



# HURSTBOURNE BAPTIST CHURCH

Seeking to glorify God and make disciples of Jesus Christ

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The *Splendor* of **Christmas**  
 Monday, December 24  
 Christmas Eve  
 Candlelight Service  
 5:00pm in the Worship Center  
*Pre-Service Concert Music Begins at 4:40pm*

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering  
*Post Office*  
 The LMCO Post Office is open and ready for you to “send” your holiday greetings to church members for a donation of 25 cents.  
 Visit us outside of the library before Sunday School and Worship throughout December!

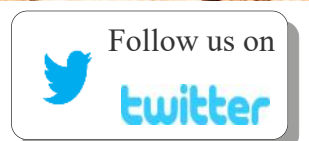
*Share a Blessing with our U of L Students this Christmas!*  
 We are collecting items for seasonal care packages. Please place items on the table outside the library by January 3. See Sandy Amburn for details.  
**Items needed:**  
 pens, bag clips, coffee (K-cups), skinny hangers, candy, laundry balls, and bed risers.  
*Invite an International Student to share Christmas Dinner with your family!*  
 Contact: [brian.hinton@kybaptist.org](mailto:brian.hinton@kybaptist.org) for more details

*December Birthdays*

<b>December 12</b> Frank Grimes James Kramer	<b>December 17</b> Martha Hahn Laura Callihan	<b>December 23</b> Casey Arterburn Kaye Doss Jeff Hall
<b>December 13</b> Tunji Oyewole Carrie Tavelli Sarah Pehlke Alexander Jackson	<b>December 18</b> Carol Hooker	<b>December 24</b> Tuck Hancock
<b>December 14</b> Charlie Baumbusch Meredith Hicks	<b>December 19</b> Ian Williamson Gregory Smith JJ Barjolo	<b>December 26</b> Matthew Lemme Katie Cerqua
<b>December 15</b> Linda Wilham Muan Pi Lian	<b>December 20</b> Wanda Flener	<b>December 27</b> Hayden Oliver
<b>December 16</b> Steve Thompson Connie Boyd Ishmael Sohn	<b>December 21</b> Denise Kirzinger Cindi Vincent Lindsey Kleyer	

*Youth Christmas Party*  
 Sunday, December 16  
 4:00pm  
*in The Pit*  
 For more details, see Pastor Chase or check the Team App!

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING\*  
 — for international missions —  
 Join us this December in supporting  
 Every Church  
 Every Nation  
**HBC Goal: \$26,000**





**Chase Grubb**

## The Victory Only God Can Win!

In the American culture it is often said that a person can achieve whatever they set their mind to. If you can dream it, you can do it. In one way this thought has a positive influence on those hearing it. There is a goodness in men and women attempting great tasks. Many inventions and discoveries which have led to greater human flourishing are products of people doing something that had never been done before. But, as with anything, if this sentiment is misapplied it can also have grave consequences. Though it's an unpopular statement to make in modern America, in reality there are some things that simply are not possible regardless of how hard an individual may try.

I was reminded of this truth recently as I read Matthew 26:31-75. In this chapter Matthew records the events on the night of Jesus' arrest and trial. Peter had every intention of honoring Jesus and standing by him but as the night unfolded we are shown just how inadequate Peter was to keep his word. In the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter couldn't stay awake for even an hour to pray with Jesus in his most desperate time of need. Next, in an attempt to stop Jesus from being arrested, Peter swings a sword at the High Priest's servant and cuts off his ear. This was not only poor use of the weapon, assuming Peter meant to cut off the man's head, but it was also contrary to what God had ordained in the scriptures. Finally we see Jesus' prediction come true when Peter denies he knows Jesus three times as the trial is taking place.

The depth of Peter's inability is accentuated by Matthew as he contrasts his actions with those of Jesus. Jesus who is on trial and speaking to those with the authority to put him to death speaks truth and does not waver. Peter on the other hand is being questioned by a servant girl, a person who would have held the lowest status in his culture and who posed little to no threat to him, yet he denies he knew Jesus three separate times.

The eternal truth we glean from Matthew's gospel is there is a victory that only God can win, a task that only God can complete, a challenge that only God can overcome. As Jesus did with Peter, in the Bible God has made it clear that all mankind has sinned and fallen short of God's acceptance (Rom 3:23). And all those who remain in sin face the punishment of death and hell (Rom 6:23a). Also like Peter, no matter how bad we want to overcome this challenge, it is impossible for us to overcome. If we try in our own strength, we will only be met with disappointment and ultimately, destruction. But praise be to God who through Jesus Christ has given us victory (Rom 6:23b). Knowing we could neither live without sin or make up for past sin, Jesus came in obedience to God the Father to live the perfect life we never could and pay the debt we owe. And the spoils of that complete and eternal victory are received by denying self and believing in Jesus Christ as Lord.

*From the Staff of  
Kurstbourne Baptist Church*

**We wish you a Merry Christmas  
and Blessed New Year!**

**Jeremy Pellum,**  
*Lead Pastor*

**Jeff Smith,**  
*Administration and Discipleship Pastor*

**Prasad Aghamkar,**  
*South Asian Missions Pastor*

**Chase Grubb,**  
*Youth Pastor*

**Chuck Lewis,**  
*Worship Pastor*

**Vince Scarbrough,**  
*Family Pastor*

**Carolyn Holm,**  
*Administrative Services Manager*

**Michael Dow,**  
*Maintenance Director*

**Christy Fuller,**  
*Communications Coordinator*

**Sandra McCormack,**  
*Worship and Music Assistant*

**David Parker,**  
*Custodian*

**Muan Pi Lian,**  
*Worship Ministry Assistant*

**Cody Truett,**  
*Worship Associate*

### Attendance Report

### Financial Report

11/25/18      12/2/2018

### HBC Staff

Attendance Report		Financial Report		11/25/18	12/2/2018	HBC Staff	
<b>November 25, 2018</b>		Budget		\$12,456.91	\$16,722.91	<b>Jeremy Pellum</b> Lead Pastor ext. 306	<b>Vince Scarbrough</b> Family Pastor ext. 315
		HBC Only			\$200.00	<b>Jeff Smith</b> Administration and Discipleship Pastor ext. 313	<b>Chase Grubb</b> Student Pastor ext. 308
Sunday Morning Worship Service	350	Lottie Moon Offering		\$145.00	\$3,493.00	<b>Chuck Lewis</b> Worship Pastor ext. 316	<b>Prasad Aghamkar</b> South Asian Missions Pastor ext. 321
		Eliza Broadus Offering			\$100.00	<b>Cody Truett</b> Worship Associate	
Sunday School Attendance	273	Thanksgiving/Sunrise Children's Services		\$130.00		<b>Michael Dow</b> Maint. Supervisor	<b>Carolyn Holm</b> Administrative Services Manager ext.305
		Media Ministry		\$400.00		<b>David Parker</b> Custodian	
<b>December 2, 2018</b>		Total Receipts		\$13,131.91	\$20,515.91	<b>Sandra McCormack</b> Worship and Music Assistant	<b>Christy Fuller</b> Communications Coordinator ext.302
Sunday Morning Worship Service	339	Weekly Budget		\$24,273.00	\$24,273.00	<b>Muan Pi Lian</b> Worship and Music Ministry Assistant	<b>Matt Williams</b> Media Director ext. 322
		Year to Date Budget Needed		\$315,550.00	\$339,823.00		
Sunday School Attendance	305	Year to Date Budget Received		\$250,768.00	\$267,691.00		
		Difference Receipts-Budget to Date		(\$64,782.00)	(\$72,132.00)		