

From the Pastor's Desk
 December 9, 2018

What is Christmas?

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

There is an increasing effort by the secular world to focus the lights away from the manger scene, and highlight Santa and his reindeer. It should not surprise us when we consider that there was no room for Christ on the first Christmas. My greatest fear is that the secular activists will win the battle for the minds of children.

I grew up in an America where Christ was not treated as the number one problem. There is a spiritual battle being waged today, and the anti-Christ spirit must not prevail. Those offended over the true meaning of Christmas are not to be pacified. Let them whine and wallow in their secular attempt to re-write history and erase every spiritual event from the public eye. Let them stew; let them claim legitimacy because of personal rights being violated, but let us never blush or apologize lest we teach the next generation to duck and hide their faith. Christmas is about the Lord of glory coming into the world born of a virgin to save the world from sin.

Christmas Cantata
 Sunday, Dec. 16th 6 p.m.

Great Hope Baptist School
Christmas PTF
 Tues. Dec. 18th 7 P.M.

\$1,300 out of \$10,300
Christmas Missions Offering

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD

G.R.O.W.
 Team R at 7 p.m.
 this Thursday.
 Visitation at
 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Christmas card boxes are now available in the church lobby. Please place cards in appropriate boxes.

Looking Ahead

Today!	Nursing Home Service
Wed. Dec. 12	Teen Caroling
Sat. Dec. 15	Teen Christmas Party
Sun. Dec. 16	Christmas Cantata
Tues. Dec. 18	Christmas PTF
Dec. 19 - Jan. 2	No School
Sun. Dec. 23	Candlelight Service

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GREAT HOPE BAPTIST SCHOOL
 Reaching the Heart - Teaching the Mind - Touching the Future

GAME SCHEDULE

Dec. 11 th	Bethel (H)	Girl: 5 p.m.	Guys: 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 17 th	Landmark (H)	Girls: 4 p.m.	Guys: 5:30 p.m.
Jan. 4-5	Victory Tournament	TBA	TBA

DR. & MRS. JOHN W. GODFREY, SR AND MR. & MRS. TERRY COPELAND REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR CHILDREN:

MELINDA JOY GODFREY
 &
JOSHUA DAVID COPELAND

JANUARY
 SATURDAY | 19 | 1:00 pm
 2019

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
 PLEASE RSVP USING THE BOOK IN THE LOBBY
 NURSERY WILL BE PROVIDED DURING THE CEREMONY

Weekly Bible Reading

Mon. John 3-4	Tues. John 5-6	Wed. John 7-8
Thurs. John 9-10	Fri. John 11-12	Sat. John 13-15
	Sun. John 16-18	