

Calendar for this week

Today

9:15 am Bible Study Classes via Zoom
10:30 am Morning Worship live and online
5:00 pm Monthly Business Meeting

Wednesday

9:30 am Ladies Bible Study "re-Zooms" in Jan.

Saturday

8:00 am Ladies Acct. Group "re-Zooms" in Jan.

Announcements, etc.

Advent

Today is the third of the four Sundays of **Advent**, leading up to Christmas Eve. Today's theme is **JOY**. When Christ is accepted into one's life, He brings the ultimate and everlasting JOY.

Candlelight Service

6:30p on Christmas Eve.

Invitation cards to give to your family & friends are on the foyer table.

Adopt-a-Family

Gift tags for our families (ten children and five adults) are on the foyer bulletin board. Gifts should be purchased, wrapped, and returned to the church office by this Wednesday. We will deliver the gifts to our two families starting at 7:00p on Thursday.

Business Meeting today at five o'clock

Rejoice,

that the immortal God is born,
so that mortal man
may live in eternity.

JOHN HUSS

Deacons

David Cobb 620-210-1584
Gary Edwards 456-1303
John Mixer 539-6374
Robert Murphy 564-2526
Jack Rader 776-1974

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

This offering is unique from other mission offerings in that 100% of gifts provide for missionaries all over the world. It is a valuable part of Southern Baptists' 175-year history of reaching the nations with the gospel. The LMCO emphasis is through the month of December and our goal is \$3,000. LMCO envelopes are available on the table in the front foyer.

Bible Readers

We are nearing the end of our one-year chronological Bible readings with seven of Paul's wonderful letters (Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians, Philippians, Titus, and 1st & 2nd Timothy). Printed copies of a Bible Reading Plan for 2021 are available on the table in the foyer. Any version may be used.

Ladies Bible Study

If you would like to join this on-going study, please contact Linn Allen at 317-3662 so that she can order you a study guide now for the January re-start.

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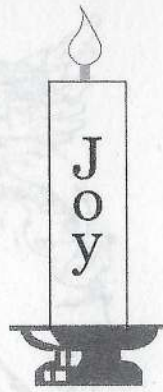
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And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:10-11

Joy



Symbols of the Christ

Of course there are many symbols of Christ and His birth with which we are familiar: the manger, the five-pointed star, the Magi, shepherds, etc. There are many more that are less familiar to us, but that were common among early Christians—a partial list is at the bottom of page. All of these were meaningful to Christians at some time in history and many are still used today. Today we consider the symbol of the **evergreen tree** itself.

In Christian art, the old illuminators and glass-painters often represented the genealogy of Jesus in the form of a tree, the “**tree of Jesse**,” in allusion to that text in Isaiah 11:1 where it states that “there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.” Thus the evergreen tree represents Jesus’ royal genealogy or “family tree” – humanly speaking. In addition, the evergreen tree is symbolic of eternal life, God’s everlasting love, and Christmas itself. Thus for us, the “Christmas tree” can become a unique reminder of our Savior’s birth to His earthly family.



Some symbols that have been used for the Lord Jesus Christ: almond tree, alpha & omega, anchor, angel, apple, ark, branch, bread, burning torch, burning bush, butterfly, candle, chi & rho, crown, crown of thorns, cruse of oil, daisy, dayspring, descending dove, door, escallop shell, fish, five-, six-, eight-, & twelve-pointed stars, fleur-de-lys, gastonbury thorn, gladiolus, good shepherd, horn, horse and rider, IHS, lamb, lily, literally dozens of crosses of various designs, manger, olive tree, ox or bullock, pelican, rock, rose, rosemary, scepter, shepherd’s crook, tau cross, the unicorn, the cornerstone, three caskets, three nails, three intertwined circles, triquetra, vesica piscis, vine, wine-press. Each of these has an interesting history and was used at one time and perhaps, still, to direct our attention toward the Savior. If you are not familiar with some of these, try Googling them!



*Welcome to
the Morning Worship of the
College Heights Baptist Church
on the thirteenth of December, 2020*

The Third Sunday of Advent: JOY

Service begins at 10:30 AM

*“But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.
I bring you **good news of great joy** that will be for all the people.”
Luke 2:10*

Postlude

Music “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Welcome & Announcements

Lentz Upshaw

Scripture & Prayer Luke 1:46-55

Rachel Ryan

Music “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”
“We Fall Down”

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

Lottie Moon Emphasis

Brian & Gina T.

Message “**Christmas Joy in 2020**”
(Isaiah 9:1-7)

Lentz Upshaw

Response “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Benediction Jude 1:24, 25

Postlude

So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him!

Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

PSALM 32:11 (NLT)