

# HERITAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 3, 2017

Sundays – Community Groups – 8:30 & 11:00 am

Sanctuary Service – 9:30 am

## WELCOME!

If this is your first time at Heritage, please fill out the guest card in the pew rack and leave it in your pew. There are Welcome Packets for our visitors on the hallway board. We are glad you are visiting with us!

**NEED TO CONTACT AN ELDER?** Our elders have e-mail addresses at the church website – hbcjc.org.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

**Call to Worship** / Matthew 1:18-25

**Song** – “Go Tell it on the Mountain”

**Song** – “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

**Advent Reading**/ The Pfeiffers

**Song** – “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”

**Offertory Reading** / Matthew 13:45-46

**Song** - “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**Preschool Dismissal**

**Message** – Dr. Reggie Weems

**Response to the Word** – “Come and Worship”

**Benediction** / I Thessalonians 5:38

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**December 6** – Christmas Family Fellowship (gym) 6:30 pm

**December 13** – Church-wide Christmas Caroling – 6:00 pm

**December 17** – Christmas Concert – 6:30 pm

**December 24** – Christmas Eve 9:30 am (No CG's) and 5:00 pm service

## NO BEHIND THE BOOK IN DECEMBER

We have so many church-wide Christmas activities, especially those concerning our children, that we will not have Behind the Book during the month of December.

## NEW MEMBERS “CONNECTION” CLASS

The Pastor and Teana will host a New Members class in their home Tuesday, Dec 12 from 6-8pm. Their address is 275 Clearview St., Gray. Contact Debbie at debbie@hbcjc.org if you would like to attend.

**November 26, 2017**

Weekly Budget -

\$18,750

OFFERINGS:

Designated - \$ 613.15

General - \$13,254.85



**LIFE ACTION is coming January 21st - 28th.**

We need to begin making preparations for our time with Life Action now. There are many areas where you can help. Email the coordinator to let them know you are willing to help.

**Housing-** Andra Walker (andrawalker25@gmail.com)

**Transportation-** Gene Hopson (crashdad@comcast.net)

**Food-** Kelly Wherry (kelly@kellywherry.com)

**Building and Grounds-** Stuart Baker (stuart@hbcjc.org)

**Ladies luncheon** – Hillary Stewart (hplstewart@yahoo.com)

**We still a need coordinator for the prayer ministry. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Charlie.** For any general questions about Life action, please email Pastor Charlie at charlie@hbcjc.org

TRI-CITIES REGION

## WILL GRAHAM CELEBRATION

During the Elder panel, Pastor Reggie talked about Heritage being involved in the upcoming Will Graham Celebration in April 2018.

**Christian Life and Witness Courses:** You must attend three consecutive classes to be a counselor. There will be more information in the weekly announcement emails. There are several opportunities to attend these classes during these weeks: Jan 29-Feb 3, Feb 5-Feb 10, and one other date TBD.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

TODAY - 12:00 - 2:00 Silent Monk Practice

- 6:30 - Prepping for Coalition

Wed. 6 - 5:30 - Meeting to go to Coalition

- 8:30 Pick up from HBC

Sun. 10 - 5:30 - 7:00 Strategic Planning Team

- I sent an email about this – please RSVP (Pastor Joel – 946-6409)

## CHILDREN'S UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**Wednesday December 6th - Christmas Family Fellowship (in the gym)**

**6:30pm** - Children will be decorating ornaments and adults will be wrapping the Christmas presents for the Head start children. Bring a plate of your favorite cookies to eat while we fellowship.

**Wednesday December 13th – Church-wide Christmas Caroling 6:00pm**

**Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Children's field trip to *The Star* has been  canceled  due to no other activities scheduled for this evening. Please go and enjoy this movie with your family.

## NURSERY MOVE BEGINS THIS WEEK

**December 4-16** – We are looking for volunteers to help us move the nursery. Please contact Stuart (Stuart@hbcjc.org) with your availability.

## POINSETTIAS

If you would like to order a poinsettia “in honor” or “in memory” of someone, please sign up on the list in the Breezeway and put \$5 in the offering for each flower you ordered and mark your envelope “poinsettia”. This is the last week to order!



## Waiting on God Psalm 130:1-8

### First: Waiting in the Old Testament

*Yachal* = to hope expectantly, to trust / *Qavah* = to bind together like strands of a rope

### Second: Waiting in the New Testament

Hebrew words for 'wait' = to look for, to get something out of or from, to wait with confidence & excitement

### Third: Israel waited for the Messiah

### Fourth: Waiting Without Fainting Genesis 4:1

Waiting is a regular, if unwelcome,  
Christian refrain

### Fifth: Waiting on the Lord Psalm 130:1-8

- 1 – The Psalmist knows God is faithful. 5-6
- 2 - The Psalmist cries as he waits. 1-2
- 3 – The Psalmist acknowledges God's mercy. 2-4

Here are two important things to remember as you wait:

- Don't hide your sin from God. You can't.
- Don't let sin discount hope in God. He's not a human. He's God.

- 4 – The Psalmist remembers the basis of God's faithfulness. 7-8

*Steadfast love* = *hesed*, untranslatable into a single English word

- 5 – The Psalmist grounds his waiting in the 'Lord.'

### Conclusion:

Exchange your weariness for God's strength. (Isaiah 40:31)