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Isaiah 7:1-25
 Isaiah 8:1-20
 Isaiah 8:21-9:7
 Luke 1:1-25
 Luke 1:26-56
 Luke 1:57-80
 Luke 2:1-20



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS December 18
Victor and Gayle Threatt
Janice Jacobs, Mary Andero



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COMING UP!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

Sunday School	9:00 - 9:45 AM
Worship Service	10:00-11:00 AM
Vote on Proposed Budget with no discussion	
Youth Christmas Party	4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21 No Scheduled activities

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve Service at 5:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 Morning Worship only at 10:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 No Scheduled activities

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Sunday School	9:00 - 9:45 AM
Worship Service	10:00-11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 No Scheduled activities



FROM OUR CHIEF OF STAFF...

Workplace Evangelism

During my twelve years working for the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) I worked for three outstanding bosses. One was a former Marine whose first words to me were "Snowden, if you aren't concerned about who gets the blame or who gets the credit, we can get a lot done." I wasn't, and we did. Another had a phenomenal financial mind, and she was the best problem solver I have ever seen. She never used the "when in trouble, when in doubt, run in circles, scream and shout" method often used by the Legislature; she got the facts and calmly made plans based on these facts. However, the one I remember the most and the one with whom I still regularly communicate is a man cut from a different cloth. He viewed his job as a calling from God, and that he should manage the agency in a way that honored the Lord. I will present two of the things he did that caught and have kept my attention.

STAFF PRAYER MEETING

He initiated an optional, weekly prayer meeting for his staff and others who he invited. He spoke about the Lord frequently, and if he discerned that you were a believer or appeared to be open to the Gospel you got invited.

A new person was hired to be Chief Communications Officer for the agency, and she was very good with a wealth of experience in reporting on a Jackson TV station. She was also a non-believer with no knowledge or concept of the Gospel, but she attended the weekly prayer meeting. She occasionally asked questions, and less frequently made comments; but she attended regularly. She even had pizzas delivered to me and others in the ICU waiting area during Carol Ann's last week on this earth. You do not forget people like this.

Sadly, one morning she was not at work, and we learned later that she had peacefully passed away while sleeping. As we were cleaning her office at her husband's request, we found a note in her desk drawer clearly indicating that she was no longer a non-believer. This godly, agency head was asked to lead her funeral service. I am convinced that she quietly met and accepted Jesus in the DFA conference room during a prayer meeting.

PRAYER WITH THOSE REQUESTING HELP

Regardless of which political party a governor represents, it is not unusual for donors and supporters to request help. If the request appears worthy, the supporters are often referred to the appropriate agency head. I was part of the meeting with the agency head and a wealthy and influential supporter wanting to lease property he owned to agencies needing office space. I don't remember the outcome of the request, but I do remember that we prayed prior to hearing the request. We had a prayer that included two Christian men and one Hindu who heard the Gospel presented in a prayer prior to a business meeting. Think about that.

I learned that we should take every opportunity to present the Gospel, and that we may or may not see any results from this. I am not to the level of sharing as this man, but I am better than I was.

"AND THE LORD ADDED UNTO HIS CHURCH"...

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Memories for Missions

The 86 poinsettias in the Sanctuary
December 11-25

are in memory or honor of loved ones
given by family and friends
of Highland Baptist Church.

Please pick up a booklet in the foyer that
includes the complete list.

Poinsettias should be picked up following worship on Christmas Day.



HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH HONORS

IN HONOR OF MRS. BARBARA ANDERSON:

IN HONOR OF MRS. SONDRAL MEDLIN:

IN HONOR OF MRS. CAROLYN NEAL:

Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by:

The Faith Sunday School Class of Highland Baptist Church

IN HONOR OF MRS. BOBBIE VICK AND FAMILY:

Designated to the Highlanders by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Medlin

A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM...Kay Espey Lee.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO:

...David Greer in the death of his aunt.

...Ms. Donna Watkins in the death of her son.

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

OUR GOAL—\$50,000 GIVEN TO DATE— \$17,075.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 11, 2022

Budget	21,152.69	CDC Req. to date	1,255,450.00
CDC	420.00	(50@25,109.00)	
Designated	1,848.30	CDC Receipts to date	1,115,103.50
Total	23,420.99		
Budget Req. to date		SUNDAY SCHOOL	258
(50@23,996.67)	1,199,833.50	WORSHIP	308
Budget Receipts to date	1,117,599.27		