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Revelation 19:11-21
 Malachi 1:1-14
 Malachi 2:1-17
 Malachi 3:1-18
 Malachi 4:1-6
 Isaiah 7:1-25
 Isaiah 19:1-10



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

PLEASE NOTE!

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



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COMING UP DECEMBER -13-20

DECEMBER 13, SUNDAY

Deacon's Meeting 8:00 AM
Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM
Worship Service 10:00 - 11:00 AM

DECEMBER 16, WEDNESDAY (LIMITED SEATING)

- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM
 MENU: Cheeseburger Casserole, Green Beans, Rolls, Salad, 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
 - SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING in the sanctuary at 6:00 PM
 - Youth Worship (6:00 -7:00 PM)
 - Kid's WOW (6:00 -7:00 PM)

DECEMBER 18, FRIDAY

Parent's Night Out 6:30-9:00 PM PJs and Pancakes (and other breakfast foods) plus Christmas craft, movie, games, etc. (\$5.00 per child. See Libby to register.)

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET CALENDAR

Sunday, December 13 Present proposed budget to deacons at the monthly deacon's meeting
NOTICE OF SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET DISCUSSION. THERE WILL ALSO BE A NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Wednesday, December 16 Present proposed budget to church at Called Business Meeting
Sunday, December 20 Vote on proposed budget at the end of service without discussion

FROM OUR CHIEF OF STAFF...

A MIRACULOUS DAY

I was blessed to be part of a worship service on Sunday that was truly miraculous. The children were great and boisterous, the choir was prepared and joyous leading us all to a message about a miraculous event. A socially distanced congregation made the day even better. I would also like to tell you a “behind the scenes” story of how we got here; there was much more faith involved in this than is obvious to the casual observer.

Your church staff monitors the COVID 19 pandemic status on an daily basis, and we have found ourselves planning, un-planning, adjusting and executing as the current situation dictates. We knew that Covid infections would increase during this time, but we had no idea of the extent of the spread, or how it would affect us at HBC.

Nonetheless, several months ago Abby began the planning for a Christmas cantata with absolutely no guarantee that we would be able to present it to a congregation, an empty room or at all. She and Marsha assembled the music, made the practice CD’s and brought the choir and instrumentalists up to speed. The choir and instrumentalists were excited and practiced as if the presentation of the cantata was a “sure thing” even when they knew that the chances for change and cancellation were high. Changes and tweaks were the norm for the rest of this adventure with the final change being the moving of the presentation to the morning from the long-scheduled evening performance. I believe the Lord showed His approval with what we experienced Sunday.

This is not the article I had begun to write, but it was what I think I was lead to present to you because of our mutual experience Sunday morning. I have no idea what 2021 will be like, but I certainly hope that it will be better than 2020. I also know that I am going to follow the musicians’ examples and prepare myself for what the Lord would have me do knowing ahead of time that some will not be possible, and all will most likely require changes and adjustments. Thank you Abby and musicians.

If you would like to remember your loved one, living or deceased, or if you would like to commemorate some special event in your life OR IF YOU COULD VOLUNTEER TO HELP BY placing flowers in the sanctuary, please designate the Sunday you prefer by writing in your name and circling the appropriate date. Turn this in to the office or drop it in the offering box. Dates must be reserved each year—none are carried over from year to year.

**JANUARY 3,10,17,24,31 FEBRUARY 7,14,21,28 MARCH 7,14,21,28
APRIL 4,11,18,25 MAY 2,9,16,23,30 JUNE 6,13,20,27
JULY 4,11,18,25 AUGUST 1,8,15,22,29 SEPTEMBER 5,12,19,26
OCTOBER 3,10,17,24,31 NOVEMBER 7,14,21,28 DECEMBER 5,12,19,26
NAME _____**

I will pick up the flowers on Monday YES NO

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HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF MRS. KELLY RICHARDSON BY:

**Mr. and Mrs. Hookey Massey
Jeffery Wilson State Farm**

**Designated to the Tea Room by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bowles
Designated to the Tea Room by Mrs. Jamie Smith**

IN MEMORY OF MRS. ANN FISHER SMITH BY:

**Sarah Sunday School Class of Highland Baptist Church
Dr. Kristen Sumrall
The Bedford Care Center of Marion
Bill and Suzanne Sumrall**

Designated to the Highlanders by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Roberts

IN MEMORY OF MRS. MARY HOPE CRAWFORD:

Designated to the Music Ministry by Dr. and Mrs. Ed Strickland

IN MEMORY OF MRS. EVELYN THREATT BY:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayer

Designated to the Music Ministry by Dr. and Mrs. Ed Strickland

DECEMBER 24 at 5:00 PM

**CHRISTMAS
EVE SERVICE**

COVID UPDATES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13:

During Sunday School sessions we strongly encourage wearing masks and using the hand sanitizing stations that will be available in each classroom. 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 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER, DECEMBER 16:

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 6, 2020

Budget	29,810.45	CDC Req. to date	1,139,655.23
Child Development Center	.00	(49 @23,258.27)	
Designated	15,868.48	CDC Receipts to date	995,928.50
Total	45,678.93		
Budget Req. to date (49@22,740.93)	1,114,305.57	SUNDAY SCHOOL	169
Budget Receipts to date	1,004,943.54	MORNING WORSHIP	282

**NOVEMBER OVER/UNDER EXPENSES Church: -\$4,951.52
CDC: \$4,482.23 Total Church/CDC Over/Under: -\$469.29**