

Heflin Baptist Church Messenger

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

December 6, 2018



Dear Church Family,

This morning I was reading about the amount of time most Americans invest in planning holiday celebrations during the months of November and December. I was amazed at the reports of countless hours spent preparing meals and activities for these gatherings. It's easy to get overwhelmed during this time of year to the point of physical and emotional exhaustion. My prayer for you and your family is that you will be able to set aside some time to prepare your heart to embrace the message of Christmas. When Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem shortly before the birth of Jesus, there was "no room" for them in the Inn. They were forced to find shelter in a stable which was certainly not a proper place for the birth of a King. However, the birth of Jesus in a stable further emphasizes the humility He exhibited throughout His earthly life.

How about us? How much room will we make for Jesus? Will we give Him the glory and honor He rightfully deserves or will we fill our lives with activities that steal our time and joy?

Friends, please hear my heart? I am like most of you. I enjoy the activities and celebrations of this season. However, I want to encourage you to exalt Jesus in all you do. We must remember that we will soon be in His presence for eternity. When we meet Him in glory, it will be a day of reunion and a day of celebration that will never end! Have you made your preparations to meet Him? He sincerely loves you and wants to be the very center of your lives throughout the year. I trust you will daily worship Him with all of your heart for He alone is worthy of all our praise.

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

Pastor Brent

Proverbs 30:5



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering ends Sunday, December 9. Our church goal for the year is \$8000. Gifts to Lottie Moon help fund ministries like medical outreach, evangelism and discipleship training. The missionaries we support help plant churches in the darkest corners of the world. Please be in prayer about how much your family can give. Offering will be collected in the Morning Service on December 9.

CITY OF HEFLIN HOLIDAYS ON ROSS

The City of Heflin will host Holidays on Ross on Saturday, December 8 from 2-8 PM. Get your Christmas shopping done in one of the local shops and take time to enjoy a carriage ride, free activities for the children, and visit Santa! Stay and be a part of the Parade of Lights beginning at 6:00 PM.

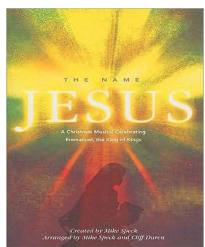


BUSINESS MEETING

The December Business Meeting will be Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30 PM.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

The youth will be hosting a waffle breakfast on Sunday, December 16, at 8:00 AM. All donations will go toward their upcoming Xtreme Winter Conference.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Christmas Cantata titled "The Name Jesus" will be Sunday, December 16th at 5:30 PM. Please mark your calendar, invite a friend, and make plans to attend!

*Pre-Dress Rehearsal for the choir & children's choir will be December 12th at 6:30 PM.

*Dress Rehearsal will be Thursday, December 13th at 6:00 PM. If you have a part in the cantata, please make every effort to attend. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will follow rehearsal.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Brotherhood sponsored Family Christmas Party will be a covered dish dinner on Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00 PM. Brotherhood will provide the meat, bread, drinks, and paper goods. We will host the families we have adopted for Christmas. Word of Life will have a Birthday Party for Jesus. There will be a gift provided for each child. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert and come enjoy a night of Christmas cheer and fellowship!

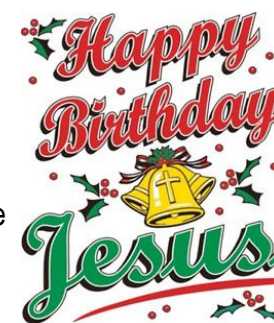


HBC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 23	10 AM Worship Service/No Evening Service
Monday, Dec. 24	Church Office Closed
	5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
Monday, Dec. 24 – Wednesday, Dec. 26	Office Closed—Merry Christmas!
Wednesday, Dec 26	No Service or Activities
Sunday, Dec. 30	10 AM Worship Service/No Evening Service
Monday, Dec. 31	8:00 PM New Year's Eve Game Night
Monday, Dec. 31 – Tuesday, Jan. 1	Office Closed – Happy New Year!

Holidays on Ross

December 8th
Free Family Fun
&
Entertainment
Parade of Light at 6p



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