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Patricia Deel

SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

"She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them." - Luke 2:7

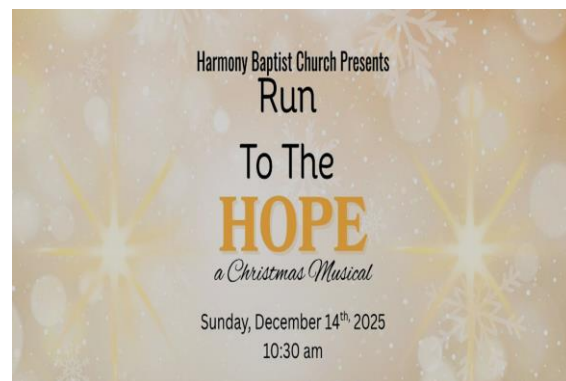
PASTOR'S PEN

The Result of a Holy Night

All of us know the beautiful Christmas hymn "O Holy Night." This carol was written by Adolph Charles Adam, a French composer. Ironically, it was frowned upon by church authorities who denounced it for poor taste and "total absence of the spirit of religion."

In that first stanza the writer invites us to close our eyes and imagine the world before the birth of Jesus. He says it is a world that lay "in sin and error pining." The word pining refers to the wasting away of the human spirit as it grieves and endures pain. In other words, he paints a picture of a world of darkness without light, and a world of despair without hope. But then come the next three words "till He appeared." when He appeared, everything changed.

Forever Changed,
Pastor Steve



Everyone wants to know they're welcomed, missed, and loved. We've all needed and experienced that in our lives.

Our Sunday evenings have been designated as a time to stay in contact with our church family through cards, texts, calls, and visits.

It's working. We recently experienced one of the largest Sunday School attendances we've had in years. 151!! Praise the Lord for your efforts. We are not doing this for numbers, yet each number represents a soul that wants and needs to be cared for. Please remain faithful to contacting and caring for your Harmony Church Family.

Sincerely,
Pastor Steve

December BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Loretta Hazelton
- 12/1 Wayne Rock
- 12/2 Patty Psimer
- 12/5 Abbie Williams
- 12/7 Clara Haynes
- 12/13 Riley Brinkley
- 12/15 Rita Gray
- 12/16 Kara Brinkley
- 12/19 Brett Fields
- 12/21 Jennifer Chatman
- 12/23 Linda Legg
- 12/25 Happy Birthday, Jesus!
- 12/25 David Williams
- 12/27 Jonathan Bledsoe
- 12/29 Mike Knowles
- 12/30 Noraine Forbes
- 12/30 Jim Thomas

Happy Anniversary

- 12/4 David & Patty Psimer
- 12/21 Bill & Sandra Robbins

If we are missing your name on the birthday or anniversary list, please call 348-7635 to inform us.

Deacons & Yokefellows Meeting



Sunday, December 7th, 8:00 AM

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 3 – Children's Program Practice
- 6 – Children's Dress Rehearsal & Christmas Party
- 7 – Children's Christmas Program
- 9 – Men's Breakfast
- 10 – Cantata Dress Rehearsal
- 11 – Ladies' Luncheon
- 12 – Youth Christmas Party
- 13 – Silver Seekers' Christmas Party
- 14 – Christmas Cantata & The Bridge Christmas Party
- 17 – Kids in Action going to The Scoop
- 18 – Newsletter info due
- 20 – Men to Be Bible Fellowship
- 24 – Candlelight Service
- 24, 25 – office closed



Please join us December 7th at 10:30 AM as our children present "God Gave Me Jesus" and "The Present".



Thank you church again for your overwhelmingly support of our youth fundraiser last month. We were able to raise over \$1,600 in total from the hot dog lunch and from additional donations that came following the lunch. It was able to pay for our stay at Hearts on Fire and for that, we are very grateful.

We will be having our Christmas party on December 12 and we hope your child will be able to make it. Please be in prayer for our youth and leaders as Christmas is coming up. My prayer is that we don't lose sight of the meaning of Christmas in the midst of the chaos.

Thank you church for your continuing support of our youth and to God be ALL the Glory!

Brandon



The college students will be leaving December 31st to attend the Passion Conference in Arlington, Texas, January 1st – 3rd; returning to the Tri-Cities really late on the 3rd. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travel and for the Holy Spirit to move in their lives.

A Note from Your Children's Ministry Team:

We are thrilled to share the progress and focus of our Children's Ministry. This October, we officially kicked off our new Hyfi curriculum alongside a restructuring of our small group classes. This key separation has significantly enhanced our ability to build deeper connections with the children and tailor our teaching to be highly age-appropriate.

Our recent lessons on Forgiveness and Community have been incredibly successful, and we eagerly anticipate the topics December will bring. Rehearsals for our Christmas program began in November, and we look forward to the day of the performance, December 7th.

Keep an eye out for details on new activities that will be introduced in the near future!



CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Soul Sisters
Friday, December 5
6:00 PM

at Gail Hulse's home

Bring a finger food and a white elephant gift to exchange. Please contact Ruby if planning to come.

Children's Party and
Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, December 6
12:30 PM

Youth
Friday, December 12
More info TBA

J.O.Y. Class
Saturday, December 13
1:00 PM at the FLC

Silver Seekers
Tuesday, December 13
6:00 PM
at Mark & Trish's home

Bridge Class
(college & young adult)
Sunday, December 14
5:30 PM
at Lisa Gray's home



December Schedule Changes

Please note the following
Wednesday evening changes.

- Dec. 3 – Children's practice*
- Dec. 10 – Cantata Practice /
No classes or Bible Study
- Dec. 17 – Children's Ministry
Kids in Action going to The Scoop
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Service
- Dec. 31 – No classes & Bible Study
- * Youth and Adults will meet on
Dec. 3rd & 17th.

UPCOMING IN JANUARY

Family Night / Business Meeting
Sunday, January 11th
6:00 PM

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



Week of Prayer: November 30 – December 7

The Lottie Moon offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. Our goal this year is \$1,500.00. Please pray for what God would have you give. You are vital to making this goal a reality by giving through the month of December. Specially marked envelopes will be available on December 7th for donations (cash or check). **Please make checks payable to the church and memo LMCO.** Envelopes and checks may be placed in the offering plate.



Packing season has come to an end. But such an exciting time of year. Thank you to all for participating in Operation Christmas Child.

Our Shoebox Ministry was another big success this year. We don't have a final count yet, but we should have upwards of 200 Gospel opportunities that will go out to children around the world. Not only are we providing a gift to a child, but we are spreading the Love of Jesus. Our theme - **It's all about Jesus!**

Our boxes will be tracked and will provide updates throughout the next few months.

Thank you again, and Merry Christmas to all!

Much Love,
Regina

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 19:14, NKJV

SENIOR ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY

(for anyone over the age of 55)



presented by the
Gray Community Chest!

Hosted by Boones Creek Christian Church
Saturday, December 13th
12:00 Noon

FREE food, desserts, entertainment, bingo,
door prizes and much more!

Need more information or transportation?
Call Tony Barnes at 423-913-2695.



DECEMBER

SUNDAY SCHOOL IN-REACH WILL CONTINUE ON SUNDAYS DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER	1	2	3 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM Children's Program Practice Adult Bible Study	4 Meals on Wheels Andy Forbes	5 Meals on Wheels Jim Thomas 6:00 PM Soul Sisters Christmas Party Fellowship	6 12:30 PM Children's Dress Rehearsal & Party Team 3 is responsible for Family Life Center in DECEMBER.
7 8:00 AM Deacons & Yokefellows Meeting 10:30 AM Children's Christmas Programs  4:00 PM Cantata Practice	8	9 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast @ Café 93	10 6:00 PM Cantata Practice & Dress Rehearsal NO Classes or Bible Study	11 Meals on Wheels Joe Broyles 1:00 PM Ladies' Luncheon at The Chop House	12 Meals on Wheels Gail Hulse Time TBA Youth Christmas Party	13 1:00 PM J.O.Y. Class Christmas Party @ FLC 6:00 PM Silver Seekers Christmas Party @ Mark & Trish's
14 10:30 AM Run To The HOPE 5:30 PM Bridge Class Christmas Party @ Lisa Gray's home	15	16	17 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study 6:30 PM Children's Ministry Kids in Action going to The Scoop Adult Bible Study	18 Meals on Wheels Todd Wheelock Newsletter Information Due	19 Meals on Wheels Randy Millhorn	20 10:00 AM – Noon Men To Be Bible Study (lunch served)
21 	22	23	24 10:00 PM  Christmas Eve WORSHIP office closed	25 Merry Christmas 	26 Meals on Wheels Don Cutshall	27
28	29	30	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE NO Classes or Bible Study office closed	Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! May God bless you and your family richly throughout this holiday season.		

DECEMBER CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

Morning Worship Nursery

7 Suzanne S., Sarah S.
14 Stacy B., Darlene C.
21 Stephanie W., Christy V.
28 Michelle & Chris J.

Kingdom Kids

7 Tammy R., Carol B.
14 Danielle M., Kayla K.
21 Kathie L., Terri R.
28 Bill & Kelly L.

Little Lambs

Brooke G., Danielle M.
Leann R., Caitlin R.
Amy F., Sarah S.
Michelle & Chris J.

Kids in Action

Kara B., Hannah B.
Michelle B.
Sherri R., Alena H.
Misty C., Robin D.

Bible Buddies

Brooke W., Candance C.
D'Lanie R., Jina C.
Amber L., Mikayla B.
Gina Van Arden, Jena R.

