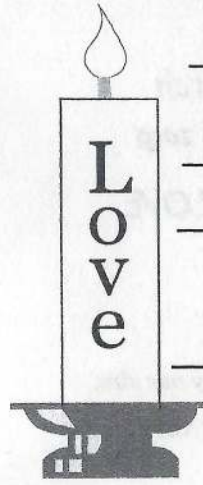


Calendar for Immediate Week



Today

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

Tuesday

6:30 pm Candlelight Service

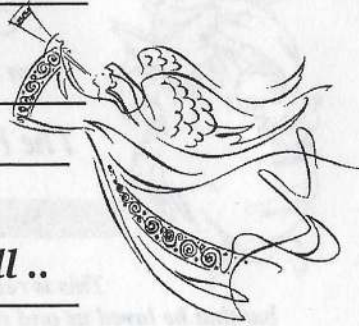
Wednesday

10:00 am NO Bible Study
6:45 pm NO Conv. Engl.

Merry Christmas to all ..

Thursday

7:00 pm Prayer Meeting



Announcements

Christmas Eve Service

Don't miss the service at 6:30 pm Tuesday. It is always a special time with the church family and guests. The service will be short enough (30-45 min.) so that you won't miss out on your family time at home. Come, sing some carols, listen to a Christmas message, take Communion, join in the candle lighting service, and celebrate the coming of our Savior. Can you think of a more meaningful way to celebrate His birth? There are cards in the foyer for inviting friends and neighbors.

Poinsettias

Remember to pick up your purchased flowers after the Christmas Eve Service.

CHBC & TG Combined Worhsip

Our 10:30 am worship service next Sunday will be with the Tallgrass Church. Ben Deaver will preach and Lincoln Casada will lead the music. You'll want to attend this special time of worship.

Bibles for 2020 Reading Program

Check the side foyer for your Bible. If it isn't there, it will be delivered to you this week.

Missions Offering

Hopefully you have made your gift by this time. You may give to this offering at any time throughout the year; just mark an envelope "International Missions."

To love means loving the unlovable.

To forgive means

pardoning the unpardonable.

Faith means believing the unbelievable.

Hope means hoping

when everything seems hopeless.

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Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

MATTHEW 2:1-2

Love



Symbols of the Christ

Since the first Sunday of Advent, we have introduced various symbols of Christ – especially those most appropriate to the Nativity. The colors used are also symbolic: WHITE – stands for purity, joy, and the bright light of truth; GREEN – represents hope and eternal life; GOLD – the is color of royalty; and RED – shows love and looks toward the day when Jesus would shed His blood for us. The Christmas lights on the tree can also be symbolic. Of course, Jesus said that he was “the Light of the world,” but He also said that we were to be lights to the world. It might be well if we thought of each of the of many small Christmas tree lights as symbols of individual Christian lives – shining out in the world of darkness with His light. Sometimes it seems as if there are more unlit or burned out lights than brightly shining ones!



Today’s symbol is the red *rose*. The *rose* has been used only since the 13th century as a Christian symbol. It is the symbol of the Messianic promise, “And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the *rose*” (Isaiah 35:1), typifying the joyful flourishing of Christ’s kingdom. Also in Song of Songs 2:1 we find, “I am the *rose* of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys.” Of course, Solomon was referring to himself, but Christians have never been adverse to applying anything to Jesus that could be useful in giving insight – and Jesus, of course,

did the same thing. The *rose* is meaningful as its beauty reminds us of the beauty of the coming of the Messiah and the red color stands for the love of God who came as our Savior. Sometimes the *rose* is shown with a single dew drop – a “tear drop” from God as He looks on a sinful world. Even the thorns and color tell us that, after the joy, light, and expectation of Christmas, comes the crown of thorns, blood, and death on Good Friday. Ah, but thankfully, and as Paul Harvey would say, we know “the rest of the story!”



*Welcome to
the Morning Worship of the
College Heights Baptist Church
on the twenty-second of December, 2019
The Fourth Sunday of Advent: LOVE*

Service begins at 10:30 AM

*This is real love—not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.*

1 John 4:10 (NLT)

Prelude & Announcements

Music “Joy to the World” **87**

Mission Video “Gospel on the Move”

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture & Prayer *Matthew 1:18-25*

“The First Noel” **85**
“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” **76**

Offertory “A Christmas Hallelujah”

Message “Christmas Gifts from Jesus” **Lentz Upshaw**
(Isaiah 9:1-7)

Response “O Come All Ye Faithful” **89**

Benediction *Philippians 4:7*

Postlude

Love that reaches up is adoration.
Love that reaches across is affection.
Love that reaches down is grace.
DONALD GREY BARNHOUSE (1895-1960)