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A Note from Pastor Trevor



Following Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, and ascension into heaven, Jesus' followers were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Trevor Coleman
Worship Pastor

On the day of Pentecost, Peter preached, and about 3,000 more people

believed in Jesus. The early church was exploding! As we continue in the book of Acts, we see that the immediate outworking of these Spirit-filled believers was their devotion to the teaching of Jesus and the showing of hospitality to others.

"And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." – Acts 2:45-47

Hospitality is defined as "the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers." To invite someone into your home or your church and welcome them to participate in spending

time and sharing a meal is an incredible and meaningful act of showing love. The showing of hospitality is also a fundamental aspect of the Christian life. We see the example of Jesus showing hospitality as he regularly shared meals with others, particularly with others looked down on by society.

The Bible commands us to show hospitality. Hebrews 13:1-2 says, "Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." The author of Hebrews assumes that the church is already showing hospitality as he calls the church to "continue" in it. We offer hospitality as an act of genuine love for others, flowing out of how God has shown his great love to us. As God has welcomed us into his family through Christ, we, too, welcome others into our homes and churches to share the love of Christ. Through this, believers will be encouraged and strengthened in their faith, and non-believers may warm to the gospel and be more open to conversations through our hospitality.

In recent weeks at Hurstbourne Baptist Church, we have sought to expand our greeter ministry to be even more intentional in giving a warm welcome and showing hospitality to all who enter our



church building on Sunday mornings. Our prayer is that our guests will know from the moment they enter the walls of our church that we are glad they have come and that we love them with the love of Christ. Jesus says, "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). A proof of our faith and love for Christ is how we show love to others.

We have excellent opportunities to show hospitality as we approach the Christmas season. As you plan holiday gatherings and events, consider inviting a neighbor, coworker, or friend into your home or to a restaurant for a meal. Or perhaps you could ask someone to go see Christmas lights with you! Inviting someone to church during the Christmas season is a great way to show hospitality. What better way to encourage people and share the gospel than to bring them to a worship service where we will sing of Jesus and hear God's Word preached? You could even invite them to a meal afterward and discuss what stood out from God's Word that morning.

On December 9th and 10th, we will have our Christmas concert, "No Other Name," where we will celebrate the birth of Jesus and declare that "there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we

must be saved" (Acts 4:12). This will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate Christmas as a church family, but also to invite others to celebrate Jesus with us and to find hope in the gospel.

I encourage you to find ways to show hospitality this Christmas season and throughout the whole year. It isn't always possible to host big parties and meals for people all the time, depending on the season of your life. Still, we can always look for ways to invite others into our lives by giving them our time, sharing what we have, and pointing them to the love and hope of Jesus.

-Pastor Trevor

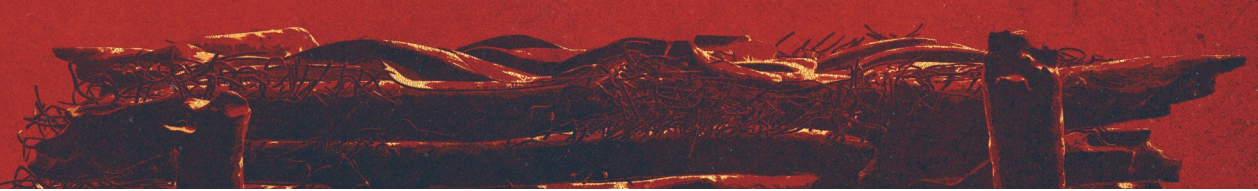
NO OTHER NAME

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 6 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 AT 10:45 AM



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Recent Giving

October 22	October 29	November 5	November 12
Budget \$38,098.45 Annie Armstrong Offering \$50.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$308.00 World Hunger \$30.00	Budget \$11,700.47 EACM \$280.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$462.00 Thanksgiving/Sunrise Children's Service \$100.00 World Hunger \$30.00 Media Ministry \$629.00	Budget \$38,584.51 Annie Armstrong Offering \$35.00 Lottie Moon Offering \$100.00 Eliza Broadus Offering \$410.00 Thanksgiving/Sunrise Children's Services \$100.00 World Hunger \$275.00 Memorial Gifts- Bob McNeil	Budget \$40,968.86 Thanksgiving/Sunrise Children's Services \$105.00 Memorial Gifts- Charles Barnes \$100.00
TOTAL: \$38,486.45	TOTAL: \$13,201.47	TOTAL: \$39,554.51	TOTAL: \$41,173.86
Weekly Budget \$34,165.00 Year to Date Budget \$276,923.00 Received to Date \$371,748.00 Difference from Budget \$94,825.00	Weekly Budget \$34,615.00 Year to Date Budget \$311,538.00 Received to Date \$383,448.31 Difference from Budget \$71,910.00	Weekly Budget \$34,615.00 Year to Date Budget \$346,154.00 Received to Date \$422,033.00 Difference from Budget \$75,879.00	Weekly Budget \$34,615.00 Year to Date Budget \$380,769.00 Received to Date \$463,001.68 Difference from Budget \$82,232.00

*Lottie Moon
Post Office*

ON SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS
FROM DECEMBER 3 - DECEMBER 24,
YOU CAN "SEND" CARDS TO CHURCH
MEMBERS FOR .25 CENTS EACH IN
SUPPORT OF THE LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING.
LOCATED IN THE WELCOME CENTER.



December Birthdays

December 1

Amanda King

December 2

David Grant

December 3

Holly Smith

Ken Hooker

December 5

Clover Littlefield

Diane Willsey

Pat Haley

December 7

Patsy Spoo

December 8

Camille Barham

December 11

Max English

December 12

Hannah D'Ettorre

James Kramer

December 13

Carrie Tavelli

December 14

Meredith Hicks

Pam Neher

December 15

Janet Clayton

Linda Wilham

Melissa Wilkerson

Muan Lian

Dan Gleason

December 16

Stephen Baker

Trey Still

December 17

Martha Hahn

Miriam Cooper

Caleb Neher

December 18

Carol Hooker

December 19

JJ Barjolo

December 20

Wanda Flener

December 21

Denise Kirzinger

Lydia Ojo

December 22

Joshua Limbrick

Nicholas Smith

Tommy Ensminger

December 23

Kaye Doss

December 26

Mary Hall

December 27

Hayden Oliver

Richie Price

William Pllum

December 28

Sande Kahne

December 29

Jim Compton

December 30


Bill Jones

Millie Ladenburger

Adam Holbrook

December 31

Charlotte Ready



January Birthdays

January 1

Jalgueli Namaboro
Levis Muyenzi

January 2

Laura Noder

January 4

Carolyn Semones
Bethany Butler

January 5

Thomas Bates

January 6

Ted Diehl
Nancy Beck

January 7

Derek Galloway
Dottie McNeil
Elizabeth Hines

January 9

Adrienne Vitioe
Jim Donnell
Caleb Burke

January 10

Abby Blankenbaker

January 12

Becca Pyle
David Edgar
Joseph Whisenant

January 13

Ruby Blankenbaker

January 14

Lamont Breland
John Porter
Jenifer Wilson

January 17

Bonnie Crenshaw
Cynthia McDonald
Sarah McGalliard
Steve Bates

January 18

Amy Cooper
Hannah Julian
Luke Lovett

January 19

Stacy Breland

January 20

Elizabeth Switzer

January 21

Abigail Coffman
Hugh Doss
George Bates

January 22

Rachel Spaulding

January 23

Caleb Scarbrough
Terry McNeal
Curtis Solomon

January 24

Eva Beckmann

January 29


Vince Scarbrough

January 30

Joel Laffoon
David Beck



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Christmas Poinsettias

Reserve a Christmas Poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Complete the form on the Welcome Center Desk and drop it in the offering plate, one of the offering boxes, or at the church office by December 3.

\$20 each

RENEW
for all generations



\$1,145,966
GIVEN TO DATE

\$2.5M
TOTAL