

Calendar for Immediate Week

Today

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

Wednesday

10:00 am Bible Study in recess
6:45 pm Conv. Engl. in recess

Thursday

7:00 pm Prayer Service

Saturday



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 **TODAY**, 4-6 pm; 2500 Roma Terrace *If you would like, bring a dish to share.*

CHBC & Tallgrass Church Combined Service

December 29th

Ben Deaver will bring the message.

Bible Reading in 2020

Some Bibles that were ordered are available in the foyer, the rest will be here next Sunday.

Deacons

John Ball 410-8168
David Cobb 620-210-1584
Gary Edwards 456-1303
John Mixer 539-6374
Jack Rader 776-1974
George Wyatt 539-8720

Poinsettias

You may order these today. 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.

Christmas Eve

We hope that you will plan to be with us on Christmas Eve for a time of worship, music, communion, and candle lighting. Our service will start at 6:30 PM and usually lasts 30-45 minutes. In the foyer, you may pick up cards to use to invite family, friends and neighbors.

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the heart of man. *anon*

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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 tree represents Jesus’ royal genealogy or “family tree.” 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 at His birth.

The trees in the front of the auditorium are decorated (thank you, Jack!) with various symbols of Jesus and you might wish to take the time to look at them after the service.

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, scallop 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, 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 (maybe still) to direct our attention toward the Savior. If you are not familiar



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

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 & Announcements

Music “Angels We Have Heard on High” **100**

Welcome & Announcements

Music “O Holy Night”
“Man of Sorrows” **175**
“Revelation Song”

Prayer & Offering

Mission Video “Here to Serve”

Message “Living with Confidence
Because Jesus Is Worthy” **Lentz Upshaw**

Response “Is He Worthy”

Benediction Revelation 1:5b-6

Postlude

Ah! dearest Jesus, Holy Child,
make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled, within my heart,
that it may be a quiet chamber kept for Thee.

MARTIN LUTHER (1483–1546)