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Exodus 12:1-14  
 Exodus 12:15-36  
 Exodus 12:37-51  
 Exodus 13:1-10  
 Exodus 13:11-22  
 Exodus 14:1-18  
 Exodus 14:19-31

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS December 4**

*Will and Heather Woodall*  
*Kenny and Pamela Watson*




If you would like your own box of offering envelopes, please call the church office or email Sarah at [Skitchens@highlandbaptist.net](mailto:Skitchens@highlandbaptist.net). (Please note: loose envelopes will still be stationed around the church.)



Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**  
 Sunday School 9:00 - 9:45 AM  
 Worship Service 10:00-11:00 AM

*Christmas*  
**CHANGES EVERYTHING**  
 A CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE  
 PRESENTED BY THE HBC WORSHIP MINISTRY

**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7**  
 - Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM  
 MENU: Barbecue Chicken, Overnight Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls, Dessert CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs  
 - Kidz Praise Program at 6:00 PM

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9** Senior Adult Banquet at 6:00 PM

DECEMBER 11 Deacon's Meeting at 8:00 AM  
 Youth Parent Meeting at 11:00 AM  
 DECEMBER 14 Called Business Meeting/at 5:30 PM  
 Churchwide Christmas Caroling  
 DECEMBER 15 Neighborhood Watch Meeting  
 DECEMBER 16 PJs and Pancakes  
 DECEMBER 18 Vote on Budget with no discussion  
 Youth Christmas Party  
 DECEMBER 21/28 No Wednesday Services  
 DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Service  
 DECEMBER 25 Morning Worship only at 10:00 AM  
 DECEMBER 26-30 Offices Closed

**FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR...**

Supposedly, this is a true story: The nativity play was going as planned and Joseph and Mary were going from house to house knocking on the doors and asking if there was any room for them. As they continued to get "no room" answers a little voice called from the back "YOU SHOULD HAVE BOOKED!" bringing the house down.

Maybe they tried to book a room or maybe they did not, but make no mistake, in our case, making the right preparations will make us or break us. As the saying goes, "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail." Advent is the Christian season of preparing our hearts and minds to celebrate the miracle of Christmas. The miracle is that God took on human flesh; God incarnate. Before we rush to the manger in celebration, Advent is the journey that we take to get there.

I want to encourage you to use Advent to prepare your hearts and minds for Christmas. There are many different ideas you can use such as an Advent calendar for your family, Advent devotionals from the internet or the YouVersion Bible App, or reading through the parts of the Christmas story that leads to Bethlehem. I want to point you to one resource that I believe will bless you and your family this year. It's from the Bible Project and it is filled with wonderful Advent helps.

You can access The Bible Project Advent Resource here: <https://tinyurl.com/3pc5f2yz>.

If you have a paper copy of the Evangel, just go to a web browser and type in the above web address.

I pray this will bless your Christmas preparation this season!  
Blessings,  
Bro. David

**HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS  
IN MEMORY OF BOBBY JOE GRIFFIN:**

Designated to The Highlanders by:  
The Tom Clayton Sunday School Class of HBC  
Highland Baptist Church

**A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM:**  
...Barry and Renee' Gough.

**PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET CALENDAR**

The proposed budget will be printed in the December 11 Evangel.  
**Sunday, December 11** - Present proposed budget to deacons at the monthly deacon's meeting.

**Wednesday, December 14** - Present proposed budget to church at SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING at 5:30 PM (Before Caroling)

**Sunday, December 18** - Vote on proposed budget at the end of service without discussion.



**GIVE GENEROUSLY THIS SEASON  
OUR GOAL—\$50,000  
GIVEN TO DATE— \$12,230.00**



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
SHOE BOX DRIVE**  
UPDATE: WE COLLECTED 115 BOXES!!!



**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:**

...the family of Bobby Joe Griffin.  
...Mrs. Jan Palmer and Gordon Collum and family in the death of their brother.  
...Mrs. Connye Meredith, Mrs. Karyn Heard and Greer Goldman in the death of their cousin.

**THE VERY NEWEST**

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Franklin Denham (Deborah) on the birth of their granddaughter, Savannah Hope Denham.

<b>STEWARDSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 20/27, 2022</b>				
Budget	12,519.36/	36,620.19	CDC Req. to date	1,205,232.00
CDC	.00/	88,409.00	(48@25,109.00)	
Designated	1,951.72	3,159.50	CDC Receipts to date	1,114,683.50
Total	14,471.08 /	128,188.69		
Budget Req. to date			SUNDAY SCHOOL	223/ 188
(48@ 23,996.67)	1,151,840.16		WORSHIP	288/ 259
Budget Receipts to date	1,057,390.99			