



HICKORY GROVE
BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Mallard Creek Campus | Week of December 22, 2019

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 22, 2019

“Hark, the Herald Angels Sing Sojourn”

Welcome

Psalm 28:6-7

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Sermon

Hebrews 2:14-18

Prayer /Offering

“Gift of Grace”

“Jesus Saves”

Benediction

1 Timothy 1:17

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Scriptural call to worship at the beginning of our service reminds us of the centrality of God's Word. God reveals Himself to us through His Word and invites us to respond corporately to Him in worship.

Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

Psalm 28:6-7

OFFERING

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

BENEDICTION

To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:17

CHRISTMAS: A GUIDE FOR THE CHURCH

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. 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.**

What should I emphasize in my home this Christmas?

For most children, the Christmas season is their favorite time of the year. While there is nothing wrong with the sentimental trappings of Christmas, parents should be careful, lest the message of Christ be lost in a sea of gifts and decorations. As you seek to keep this Christmas centered on Christ, consider emphasizing the following:

- 1. Emphasize the greatest gift they could ever receive.** What many children most look forward to at Christmas is receiving gifts. As your children are making their list and counting down to Christmas, use this opportunity to share with them the greatest gift they could ever receive: salvation through Jesus Christ. Let your gift-giving be a platform to share the Gospel this Christmas.
- 2. Emphasize the Light of the World.** One favorite tradition during the Christmas season is the hanging of Christmas lights. This Christmas, as your family admires the beautiful Christmas lights brightening the night sky, use this opportunity to emphasize a greater light: Jesus, the Light of the World (John 8:12). Let your decorations be a platform to share the Gospel this Christmas.
- 3. Emphasize the truth of God's Word.** While many of our treasured Christmas traditions are make-believe, the real Christmas story is no fairy tale. This Christmas take time to read the real Christmas story found in the Bible and emphasize the truth of God's Word. Let this Christmas be a platform to teach your children to trust God's Word.

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 are two ways you can teach your child about Christmas.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Celebrate Advent as a family.** Advent is a four-week celebration of Christ's coming to Earth and is a great tool for parents to help shift the focus of the holiday season back to Christ..



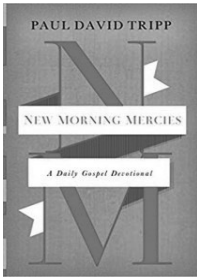
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Tuesday, December 24

Join us on Christmas Eve for a candlelight service as we worship and celebrate the birth of our Savior!

- Harris Campus: 4 PM
- Mallard Creek Campus: 5:15 PM

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR 2020



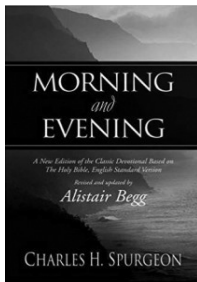
NEW MORNING MERCIES

by Paul Tripp

Offering more than a rush of caffeine, best-selling author Paul Tripp wants to energize you with the most potent encouragement imaginable: the Gospel.

Forget “behavior modification” or feel-good aphorisms.

Tripp knows that what we really need is an encounter with the living God. Then we’ll be prepared to trust in God’s goodness, rely on His grace, and live for His glory each and every day.



MORNING AND EVENING

by Charles H. Spurgeon

For more than one hundred years, Christians have gotten up and gone to bed with Charles Spurgeon’s devotional *Morning and Evening* as a companion. With a reading to begin and end each day throughout the year, you will come to appreciate Spurgeon’s emphasis on the importance of abiding in Christ and meditating on God’s Word. His

wisdom and counsel provide a timeless guide through the trials and triumphs of the year. The richness of his biblical understanding offers readers a look into the heart of one of England’s foremost pastors and enduring Christian authors.

AVAILABLE IN THE RESOURCE CENTER OR ONLINE.

SCHEDULE & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Services
 - Harris Campus: 4 PM
 - Mallard Creek Campus: 5:15 PM
- Church offices closed

Wednesday, December 25

- Church offices closed
- No PM Ministry Activities

Sunday, December 29

- Sunday School: 8:45 AM
- Worship: 10:15 AM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

- No PM Ministry Activities
- Church offices closed

Sunday, January 5, 2020

- Sunday School: 8:45 AM
- Worship: 10:15 AM

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

- Dinner: 5 PM
- Student Worship: 5:45 PM
- Awana: 6:15 PM
- Pastors' Class: 6:30 PM

HICKORY GROVE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL AT MALLARD CREEK

The Mallard Creek extension of our school is currently for grades TK-3rd and will open August 2020. This Classical Christian Education model will allow our church and school to continue the already established work of the Kingdom.

Visit our Open House on January 13 at 12 PM or 6 PM to learn more details. Visit HGChristian.org for more information.

YEAR-END GIVING

Tithes and offerings for the 2019 tax year should be submitted as follows:

Deadlines:

- Tuesday, December 31, 2019
 - Mallard Creek Campus by 1 PM
 - Harris Campus by 3 PM
- Online Giving by Midnight - Tuesday, December 31, 2019
- By Mail - Postmarked no later than Tuesday, December 31, 2019
- During Worship Services, Sunday, December 29, 2019

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.

DISCOVER HG

Sundays starting February 9, 8:45 AM, Room 304/305

Discover HG is a four week class that provides a unique opportunity to learn more about Hickory Grove Baptist Church and how to become a member. You will learn who we are, what we believe, why we exist, and what we do here at Hickory Grove.

To register visit: HICKORYGROVE.ORG/DISCOVERHG

