



HURSTBOURNE
BAPTIST CHURCH
of Louisville

News and Events from Hurstbourne Baptist Church December 2019

**Recent
Attendance**

October 6

Worship 335

Sunday School 277

October 13

Worship 353

Sunday School 308

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Worship 353

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Worship 395

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Worship 391

Sunday School 343

November 10

Worship 401

Sunday School 331

*O Come,
Let Us
Adore Him*



Advent Preparations

“Advent is about adoring Jesus.”¹

Christians around the world will celebrate the Christmas season in many different ways, but the true heart of Advent is about adoring Jesus.

Each year, Advent officially begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. This year, Advent begins on Sunday, December 1.

As a church family, we will use the Sundays of Advent to consider the coming of Jesus Christ from four unique perspectives: Prophets, Angels, Shepherds, and Kings. The prophets yearned for the coming of the Christ (1 Peter 1:10-11); the Angels rejoiced (Luke 2:13); the shepherds trembled (Luke 2:9); and the kings from the East “fell down and worshipped” (Matthew 2:11). The prophets, angels, shepherds and kings each adored Jesus in their own unique way.

How do you celebrate Advent? How do you adore Christ the King? Does the Advent season fill you with wonder and awe? Does the Advent season fill you with comfort and joy? Or does the Advent season fill you with quiet contemplation, like Mary who “treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart” (Luke 2:19)? Perhaps this time of year fills you with a deep longing for Christ’s Second Advent, when every tear will be wiped away and death will be no more?

Dear Church family, each expression of faith is beautiful. My prayer is that you would focus your heart upon Jesus this Advent season.

Come, let us adore Him, Christ the King!

-Pastor Jeremy

¹Mathis, “Preface” in Piper, *Good News of Great Joy*, i.



A Note from Pastor Chase



Chase Grubb
Student and
Missions Pastor

During this Advent I want you to consider this thought- *since Jesus came, will we now go?* Every Christian who knows the peace found only in Christ desires to say along with the prophet Isaiah, ‘Send me’. We want our family, friends, neighbors, nation, and world to be saved. We want them to have life that never ends, to know their sins are forever forgiven, to have hope in any circumstance and every season. We are brought to tears when we think about the lost one; hopeless, cold, and afraid, begging to be found. We are fully confident in the gospel’s power to save (Rom 1:16) and in our Savior’s promise to be with us (Matt 28:20). The command to “Go therefore” (Matt 28:18-19) is celebrated in every believer’s heart. We receive it with the same zeal as a sprinter does the bang of the starter’s gun. But like the Apostle Paul before us, we so often realize that we have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. (Rom 7:18). Which brings us back the question, *will we go?* Or better yet, since we all desire to make Jesus known to all those who are lost, *how* will we go? What will ultimately deliver us from this body of death and grant us the ability to go?

The amazing answer is that what propels us to go is the same thing that saved us in the first place. In every way and for everything the Christian’s salvation is always found in

the cross of Jesus Christ! We are initially justified, redeemed, and forgiven when we hear, accept, and believe the good news that Jesus died and rose again to save sinners. But the gospel is also what sanctifies us, what allows us to overcome ourselves. What happened on the cross is what gives us victory over sin and what causes us to love even our enemies. The cross gives us assurance in the face of doubt, and it is what will carry us to the ends of the earth. Think for just a moment on two of the events we have previously referenced. Isaiah was terrified and overcome by God’s righteousness and his own wickedness (Is 6:1-5). That despair was replaced by Isaiah’s request to, “send me” (Is 6:6-8). The cause of this transformation was the mercy and grace Isaiah encountered when God took his sins away. Paul arrives at the exact same solution in Romans 7. His deliverance from self comes only through Jesus Christ (v.25).

So how will the same gospel we received so long ago send us to the ends of the earth today? I’m not totally sure, but here is what I do know, it will. We must commit ourselves to focusing, first and foremost, on what Jesus has done, is doing, and will do for us. We must be like Mary and plant ourselves at Jesus’ feet every day, every hour, every second. We must ceaselessly read about, think about, and speak about

what we find in the pages of Scripture. We know well that the gospel is the power of salvation (Rom 1:16), and we must now live as though that is true. It has the power to save us forever, but that salvation also means it has the power to overcome our fears and flesh. If the gospel truly is the power of salvation, it will be the means by which God brings life to every dead cell of your resurrected body. It will be the means by which God leads you to obedience, joy, hope, faith, and life. We, the church, will *GO*, the lost will be saved, the captives set free, and the dead will be raised if we spend our lifetimes “looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross...” (Heb 12:2).

Jesus came, he lived a life fully and perfectly devoted to God the Father, loved those who hated him, was tortured and crucified on a cross, received the full wrath of God for the sins of all those who believe, rose again, intercedes on our behalf at the right hand of God, clothes us in a robe of eternal righteousness, gives us his eternal word, indwells us with his Holy Spirit, and has prepared for us a perfect eternity. As you consider how you will “go” to the nations this advent, trust that the same cross that saved you will also send you.

-Pastor Chase

Recent Giving

| October 6 | October 13 | October 20 | October 27 | November 3 |
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| Budget \$24,549.70 Eliza Broadus Offering \$556.00 Memorial Gifts- Norma Watkins \$360.00 Christmas Backpacks \$50.00 Youth Ministry \$200.00 World Hunger \$137.00 | Budget \$25,434.09 Eliza Broadus Offering \$300.00 Memorial Gifts- Norma Watkins \$100.00 World Hunger \$510.00 | Budget \$17,644.24 HBC Only \$200.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$50.00 Memorial Gifts- Norma Watkins \$73.00 World Hunger \$420.00 | Budget \$20,524.79 Eliza Broadus Offering \$25.00 World Hunger \$125.00 | Budget \$25,925.57 Media Ministry \$359.00 Memorial Gifts- Carlene Milburn \$370.00 World Hunger \$100.00 |
| TOTAL: \$25,853.00 | TOTAL: \$26,344.09 | TOTAL: \$18,387.24 | TOTAL: \$20,674.79 | TOTAL: \$26,754.57 |
| Weekly Budget \$26,224.00 Year to Date Budget \$157,341.00 Received to Date \$133,130.00 Difference from Budget (\$24,211.00) | Weekly Budget \$26,224.00 Year to Date Budget \$183,565.00 Received to Date \$158,564.00 Difference from Budget (\$25,001.00) | Weekly Budget \$26,224.00 Year to Date Budget \$209,788.00 Received to Date \$176,409.00 Difference from Budget (\$33,379.00) | Weekly Budget \$26,224.00 Year to Date Budget \$236,012.00 Received to Date \$196,933.00 Difference from Budget (\$39,079.00) | Weekly Budget \$26,224.00 Year to Date Budget \$262,236.00 Received to Date \$222,859.00 Difference from Budget (\$39,377.00) |

December Birthdays

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| <i>December 1</i> Amanda King Charles Barnes Doris Moody | <i>December 7</i> Patsy Spoo | <i>December 14</i> Meredith Hicks | <i>December 20</i> Heather Wilt Hewley Wanda Flener | <i>December 26</i> Dylan Taylor Katie Cerqua |
| <i>December 2</i> David Grant Wilfred Payne | <i>December 8</i> Camille Barham Colin Sanders | <i>December 15</i> Muan Lian Linda Wilham Melissa Wilkerson | <i>December 21</i> Cindi Vincent Denise Kirzinger Lindsey Kleyer | <i>December 27</i> Andrew Rothenburg Hayden Oliver William Pellum Richie Price |
| <i>December 3</i> Ken Hooker | <i>December 9</i> Leah Kahne | <i>December 17</i> Chris Hogan Laura Callihan Martha Hahn Miriam Cooper | <i>December 22</i> Tommy Ensminger | <i>December 28</i> Richard Vincent Sande Kahne |
| <i>December 4</i> David Parker | <i>December 12</i> Hannah Holcomb James Kramer | <i>December 18</i> Carol Hooker | <i>December 23</i> Casey Arterburn Ally Cerqua Kaye Doss | <i>December 29</i> Jim Compton |
| <i>December 5</i> Betty Davis Clover Littlefield Pat Haley | <i>December 13</i> Carrie Tavelli Tunji Oyewole | <i>December 19</i> JJ Barjolo | <i>December 24</i> Tuck Hancock | |

DECEMBER 2019
CELEBRATE
Christmas
AT HURSTBOURNE BAPTIST CHURCH
THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS | DECEMBER 8TH, 10:45AM & 5:00PM
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE | DECEMBER 24TH, 5:00PM



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Lottie Moon Offering

I SAW

A GREAT MULTITUDE

FROM EVERY NATION AND ALL TRIBES... [REV. 7:9](#)

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING* | DECEMBER 2019

OUR GOAL

\$28 THOUSAND

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