



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

W O R S H I P G U I D E

Harris Campus (Main) | Week of December 23, 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Call to Worship

Zephaniah 3:14, 17

“Joy To The World with Our God Saves”

Corporate Confession

Hebrews 2:17-18

“Living Hope”

“O Come All Ye Faithful”

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

“Unto The Lamb”

Sermon

Titus 2:11-14

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Benediction

“Jesus, Son of God”

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Scriptural call to worship at the beginning of our service is a reminder that, as we gather, it is God who initiates and reveals Himself to us through His Word, and we respond to Him.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!...The Lord Your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness; He will quiet you by His love; He will exult over you with loud singing.

Zephaniah 3:14, 17

CORPORATE CONFESSION

During this time we acknowledge that we have sinned against a holy God, and we have the assurance that, because of Christ, we have been forgiven and are blessed recipients of God's mercy, grace and love.

Therefore He had to be made like His brothers in every respect, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because He Himself has suffered when tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted.

Hebrews 2:17-18

OFFERING

Giving is an act of worship in which we give generously of our substance to further the mission of the church and to bring glory to God.

CHRISTMAS

What is Christmas?

From the very beginning, God promised that He would save His people from their sins. For years, God's people waited for their promised Savior to come until, at last, God kept His promise! Christians around the world celebrate this day as Christmas.

Here is how it happened:

Many years ago, God sent the angel Gabriel with a message for a young woman in the city of Nazareth named Mary. **Gabriel told Mary she was going to give birth to a Son and she was to call his name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.** This was no ordinary baby!

While Mary was pregnant with Jesus, the Roman Emperor, Caesar Augustus, announced that everyone must travel to their hometown for a census. So, Mary and Joseph left Nazareth and traveled to a town called Bethlehem.

While they were there, the time came for her to give birth to Jesus. However, the town was too crowded, so Mary had her baby in a place where animals were kept. She wrapped Him swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger.

In a nearby field, there were shepherds keeping watch over their flock by night. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared to them in blinding light and the shepherds were terrified. The angel said: **"Fear not! I have very good news for you! Today, in the town of Bethlehem, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, was**

born. You will find him wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly, a great number of angels appeared, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!"

When the angels disappeared, the shepherds went straight to Bethlehem to find Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus, lying in a manger, just as God promised. After the shepherds left, they went and told everyone what they had seen and heard, praising God for what He had done.

Like those shepherds, some 2,000 years ago, Christians today are still praising God for what He did. **Christmas is a celebration of God sending His Son, Jesus, into the world to save His people from their sins.**

How can I teach my child more about Christmas?

As a parent, God has called you to be the primary disciple-maker in your child's life.

Here is a way you can teach your child about Christmas. One way is to read the Bible story together. Read as a family either Matthew's account in Matthew 1:18-2:12 or Luke's account in Luke 2:1-20.

BIBLE READING PLANS

As we begin to look to the new year, it is a great time to plan how you can read the Bible daily. Here are 5 suggested plans that Hickory Grove makes available in print and online.

M'Cheyne (One-Year)

Each day has two passages from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one from either the Psalms or the Gospels. In one year, you read the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice.

Read the Bible For Life (One-Year Chronological)

This plan has been organized to flow in chronological order. Since exact dating of some materials or events is not possible, the chronology simply represents an attempt to give the reader the general flow and development of the full story of the Bible.

Every Day in the Word (One-Year)

Daily Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs readings.

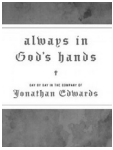
Getting Started (40-Day)

If you are new to the Bible and are looking for suggestions on where to start, this plan will give you an overall understanding of what the Bible is all about.

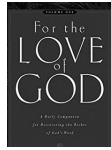
Systematic Theology Study Bible (30-Day)

This plan not only introduces you to systematic theology as a whole, but also demonstrates how specific doctrines connect to the very words of Scripture.

RECOMMENDED DAILY DEVOTIONALS



*Always in God's Hands:
Day by Day in the Company
of Jonathan Edwards*
by **Owen Strachan**



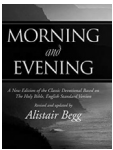
*For the Love of God, Volume 1:
A Daily Companion for Discovering
the Riches of God's Word*
by **D.A. Carson**



New Morning Mercies
by **Paul Tripp**



*For the Love of God, Volume 2:
A Daily Companion for Discovering
the Riches of God's Word*
by **D.A. Carson**



Morning and Evening
by **Charles H. Spurgeon**

THE NEW CITY CATECHISM

QUESTION 51

What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

Scripture Reading: *Revelation 21:1-4*

It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

PRAYER

Eternal God, we eagerly await the fullness of your kingdom. We long for every tear to be dried. We groan for the day when we no longer struggle against the flesh. Let the sure hope of everlasting life give us courage to face the trials of this life. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Guest Information

If you are a guest, we welcome you and invite you to stop by any Guest Information Area to learn more about Hickory Grove and to get answers to your questions. Be sure to pick up a Guest Information Card, fill it out, and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at any Guest Information Area.

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Schedule

Sunday, December 23

Worship: 8 & 11 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services:

Harris: 4 PM

Mallard Creek: 5:15 PM

Church offices closed

Tuesday, December 25

Church offices closed

Wednesday, December 26

No Evening Activities

Sunday, December 30

Regular Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Monday, December 24

Harris Campus (Main) - 4 PM

Mallard Creek Campus (North) - 5:15 PM

ADOPTION PARENTING CLASS

Beginning Wednesday, January 16

The class will cover adoption education, behavior management ideas, connection with resources for parents, and cultivating a relationship and support between the parents. Register at HickoryGrove.org/Adoption.

HG WOMEN: ROMANS PART 1

Beginning Wednesday, January 9

9:30 AM, Room 3308/3310

Join us as you see through the eyes of the apostle Paul. Register at HickoryGrove.org/EquipHG. Cost: \$31.50

HG WOMEN: DEUTERONOMY

Beginning Wednesday, January 9

6:30 PM, Room 1111/1112

Discover what God expects of believers and how we should live as His children in the world today. Cost: \$18. Register at HickoryGrove.org/EquipHG.

YEAR-END GIVING

Tithes and offerings for the 2018 tax year should be submitted as follows:

Deadlines:

- Monday, December 31, 2018
 - North Campus by 1 PM
 - Main Campus by 3 PM
- Online Giving by Midnight -
 - Monday, December 31, 2018
- By Mail - Postmarked no later than December 31, 2018

