



Your
Church

MESSENGER

BARTLETT HILLS

Baptist Church

Volume 88, No. 12

December, 2017

"Loving God, loving people...serving the world, reaching people."

Christmas Eve

at Bartlett Hills

9:45 AM Service

No Bible Fellowship

5:00 PM Candlelight Service

*Join us as we celebrate
the birth of Jesus!*



FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

The last six weeks . . . have been crazy. There has been so much emotion over the discussion of merging with Highpoint. This past week, the leadership at Highpoint changed direction and the merger dissolved. It was a shock . . . some are disappointed, and some are happy. All of us are trying to figure out what is going on. The big question is "what's next?" Our calling has not changed. We still want to reach the Bartlett community with the gospel. We seek a diversified church - all age groups, races and economic backgrounds unified to work together for the kingdom.

Our church is praying and seeking the next step. The pastor and staff will be meeting to develop plans to fulfill our mission. We are committed to reaching young adults. We are ready to do whatever it takes to reach the next generations. I appreciate your willingness to change and sacrifice if necessary. You are amazing!

You may be asking, "what can I do during this interim period?" (1) **You can be faithful to worship.** There is strength when we meet together. God works in the midst of His people. We need to love and encourage each other. (2) **You can give.** While we are working on plans for the future, the first step is to get our budget caught up. We have seen amazing giving over the past several months. We are slowly catching up. God is good! Some of you have said you could give extra. Now is the time to step up and honor that commitment. You have been faithful in the past and I know you will continue to serve faithfully.

Our Finance Committee . . . will be working on a budget for 2018. We had that budget on hold until a decision was made about Highpoint. Be patient. A budget needs to reflect a plan. We are working on a plan. Pray for our Committee as they develop a budget that will support God's plan.

I encourage you . . . to enjoy the holidays. Take time to reflect on God's goodness, to love on your family and friends and to trust God for our future. Take time to encourage someone who is hurting, listen to a child tell a story and look for ways to share Jesus. I hope you have a wonderful "Thanksgiving" season and remember to thank **GOD** for your blessings.



Parent's Night Out- December 1

MOPS is sponsoring a Parent's Night Out on Friday, December 1 from 6-9 PM. This will be for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years old. Cost is \$10 per child or \$25 per family maximum. Snacks will be provided. Open to everyone! RSVP by email: bartletthillsmops@gmail.com

Celebrate the Joy of Christmas- December 3

Endless Highway, formerly known as *The Joylanders*, will be in concert on Sunday, December 3 at 5:30 PM.

2017 WEEK OF PRAYER — for — INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer- December 3-10

Monday- Prayer at BHBC 10 AM

Tuesday- Soup and Cornbread Lunch at 10 AM

Wednesday- Prayer Service at 6:10 PM

Sunday- Lottie Moon Offering during AM Service



**Wednesday, December 6
10AM -12 PM**



Wednesdays | 6-7:15 PM

Preschool through 5th Grade
Last Meeting of 2017- Dec. 6
First Meeting of 2018- Jan. 10

Christmas Musical- December 10

The BHBC Worship Choir will present *Christmas is in the Heart* on Sunday, December 10 during the morning service. There will be no Kids Worship.

Golden Circle- December 12

The Golden Circle will meet at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This will be the staff served Christmas lunch. Menu includes Chicken Cordon Bleu, Scalloped Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls and Cheesecake. Please RSVP on your white envelope or with the church office by Wednesday, December 6.

**Children and Youth
Christmas Musical Program**
Wednesday, December 13
6:15 PM

Youth Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 13

Children's Breakfast- December 17
We will have breakfast available for Grades 1-4 and FLYTE on Sunday, December 17 at 11 AM before Bible Fellowship in Rm. 225.



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| Dec. 21- Jan. 3 | Church Office Closed |
| Dec. 24 | 9:45 AM Service Only No Bible Fellowship 5:00 PM Candlelight Service |
| Dec. 27 | No Wednesday Activities |
| Dec. 31 | 9:45 AM Service Only No Bible Fellowship |
| Jan. 3 | Return to regular schedule |

We extend our Christian sympathy to..

James Veazey and family in the death of his wife, Sharon, Veazey; Lou Edwards and family in the death of her husband, George Edwards; Virgie Lewis and family in the death of her brother, Homer Hoover.

Save the dates!



**Men and Boys Wild Game Dinner
March 3**



**Women's Bible Study Weekend
March 23-24**

Weekly Budget Need.....\$20,468.00
Weekly TWG Need.....\$4,795.00

October 22, 2017

Bible Fellowship 8:30 AM.....64
 Bible Fellowship 11:00 AM.....236
 TOTAL Bible Fellowship.....300
 Worship TOTAL.....346
 Budget Receipts.....\$16,555.66
 TWG\$3,554.00

October 29, 2017

Bible Fellowship 8:30 AM.....65
 Bible Fellowship 11:00 AM.....226
 TOTAL Bible Fellowship.....291
 Worship TOTAL.....343
 Budget Receipts.....\$16,279.28
 TWG.....\$2,857.50

November 5, 2017

Bible Fellowship 8:30 AM.....65
 Bible Fellowship 11:00 AM.....241
 TOTAL Bible Fellowship.....306
 Worship TOTAL.....352
 Budget Receipts.....\$28,372.30
 TWG.....\$5,820.00

November 12, 2017

Bible Fellowship 8:30 AM.....67
 Bible Fellowship 11:00 AM.....222
 TOTAL Bible Fellowship.....289
 Worship TOTAL.....304
 Budget Receipts.....\$10,960.74
 TWG.....\$4,788.50



December 6

Chicken (grilled or fried), Mashed Potatoes, and Purple Hull Peas
 Cobbler

December 13

Hamburgers or Hotdogs
 Ice Cream Bar

December 20

Breakfast
 Donuts

December 27

No Meal

CHURCH OFFICE 386-9763
HOURS 8 AM - 4 PM WEEKDAYS
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Church Staff

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| Pastor | Dr. John Finley |
| Family Minister | Leslie Tisdale |
| Missions & Administrator | Steve McPherson |
| Minister to Students | Nick Daniel |
| Minister of Music | Rusty Eason |
| Pastor's Administrative Assistant | Jane Stehle |
| Administrative Assistant | Karyn Allen |
| Children's Ministry Coordinator | Tracey Kelly |
| Preschool Ministry Coordinator | Cindy Bussey |
| Receptionist/Secretary | Stephanie Reaves |
| Music Ministry Assistant | Amy Musgrove |
| Sports and Rec. Coordinator | Dustin Duren |