

Calendar for Immediate Week

Today

9:15 am Bible Study for all ages
10:30 am Morning Worship Hour

Wednesday

10:45 am Ladies Bible Study here
6:45 pm Conv. Engl. Classes

Thursday

7:00 pm Prayer Service



Announcements

Advent

Today begins our focus on our Savior's birth. We do this by celebrating "Advent," meaning "important arrival." In many churches, ours included, the themes are Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, leading to Christmas Eve where we celebrate Christ's birth. Prepare to live anew the coming of the Savior on earth, and in our hearts, and His return again some day.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Your gifts to this offering enable missionaries to be sent to the billions around the world who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Read Through the Bible in 2020

Now is the time to make your decision if you want us to purchase a Bible for you - next Sunday is the final time. If you are using your own Bible, please sign up so that we will know all those who are participating. Sign-up sheets, information about the Bibles, and samples of the Bibles are in the foyers.

Ladies Accountability Group

Saturday will be the last meeting in 2019.

Business Meeting

Next Sunday at 5 PM

Bob & Pam Hanks

If you would like to send a card or note, their new address is:

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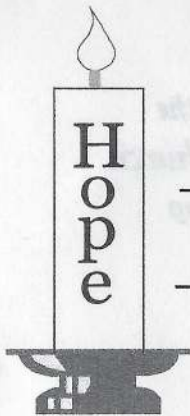
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Hope

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

MATTHEW 1:23



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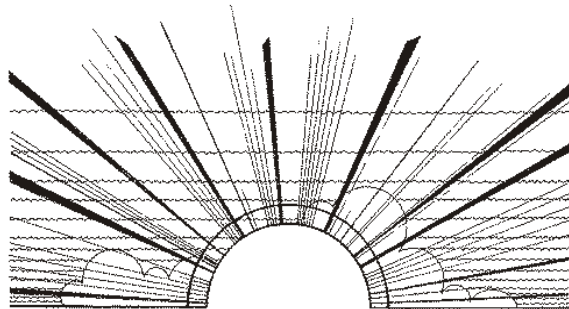
Signs of Christmas

Traffic signs, computer icons, little images on car dashboards, and, of course, the ever present emojis; what would we do without them? Well, for one thing we'd be reading a lot more words, often in a hurry, and sometimes a picture can express subtle nuances that it would be hard to put into words. Icons and symbols have been used throughout Christian history to point us to Jesus and, sometimes, to do it as a kind of coded message. They are like "shorthand" for the actual object or event. As such they are simple, sometimes even crude, rather than beautiful and artistic so as not to detract from the meaning. Symbols are different from pictures. For example, a picture of the Lord's Supper shows Jesus, the disciples, food, drink, etc., but a symbol of the Supper might be a cup and/or a broken piece of bread usually drawn simply.

Christian symbols are to remind, and even educate, us about what they represent, but are never to take its place. In the past, many evangelicals utterly

rejected any Christian symbolism because of the apparent misuse by some. There is a danger that the symbol might become more important than what it symbolizes. However, viewed correctly, symbols are an important means of conveying knowledge in a very clear, concise, and unique manner.

An appropriate symbol for the first Sunday of Advent is "**the sunrise**" in reference to Luke 1:78,79, where, quoting Isaiah 9:2 and speaking of Jesus, the writer says, "...because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the **rising sun** will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace." The KJV uses the old, but very descriptive, term "**dayspring**" for sunrise. At the birth of Jesus, the "Light of the World" came into His world to bring life to those who were lost. He was, and is, the **HOPE** of all who live in the shadow of death. His birth truly was the dawning of a new age—the "**Son-rise**," as it were!



'Dayspring'

Our church's Christmas tree is decorated with a number of Christian symbols. If you get a chance you might look closer at them. Children are often interested in them since they are shown more or less on their level of artistic ability and understanding.



Welcome to
the Morning Worship of the
College Heights Baptist Church
on December the first, 2019

The First Sunday of Advent: HOPE

Service begins at 10:30 AM

"In his name the nations will put their hope."

Matthew 12:21 NIV

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture & Prayer

Psalm 2

Music

"Joy to the World"

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"O Come All Ye Faithful"

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"Show Us Christ"

Prayer

Mission Video

"Together"

Scripture Reading

Revelation 3:14-22

Judy Ball

Message

"The Danger of Prosperity"

Lentz Upshaw

Response

"How Great Is Our God"

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23, 24

Postlude

At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern.

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