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**DAILY  
 BIBLE  
 READING**

**AT 10:00 A.M. OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
 WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
 www.facebook.com/hbcmeridian  
 AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL, www.youtube.com/hbcmeridian  
 CALL THE OFFICE TO ORDER A DVD OR USB FLASHDRIVE.**

**PLEASE NOTE!**  
 If you need to make any changes in the  
 information you would like in the 2020-2021  
 Church Directory,  
 please call the church office by November 22.



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**COMING UP NOVEMBER 22—DECEMBER 5**

**NOVEMBER 22, SUNDAY**

**Sunday School** 9:00 - 9:45 AM

**Worship Service** 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Bring your canned goods for the Lauderdale Baptist Association Crisis Center and leave them on your car!

**NOVEMBER 25, WEDNESDAY**

**NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES**

**NOVEMBER 29, SUNDAY**

**Sunday School** 9:00 - 9:45 AM

**Worship Service** 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Observance of the Lord's Supper

**DECEMBER 2, WEDNESDAY (LIMITED SEATING)**

- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM  
 MENU: Meatloaf, Peas, Hash Brown Casserole, Rolls, Dessert  
 CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs  
 \$5.00 for Adults (6th Grade and up) \$3.00 for Children  
 \$20.00 Family Maximum
- Prayer Meeting will be in the sanctuary (6:00-7:00 PM)
- Youth Worship (6:00-7:00 PM)
- Kidz Praise (6:00-6:30 PM)
- Kid's WOW Happy Birthday Jesus Party (6:30-7:00 PM)
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATE:**

184 shoeboxes were delivered to the drop off location last week.

Thank you so much for your support!!  
 OCC PRAYER: Give thanks for each and every shoebox gift packed in 2020 and pray for the children who will receive them – that they may know God's comfort and protection at this time.



## FROM OUR MINISTER TO STUDENTS...

I've shared with you all before, but I am a sports fan. Particularly, I'm a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals in baseball, the San Francisco 49<sup>ers</sup> in football, and the Tennessee Volunteers in college sports. But just in general, I enjoy sports. When I am allotted a lazy Sunday afternoon, I find it enjoyable to just turn on a game and zone out. Unfortunately, due to my job, my 4-year-old, and the fact that I have a wife who doesn't really enjoy sports, I don't get to do that very often. This past week, I was able to catch the last few minutes of a game. In this particular game, the Buffalo Bills were playing the Arizona Cardinals. In this game, Buffalo took a late lead and it looked like they were going to win. However, one of the most exciting plays in all sports took place with just 11 seconds left. The quarterback for Arizona threw what is known as a "Hail Mary" pass which was caught in the endzone for a touchdown. That pass won the game for the Cardinals.

I'm a fan of sports but I'm also a fan of statistics and probabilities. Before the final play started, according to ESPN's analytics department, Buffalo had a 97% chance of winning the game. That means if the game was played one thousand times, according to statistical probability, Buffalo would win 970 times compared to Arizona's 30. The odds were stacked heavily against Arizona winning the game and it came down to the quarterback throwing up a Hail Mary and hoping his receiver came down with the ball. Fortunately, he did. However, you never want that to be in your game plan because most of the time, you will not be that lucky.

Too many people leave their spiritual life up to a "Hail Mary." I've had way too many conversations in my life with someone about their relationship with Christ and they think they're good enough or they hope they get to heaven one day or they're pretty sure they've done more good than bad. These people are living their life on a Hail Mary that will never work in their favor. To leave your spiritual life up to chance is to lose 100% of the time. For those of you reading this, I want you to know that God loves you just as you are but as we are is never good enough. Without Jesus, we will always lose. Jesus says in John 14:6, **"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."** When we live a life following Christ, we never have to hope that God accepts us. He already has. We are forgiven. We are redeemed. We are His and we get to live a life knowing without any doubt that our life has meaning and purpose because a life with Christ is greater than anything this world has to offer.

**November 29—December 6, 2020**

**Week Of Prayer**

*International Missions*

## COVID UPDATES FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

During Sunday School sessions we strongly encourage wearing masks and using the hand sanitizing stations that will be available in each classroom. The McCarty Class will meet in the FLC.

For any in-person worship service we strongly encourage wearing masks. Seating capacity will be noted on each pew. (Does not apply to family units).

For vulnerable adults, the morning worship service will be broadcast in the Tea Room where masks will be required. Please leave the upper parking lot and entrance doors available for this part of our congregation.

## FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, DECEMBER 2:

We ask that seating be limited to 4 people per table (8 people if you are a family unit).

**YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL AND THROUGH FACEBOOK OF ANY SCHEDULING CHANGES AT HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH.**

## CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...the family of Mrs. Ann Fisher Smith.

## HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF MRS. KELLY RICHARDSON BY:

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Cobb

Barry Germany

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Grisham

## THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Dale Touchstone (Beth) on the birth of their grandson, Wells Alexander Touchstone.

## PLEASE NOTE!

If you would benefit from using the Personal Listening System, please contact the church office and reserve your earbuds.

If you would be interested in serving as a Library Assistant one Sunday a month, please contact the church office as soon as possible.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Budget	2,742.25		
Child Development Center	.00	CDC Req. to date	1,069,880.42
Designated	530.90	(46@23,258.27)	
Total	3,273.15	CDC Receipts to date	883,730.50
Budget Req. to date (46@22,740.93)	1,046,082.78		
Budget Receipts to date	942,368.66		