



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 for more details

December Birthdays

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





The Victory Only God Can Win!

Chase Grubb

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