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WE WELCOME DR. SAMUEL THOMAS!

On Sunday, January 20, at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Thomas will speak in the Fellowship Hall and will be our pulpit guest in the morning worship service.

Dr. Samuel Thomas is known throughout India as a leading humanitarian. Following in the footsteps of his father Dr. M. A. Thomas, Founder of Hopegivers International, he is a second generation visionary for the organization.

Dr. Samuel united with his father in the vision for “One Million Arrows” for God . Their vision is to see One Million needy children rescued from brothels, slums and the streets of India, trained and sent out as Orphan Leaders Worldwide by the year 2030.

His education includes undergraduate work at Columbia International University, a B. A. from Liberty University, and a Doctorate in Divinity from Antioch Seminary. He has also received an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Liberty University and an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from North Greenville University.

Dr. Samuel Thomas is married to the former Shelley Lucan. They have two sons, Steven Andrew and Timothy Abraham.

**WE WILL RECEIVE A LOVE OFFERING FOR
DR. THOMAS THIS SUNDAY!**

**BE IN PRAYER FOR OUR PASTOR SEARCH
COMMITTEE:** Hank Butler, Quinn Carlisle, Paige
Corey, Sylvia Gambill, Allan Hogan, Tim Snowden,
Shawn Stewart, Beth Touchstone, LeAnn Vick



January 20 Luke 8:40-56
January 21 Luke 9:1-17
January 22 Luke 9:18-27
January 23 Luke 9:28-45
January 24 Luke 9:46-62
January 25 Luke 10:1-24
January 26 Luke 19:1-10

STAFF MEMBER ON CALL
January 18-20
Clint Jackson 601.765.3758

Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World



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COMING UP THIS SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 2019

Ordinance of Baptism

Prelude

Worship Song Come Into the House Medley

Scripture Reading

Worship Song The Solid Rock

Children’s Message Beth Lang

Worship Song Just As I Am/I Come Broken

Offertory

Choral Worship The Majesty and Glory of Your Name

Message Dr. Samuel Thomas

Hopegivers International

Song of Commitment 320 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

Benediction Chorus On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand

Postlude

Home Bible Studies at 5:00 P.M.

PRESCHOOL EXTENDED SESSION January 20, 2019

Tim and Greta Campbell (Babies)

Todd and LeAnn Vick (Creepers/Toddlers/Preschool 2s)

IF NEEDED: Mary Andero

CHILDREN’S CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Kawana McCary, Lara Collum

STATISTICAL REPORT JANUARY 13, 2019

BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY		STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Main Connection Group		Receipts:	
Enrollment	548	Budget	8,705.50
Attendance		Child Dev	.00
Adult	136	Designated	1,205.00
Youth	19	Total	9,910.50
Children	28	Budget Req. to date	39,155.74
Preschool	14	(2@19,577.87)	
Worship Team	8	Budget Receipts to date	35,607.85
Visitors	2	CDC Req. to date	45,433.08
Main School Att.	207	(2@22,716.54)	
Nursing Home	9	CDC Receipts to date	.00
Total SS Attendance	216	LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS	
Worship Att. AM/PM	219/137	OFFERING GIVEN TO DATE:	34,088.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 20

- 9:00 A.M. Library Open**
- 9:10 A.M. Sunday School Teachers Prayer Meeting**
- 9:30 A.M. Sunday School Security-Jeff Collum**
- 10:30 A.M. Library Open**
- 10:45 A.M. Morning Worship**
- Security—Robert Compton, Steve Corey**
- 5:00 P.M. Home Bible Studies**
- School Age Nursery at the Casey's**
- Preschool Nursery at HBC**

Monday, January 21

- 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise**
- 5:30 P.M. CDC Committee Meeting**
- 6:30 P.M. Prayer Time in the Sanctuary**

Tuesday, January 22

- 4:00 P.M. Ladies' Quilting**
- 6:30 P.M. Trail Life USA**

Wednesday, January 23

- 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise**
- 9:00 A.M. Precept Bible Study**
- 5:00 P.M. Family Night Supper**
- MENU: Buttermilk Chicken, Butter Beans, Rice, Salad Bar, Dessert**
- CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs**
- 5:45 P.M. W.O.W. (K-Grade 6)**
- Choir (3-4 years)**
- 6:00 P.M. Youth Bible Study**
- 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting**
- W.O.W. (3-4 years)**
- Choir (K-6th Grade)**
- 7:15 P.M. Sanctuary Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal**

Thursday, January 24

- 7:00 A.M. Men's Prayer Breakfast**

Friday, January 25

- 8:30 A.M. Adult Exercise**

Saturday, January 26

- 9:00 A.M. Sew Day**

ANNIVERSARY

This month, Dana Casey begins her 3rd year as our Director of Children's Ministries.

FROM RICK SNOWDEN., OUR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR..

OUTWARD FOCUS

Our entire church staff will be participating in a staff retreat on January 21, 2019 for the purpose of planning the year and "adjusting our focus"; and we very much covet your prayers during this time. I will explain more about what is meant by the term "adjust our focus" later, but first I would like to discuss **Sears, BlackBerry and Evangelical Churches.**

Sears had the largest domestic revenue of any retailer in the United States until October 1989, when Walmart surpassed it. In 2018, Sears was the 31st-largest retailer in the United States. After several years of declining sales, its parent company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on October 15, 2018. Sears mastered the art of catalog sales as well as locating in pretty much every mall and shopping center that ever existed. They appeared to be unbeatable, so what happened? Simply put, they stopped innovating.

Walmart and Amazon changed the rules, and Sears did not change until it was too late. Walmart built stores in strip centers and as standalone stores in small towns, and they slowly increased the size of the towns they built in. Amazon took the idea of catalog sales and put it on steroids by using the internet. Sears kept fighting the 21st century retail wars with 1950's and 1960's weapons, and it really was a slow death by self starvation as opposed to a valiant fight to the end.

BlackBerry

Believe it or not, at one time BlackBerry was much more popular than the iPhone or any Android device including Samsung. Businesses loved the device, and it was the first smartphone type device that let the user easily retrieve e-mail securely. It was also the only electronic communications device that maintained service in New York City on September 11, 2001. They were the "Sears" of the smartphone. So why did BlackBerry die an inglorious death on September 28, 2016?

Like Sears, BlackBerry did not innovate, and they would not admit mistakes and abandon bad ideas. They just kept on digging even though they were in a hole and could not see out. BlackBerry even had a more severe "lack of leadership" problem than Sears. Any organization lacking leadership and the desire for continuous improvement is doomed to failure. BlackBerry went down in flames.

Evangelical Churches

So just how do Sears and BlackBerry relate to Evangelical churches? To quote Thom Rainer "56% of churches are declining, 9% are plateaued, and 35% are growing. So here is the new and correct statement of reality: 65% of churches are declining or plateaued." Why are most churches not growing? Again, quoting Dr. Rainer, "Stated simply, the most common factor in declining churches is an inward focus."

The ministries are only for the members. The budgetary funds are used almost exclusively to meet the needs of the members. The times of worship and worship styles are geared primarily for the members. Conflict takes place when members don't get things their way. You get the picture."

The staff retreat is for us to begin the process of moving from an Inward Focus to a focus that is Outward Looking. Please pray for us and join us in adjusting our vision focus.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF MR. MOSE VICK:

IN MEMORY OF MRS. JEFFIE BULLOCK:

IN MEMORY OF MR. TOM MCDANIEL:

IN MEMORY OF MR. FRED RHODES:

Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by:

Mrs. Carolyn McCay

IN MEMORY OF MR. TOM MCDANIEL BY:

Home Instead Senior Care

IN MEMORY OF MR. MOSE VICK:

IN MEMORY OF MR. TOM MCDANIEL:

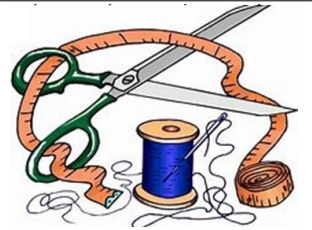
By Mr. and Mrs. Jim Follis

SEW DAY Saturday January 26, 2019

9:00—3:00ish come & go

as you need

Highland Baptist Church
Fellowship Hall



We're making Dresses ...

Bring yourself, your machine and a friend!

We will sew dresses or whatever project you want!

Guatemala— This summer our dresses will be sent to Guatemala. Our friends at New Hope Baptist Church will be going in July. They work with orphanages, schools, clinics etc. This gives them personal contact with those who need our dresses. Pray now for the children of Guatemala.

Call Liz Dudley 601-527-4775 if you have questions or need more information

NOTES FROM THE FINANCIAL OFFICE:

1. Your 2018 contribution statements have been sent to the email address on file.
2. If you do not have an email address on file, your statement has been sent in the mail.
3. If you have an email address but would like to receive a printed copy, please call Sarah Kitchens.
4. Your 2019 offering envelopes can be picked up from the Gathering Area.

THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Mrs. Mary Andero on the birth of her granddaughter, Adelola Natalie Adeyeye.