


Laurel Hill Baptist
Church Updates

Merry
Christmas
Celebrating the Birth of Jesus



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**Sermon
Topic: The
Best Christmas
Present**

**Scripture
Passage: John
3: 16; John 5:
24**

Calendar

Wednesday Schedules:

7:00 - 8:00 Business Meet
& Prayer Meet

Thursday Schedule:

Choir Practice 6:00
Praise Team Practice
7:30 - 8:30

Sunday Schedule:

9:00 am Worship Team/



From the Pastor

The Christmas season really “snuck up” on me this year. I feel like the summer has just ended, and now Christmas is just a few days away. I am also one of the ones who is not quite ready when it comes to gifts and cards. I still have some more shopping to do. Some of you have been ready since September, and you probably don’t understand how someone like me can wait until the last week!

How long is a day? We each have the same amount of time—24 hours. Time never speeds up. Time never slows down. But it sure seems like it does. A few days ago, Kim and I were reminiscing about the years we had been married. We had difficulty remembering what it was like when we were first married, or what it was like before we

Choir Practice
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



Greeters

**Nancy Petry & Linda
McNeal**

Media

Elizabeth Peters

Sound

Noah Fernandez

Ushers

**John Hulvey
Bill Flavin
Raymond Lockridge
Chris Peters**

Nursery- Sunday School

Cindy Roadcap

Nursery- Worship

Rose Fernandez

Children's Church

Pat/Cheyenne

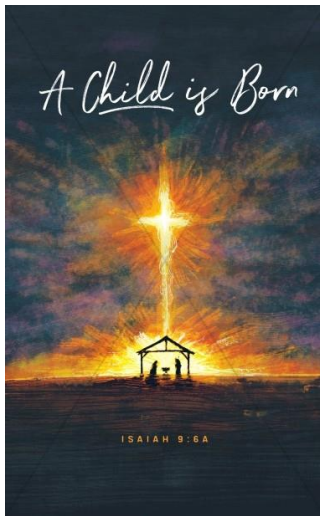
were married. At the time, everything we were doing was so important, but now we can hardly remember it.

“But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.”

(2 Peter 3: 8, NIV)

I am starting to really understand that the important thing about life is not how long we live, but how long we live with the Lord. How much of our life is lived in the fullness of his presence. That is really living. The importance of life is also not about how “full” our life is, but it is about how “full” the Lord is in us.

Peter writes that a day with the Lord is like a 1000 years. One day is that grand and important when it is “with the Lord”. And waiting also goes by quickly: with the Lord 1000 years are like just one day passing. We are just beginning to live when you consider eternity with the Lord. We haven’t even



finished the first day!

I do want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. Each of you are very special. Whether this season for you is slow and relaxed, or fast paced, I hope you will enjoy it—spending each day in the Lord. And it won't be long until we are saying Merry Christmas again next year.

Your Friend and Pastor

Bill



Wednesday 7:00pm

Topic Tonight: John the Disciple

No Wednesday Night Bible Study

December 27

(Between Christmas and New Year)

Please enjoy this holiday season with your families.

Choir Practice Schedule Change

December 21

Choir Rehearsal at 6:00pm

No Choir or Praise Team Practice Dec 28

January Bible Study

Topic: 1 Peter

Starts January 14

Sunday and Wednesday Evenings

7:00pm

I am really looking forward to studying the book of 1 Peter together in January. This is a dense and power packed book that has many applications to our daily life.

We will meet on Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm through January starting on January 14 and ending on Wednesday January 31. I will also be preaching from this book for at least the last three weeks of January. Please come to learn more about this amazing book written by Peter the Disciple.

Business Meeting Summary

The 2018 budget was approved as presented by the financial committee. A copy of the budget is still available at the back of the church. The Safety Committee/ Team also shared some of the things they have been

exploring to improve safety and security at our church. These items are still being discussed and researched, so no church action has yet been taken. We had one addition to our church membership.

Holiday Schedule for Sunday School

We will have our regular schedule for Sunday School on December 24 and December 31. Most classes wanted to continue to meet even though several people will not be able to attend because of the Holidays. But if your class was the exception to this, you can decide on a class by class basis to cancel for one or both of those holidays. Any visitors that come on those days, can attend one of the other classes.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions

Collection during December



The Lottie Moon Christmas offering provides about half of the funding required for the International Mission Board, and our church goal is \$1600. So far we have received about \$657, so we are off to a good start. You may also bring Christmas cards for “active” church friends and leave in back table by the mailboxes. Then you can contribute the money saved on postage towards Lottie Moon by leaving the money with the cards.

New Year's Eve Drop In at the Parsonage



Each of you are invited to drop by the parsonage on New Year's Eve for food, fun, and conversation. Our family will enjoy having you visit. This is a completely casual event. Come anytime you wish after 5pm and stay as little or as long as you like into 2018! We know that many of you are busy that night and already have plans, but if you get the chance, please drop by. We will have plenty of things to eat and drink.

Location: 1712 Laurel Hill Road

Date: December 31

Time: 5pm to 2018

Wednesday Night Dinner

January 10, 2018

6:00pm



Due to the fact that our monthly fellowship dinner would be just 2 days after News Year we have taken the liberty of moving the date forward 1 week to January 10, 2018. This is just a one time thing and by moving the date we feel we might have a better attendance.



Mark your Calendar: Dates to Remember

Wednesday 7:00pm Bible Study

Thurs: Choir Practice 6:30

Praise Team 7:30-8:30

24 December: Special Choir Music

27 December: No Wednesday Night Bible Study

28 December: No Choir or Praise Team Practice

31 December: New Year's Eve Drop in at the Parsonage

10 January: Wednesday night Dinner

14 January: January Bible Study Begins--1 Peter