelt sympathy to Stephanie Brown and family in the loss of her brother, Mike Cobb, and to Jessie Hendrix and family in the loss of her grandmother, Jeanne Holley. May God bless you during this time of sorrow and bereavement.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

HBC Family,

Glenda and I would like to thank you for your prayers, visits and cards during my recent surgery. Thank you, Brother Les and Brother Bruce, for your visits to the hospital. We appreciate your prayers as I continue to recover. Larry & Glenda Galloway

****Ladies' Exercise will be on Monday at 6:30 p.m. this week. We will take a few weeks off and begin again in January.**

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

We are in the process of distributing our offering envelopes for 2018. You can drop by the office to pick up your box. If you need us to deliver your envelopes, please contact the office!

2018 BIBLES

We have received our Bibles for 2018. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule table or you can call the office if you would like to order one. Cost is \$5.00 each.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 18th – JANUARY 6th

Wednesday the 20th – Carols, Candles & Communion at 6:30 p.m.

Friday the 22nd – Deacons' Supper at Ketchem's at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday the 24th – Morning Worship at 10:15 a.m. – Our Preschool-2nd Grade Choir will sing. This will be the only activity of the day.

Monday, Christmas Day and Tuesday, the 26th - The Church Office will be closed.

Wednesday the 27th – There will be no Wednesday night activities. Youth will leave on Mission Trip.

Sunday, the 31st - Regular morning schedule – no evening activities.

Monday, the 1st - The Church Office will be closed. C & C leave for the Passion Conference which will be January 1st – 3rd.

Wednesday, the 3rd - There will be no services or activities.

FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION COOKOUT

On Sunday, January 7th, we will have a cookout for the First Responders from our community. If you would like to help with set-up, meet in the gym following morning worship. If you would like to bring something, please bring a dessert. Please join us as we honor and say thank you to those we depend on so much. This will be at 5:30 p.m. and will take the place of our evening worship service.

****Disciple Now Weekend is coming up January 12th - 14th for the Youth of several churches in town. Please keep this important outreach and missions event in your prayers.**



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Reed Hales/Micah Turner

USHERS

Micah Turner, Chmn.

Marty Wright

Gary Shields

Henry Sanders

SOUND SYSTEM

Reed Hales

MEDIA SHOUT OPERATOR

Ryan Tate

TELLER COMMITTEE

Harold Hicks/Jimmy Hendrix

Alternate-Penny Bonner

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Teacher: Stephanie Bowden

Helper: Laura Holland

FLOWERS

Poinsettias given:

In Memory of Irene Spivey and Dewey Lee Lolley
by Bruce & Carol Spivey

ELEVATOR OPERATOR

Jerry Moseley

RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Beth Kennedy

GREETERS OF THE WEEK

Mal & Ellen Laye

NURSERY-A.M.

Denise Hanks/Brenda Tate

NURSERY-P.M.

No Services

OUR RECORD-12-17-17

Sunday School - 130

Christmas Cantata

OUR HOSPITALIZED

Al Endicott -Extencicare

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24, 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE

WORSHIP SERVICE-10:15 A.M.

FINANCIAL REPORT-12-17-17

Budget Receipts - \$8,592.00

Maintenance 3% of Undesig. - \$266.00

Bus Ministry - \$40.00

Scattering Seeds - \$50.00

Lottie Moon - \$1,616.00

Total Lottie Moon - \$15,588.00

WEEKLY BUDGET REQUIREMENT

\$8,146.15

REC'D THIS WEEK

\$8,858.00 (+\$711.85)

These totals include Budget Receipts and Maintenance percentage.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

December 20, 2017

6:00-6:25 p.m. - Library Open

**6:30 p.m. - Carols, Candles &
Communion Service**



ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS TO REMEMBER

IN PRAYER!

***ALL HBC MINISTRIES!**

***OCC BOX DELIVERY**

***SEARCH COMMITTEE**

***LOTTIE MOON OFFERING**

***CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES AND
PROGRAMS**

***YOUTH WINTER MISSION TRIP**

***COLLEGE AGE PASSION CONFERENCE**

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES -

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Don Farris/Harold Hicks

USHERS

Micah Turner, Chmn.

Marty Wright

Gary Shields

Henry Sanders

SOUND SYSTEM

Reed Hales

MEDIA SHOUT OPERATOR

Ryan Tate

TELLER COMMITTEE

Gary Miller/Billy Peacock

Alternate-Mary Ann Shields

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Teacher: Ashley Tate

Helper: Joe & Deborah Craig

FLOWERS

Thank you to all who placed the beautiful flowers in the church throughout the year! If you bought a poinsettia, please make sure to pick it up. Thank you!

ELEVATOR OPERATOR

Jo Ann Bush

RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Barbara Worthy

GREETERS

Mutt Brannon/Harold Hicks

NURSERY - A.M.

Theresa Sorrells/Coleen Guilford

NURSERY - P.M.

No Services

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

No Services or Activities

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 31, 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER PRAYER

TIME:8:55 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:15 A.M.

LIBRARY OPEN-9:50-10:10 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE-10:15 A.M.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2018

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Ryan Tate/Kenneth Kinman

USHERS

Kenneth Kinman, Chmn.

Brandon Thorne

Brent Justice

Tony Messick

SOUND SYSTEM

Doug Bailey

MEDIA SHOUT OPERATOR

Darin Moseley

TELLER COMMITTEE

Kenneth Kinman/Paul Bess

Alternate-Becky Watson

PRESCHOOL CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEACHER

Christy Schleyer

PRESCHOOL HELPER

Sherry Wright

FLOWERS

Given In Memory of

Don & Barbara Mair

by The Mair Family

ELEVATOR OPERATOR

Margaret Justice

RETIREMENT VILLAGE

Aubrey Bright

GREETERS

Cary Hatcher/Barbara Worthy

NURSERY - A.M.

Lacey Hughes/Sharrel Forehand

NURSERY - P.M.

Amy Hales

SUNDAY SCHEDULE-

JANUARY 7, 2018

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER PRAYER

TIME-8:55 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:15 A.M.

LIBRARY OPEN-9:50-10:10 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE-10:15 A.M.

FIRST RESPONDERS COOKOUT-

5:30 P.M.