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THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

As a church body, we were blessed through our **Christmas Program**. The children wonderfully honored the Lord Jesus throughout the program with the reciting of Scripture and the singing of songs. We enjoyed a song from the young adult choir and the accompaniment of musical instruments. As well, our local body was blessed with a good number of visitors and friends and family who had been invited to this special evening.



It is our desire that Jesus Christ may richly bless you in this coming NEW YEAR as you serve Him. Let each of us run our race in His most excellent way. Truly, we wish each of you and yours a happy and satisfying New Year. May you wonderfully serve Him all the year through.

As a New Year thought, I am reminded of what the Apostle Paul shared with Timothy his fellow-laborer in the ministry Christ Jesus had given them: *Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully* (2 Timothy 2:1-5).

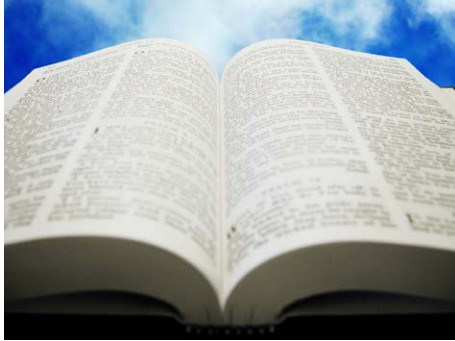
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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
SUNDAY MORNING - 11 AM
SUNDAY EVENING - 6 PM
WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK - 7 PM

for the discerning



LOOKING TO THE COMING NEW YEAR

As you each look to the coming of the New Year, I trust you will take the time to consider your spiritual life. First of all, are you saved? Can you remember the time when you called on the Lord to save you (Romans 10:13)? All who are saved have that moment in time when they recognized that they need to be saved and they then ask the Lord Jesus to save them, believing in Him and repenting of their sin (Mark 1:15). Yes, do you remember when you became a child of God (John 1:12)?

Secondly, as you look to the New Year, are you serving the Lord Jesus in and through the body of Christ, which is the New Testament local church of which Christ is the head (Colossians 1:18)? The book of Acts and the Epistles reveal that the local church is the only institution through which one is to serve the Lord. It is the only place that has been given the authority to preach the Gospel (Matthew 28:19-20). It is the only agency that has the commission to baptize and teach the Scripture (Matthew 28:19-20). The Apostle Paul writes that it is *the pillar and ground of the truth* (1 Timothy 3:15). In other words, the local church is the only place God has deposited His words and given authority over the supervision of its preaching and teaching. It is in church that God teaches His children how to walk correctly and pleasingly before Him. It gives believers the correct place to come hear truth and to bring the lost sinner that they may find everlasting life in Christ.

Finally, as you look to the New Year, are you looking for the coming of Jesus Christ? From the time He ascended up into heaven, God's children have been looking for His return, which is promised and can happen at any time (Acts 1:11). Keeping the return of Christ in mind helps us to keep focused on sharing the gospel, and it keeps giving comfort to God's children (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

When you are saved, the life you have with the Lord Jesus Christ is a daily adventure for the believer. I trust this New Year that you will make full-proof of the life and service that He has given to you.

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MonthlyMemoryVerse

hope and trust in the LORD

“Blessed is the man
that trusteth in the
LORD, and whose hope
the LORD is.”
Jeremiah 17:7

Notable Historic QUOTE:



“O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.”

- Isaac Watts (1674-1748)
A poet, theologian, and hymn writer

Why Did Jesus Come?

Matthew 1:21

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*

Why did Jesus come? The answer in summary is found in Matthew 1:21.... "to save His people from their sin." Let me show you four aspects of why Jesus came:



- I. He came to help us
 - A. Because we are unrighteous (Romans 3:10)
 - B. Because we are spiritually lost (Romans 3:11-12)
 - C. Because we are sinners (Romans 3:23)
- II. He came to deliver us (Romans 6:23)
 - A. Because we are under sentence of death
 1. spiritually
 2. physically
 3. eternally
 - B. Because we are in need of eternal life
- III. He came to demonstrate God's love to us (Romans 5:8)
 - A. By His birth and life
 - B. By His death and resurrection
- IV. He came to invite us (Romans 10:13)
 - A. To His salvation
 - B. To His family (John 1:12)
 - C. To His fellowship (Revelation 4:20-21)

Have you received Jesus Christ as your Savior, experiencing the reason for His coming? Are you saved?



"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."
Deuteronomy 29:2

current schedule: *

Jan 7-Feb 4, 2019
COLOSSIANS & PHILEMON

Dr. Caswell A. Reeves
(Monday evenings, 6:30-9:00)

Jan 10-Feb 7, 2019
SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Dr. Keith A. Main
(Thursday evenings)

**all classes at HBC unless otherwise noted.*

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SEMINARY BOOKSHELF

Books may be purchased through Heritage Baptist Church (607-786-9496) or Bible Baptist Church (860-229-5387)

A Primer of Baptist History	Colossians & Philemon	Daniel	The Doctrine of Heaven's Music
The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts	En Epheso	Genesis	Geocentricity
If Any Man Be in Christ	I Will Build My Church	Jonah	The Lord God Hath Spoken
Peter	Proverbs	Psalms 1 - 41	Psalms 119
Spiritual Gifts	I & II Thessalonians	Titus	Revelation