

# Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

*Heflin Baptist Church exists to:  
Share God's Word, Show God's Love,*

December 17, 2020



Dear HBC Family,

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's hard to believe how 2018 has passed by so quickly.

Our Lord has been so good to our church family this year and I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation of how He will use us for His glory. I was reading a new book the other day and came across a few lines that caused me to think of our HBC Family. The author was writing on the subject of our redemption and how God uses those He redeems.

*Embedded in the larger story of redemption is a principle we must not miss:*

*God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things in the lives of others.*

Paul David Tripp

*"Instruments in the Redeemer's Hands"*

Wow! What a principle for each of us to remember as we come to the close of this year and look forward to the coming year. God specializes in taking regular people just like you and me to accomplish amazing goals. I once heard, "If your dreams don't scare you, then they're too small." It's true! We must ask God to fill our hearts with dreams that can only be accomplished through His power and strength. If all we ever attempt are goals which we can achieve by our own resources, we will never realize the depth of our need for God to move in our situations. We must tap into the reservoirs of Heaven in order to accomplish our God-given purpose. I'll be completely honest with all of you..... the dreams God is placing in my heart for HBC scare me. Why? We cannot accomplish them on our own. God's plan for HBC will cause me to lead our church family to move well beyond our comfort zones to the point where we are completely dependent on the Lord for everything. We must pray and seek the face of God to realize the fulfillment of those dreams. Beginning in January, I will begin sharing more, as God allows, of where God is leading me to lead the HBC Family. I am confident He has us on a journey to leave behind a legacy of faithfulness as we seek to touch our neighbors and the nations with the gospel of Jesus Christ!

I Love You ALL and there's not a thing you can do about it!

*Pastor Brent*

Proverbs 30:5

*The church office is now open Monday—Thursday, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM.*

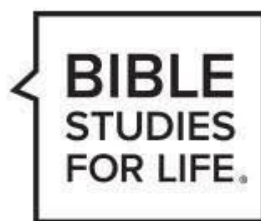


## WORSHIP INFORMATION

Please join us in-person for worship this Sunday at 9:00 AM or 10:30 AM. The church nursery is now open for the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM services. Children's Church is also offered during the 10:30 Service. You may also worship online with us via FB Live, YouTube, Roku, FireTV or Apple TV.

## ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Don't miss out on the weekly Sunday School lesson! Join your favorite Sunday School teachers on Facebook or YouTube at your convenience. Weekly lessons are available to view online each Thursday evening. *You may pick up your Winter Sunday School book in the Church Library.*



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETINGS

We are now meeting in the Worship Center at 6:00 PM on Wednesday nights. No meals will be served at this time. Frontline Student Ministry meets in the Cave. The Children's Ministry also meets at 6:00 PM.

## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The HBC Worship Ensemble will present "We Have Our Savior" at 5:00 PM and 6:30 PM on Sunday, December 20.



## HBC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- Wednesday, Dec. 23 No Service or Activities
- Thursday, Dec. 24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
- Wednesday, Dec. 23 - Friday, December 25 Office Closed - Merry Christmas!
- Sunday, Dec. 27 9 AM Worship Service/10:30 AM Worship Service
- Wednesday, Dec. 30 No Service or Activities
- Wednesday, Dec. 30 - Friday, Jan. 1 Office Closed - Happy New Year!

## NEW DEVOTIONALS ARE IN!!

Pick the new "The Spirit of God Within You" devotional up this Sunday in the Welcome Center! They are just \$15 and make great gifts. All proceeds will go to HEARTS Cancer Assistance Program.



## LOVE PACKAGES

HBC will be collecting Christian literature and Bibles to donate to Love Packages. A collection box will be placed in the Welcome Center. Materials needed include Bibles, Reference materials, Christian books & magazines, daily devotionals, Sunday School Materials, Christian DVDs, Bible games, etc. Please do NOT send secular materials, Hymn books or Missions Magazines.

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