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**AT 10:00 A.M. OUR MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE  
WILL BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
[www.facebook.com/hbcmmeridian](http://www.facebook.com/hbcmmeridian)  
IN THE TEA ROOM  
AND YOUTUBE CHANNEL [www.youtube.com/hbcmmeridian](http://www.youtube.com/hbcmmeridian)  
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 6-12

#### DECEMBER 6, SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM

Worship Service 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Youth Parent Meeting 4:00 PM



#### DECEMBER 9, WEDNESDAY (LIMITED SEATING)

- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM

MENU: Harvest Chicken Soup, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches  
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)  
- Kid's WOW (6:00 -7:00 PM)

### FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...

The Advent theme for this week is **HOPE**. If there's one outlook our world is displaying right now it is hope. In the midst of a global pandemic, hope is what our hearts long for, isn't it? Let's ask the simple question, "What is hope?" Most often biblical hope gets confused with optimism. Optimism is displaying a positive outlook in the midst of whatever the circumstances may be. But is this biblical hope? No. The hope of optimism is that circumstances will eventually get better. But, what if a person's circumstances never get better? Are they left without hope? Absolutely not!

Paul says in Romans 15:13, *"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you believe so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit"* (CSB).

As much as we want to see a vaccine to this virus, biblical hope is not found in a pill but in a person. If you want to overflow with biblical hope then you need to know the God of hope. Peter says that in Christ, we are born again into a living hope (1 Pt. 1:3). In light of Jesus' resurrection, we have a living and lasting hope, no matter our circumstances. Do we want things to get better? Sure we do. Would we like to see a return to normalcy or to hear the doctor say "The cancer is gone"? Absolutely. But remember, our hope is not anchored in what our circumstances may or may not be. We have a living hope, and it is anchored in Jesus himself.

How can you display this kind of hope in your life? What would it mean for your relationships if you injected this kind of hope into them? I'm praying for us all as we point others to Jesus, the source of our true and lasting hope.

### HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS IN MEMORY OF MRS. KELLY RICHARDSON BY:

Don and Betty Hall

Designated to the Youth Ministry by Mr. and Mrs. Duffee Williams

Designated to Capital Improvements by Clarice and Charlotte Rasco

### IN MEMORY OF MRS. EVELYN THREATT:

Designated to the Music Ministry by Mr. and Mrs. Duffee Williams

### IN MEMORY OF MRS. ANN FISHER SMITH BY:

Frances Griffin Fisher

Thomas and Vickie Hester

Designated to the Highlanders by Highland Baptist Church

### IN MEMORY OF MRS. FRANCES FISHER:

Designated to the Highlanders by Highland Baptist Church

### CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...the family of Mrs. Frances Fisher.

### Week Of Prayer

International Missions

**November 29—December 6, 2020**

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

**Given to Date—\$1,235.00**

### "AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH..." BY LETTER:

BY LETTER:

Ms. Michelle Stewart  
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Deacon:  
Matt Singley



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(pictured with  
William and  
Evelyn)  
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Deacon:  
Robert Bowles

### MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The poinsettias in the Sanctuary this month are in memory of  
Fred Rhodes (December 23, 1931—June 13, 2017)  
given by his children.

### COVID UPDATES FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:

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 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 9:

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.**

### THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Chris Gaines (Nicole)  
on the birth of their son, Breck Garland Gaines.

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 22 AND NOVEMBER 29, 2020

|                                    |                        |                      |              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Budget                             | 20,591.15 / 12,173.28  |                      |              |
| Child Development Center           | .00 / 112,198.00       | CDC Req. to date     | 1,116,396.96 |
| Designated                         | 964.00 / 710.00        | (48@23,258.27)       |              |
| Total                              | 21,555.15 / 125,081.28 | CDC Receipts to date | 995,928.50   |
| Budget Req. to date (48@22,740.93) | 1,091,564.64           | SUNDAY SCHOOL        | 134          |
| Budget Receipts to date            | 975,133.09             | MORNING WORSHIP      | 174          |