

Calendar for Immediate Week

- Today

9:15 am Bible Study for all ages

10:30 am Morning Worship Hour

3:30 pm Deacons' Meeting

5:00 pm Business Meeting

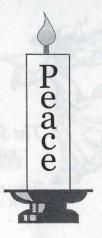
- Wednesday

10:45 am NO Bible Study (in recess)

6:45 pm Conv. Engl. Christmas parties

- Thursday

7:00 pm Prayer Service



Announcements

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Your gifts to this offering will enable missionaries to be sent around the world to the millions who have yet to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ. You, perhaps, can consider this as your birthday gift to Jesus. Our goal: \$2500.

Christmas Open House

The Upshaws invite you to the Annual CHBC Xmas Open House, next Sunday, Dec. 15, 4-6 pm; 2500 Roma Terr. If you would like, bring a dish to share.

Read Through the Bible in 2020

This is the **last** Sunday for you to sign up for us to order you a Chronological Bible. If you are handling your own purchase, or using a different Bible, or already have a Bible that you will be reading through next year, please sign up so we will know all the participants. Thanks.

Deacons	
John Ball	410-8168
David Cobb	620-210-1584
Gary Edwards	456-1303
John Mixer	
Jack Rader	
George Wyatt	

Adopt-a-Family

Please stop by the bulletin board in the foyer to pick a card with a gift recommendation and deliver your wrapped gift to the church office no later than this Wednesday.

Poinsettias

You may order these today and next Sunday. They are available in Red, White, Pink, & Jingle Bells colors. If you wish your flower to be in memory or honor of a loved one, indicate that on the order sheet in the foyer.

Baptism

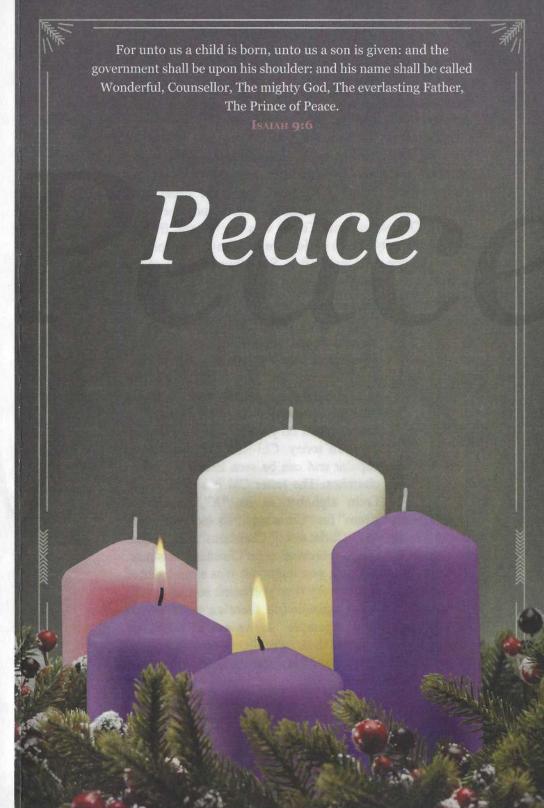
Today we have the joy of baptizing Bo Chamraswimonrat, from Thailand.

In His will is our peace.

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Symbols of the Christ

Symbols have been an important element of Christianity since the first century. They have been used for their educational value, as an aid in worship, and even, at times, as secret codes of the faith. An effective symbol should draw attention, not to itself, but to the message-not a bad idea for Christians to apply to themselves! As a result, symbols are often silhouettes, or very simple shapes, or even crudely drawn. Christians also have often used abbreviations and monograms as "shorthand" for Jesus Christ. Of course, since Greek was the "lingua franca" during the early church period, we find the Greek alphabet to be the one used most often. Sometimes the use of the equivalent English characters is a little confusing or misleading.



Chief among early Christian monograms was the Greek letters Chi (γ) and Rho (ρ) . These are the first two letters of the Greek word "Christ," and they really form more of an abbreviation than a monogram. It was used as decoration in architecture, on banners, and on jewelry much as crosses are used today. Chi-Rho continues to be popular and can be seen in many modern churches. The letter Chi is shown in the Latin alphabet as an "X", hence the

Chi Rho

abbreviation "Xmas" for "Christmas." Its use in this way doesn't really take "Christ out of Christmas", but, for the believer at least, is an abbreviation for Christ in Christmas. Thought of in this way, you might use it as a reminder of our Lord and Savior every time you come across a word with an "x" in it. For example (oh, there's a word with an 'x'), Christ is our 'example' & we are called to be 'examples' of faith in Him), 'excellent'-how marvelous is our Savior,' X-ray'-our Lord can see right through us, 'exalted'-Christ is lifted up to the highest heavens, etc. You may find this an exceedingly exciting and extraordinary exercise in exploiting words to exuberantly express your love for χριστός (Christ)!

Welcome to the Morning Worship of the College Heights Baptist Church on the eighth of December, 2019 The Second Sunday of Advent: PEACE

Service begins at 10:30 AM

"I give you **peace**, the kind of **peace** that only I can give. It isn't like the **peace** that this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid."

John 14:27 (CEV)

Prelude

Music "You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"

Welcome & Announcements

Isaiah 6:1-5 **Scripture & Prayer**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing Music

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

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Prayer & Offering

"Here to Serve" Mission Video

IMB

Scripture Reading

Revelation 4

Robert Murphy

Message

"Worship Lessons from Heaven"

(Revelation 4)

Lentz Upshaw

Response **Baptism**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Kanyarat Chamraswimonrat

"Holy, Holy, Holy" Music

Postlude

Not all my prayers nor sighs nor tears, Can ease my awful load. Thy work alone, O Christ, Can ease this weight of sin: Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, Can give me **peace** within. HORATIUS BONAR (1808–1889