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NURSERY VOLUNTEERS January 12
Cheryl Bowles, Margaret Harris
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Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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Coming Up!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Deacon's Meeting	8:00 AM
Sunday School (Growth Groups)	9:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:00 AM
Youth/Parent Meeting	11:00 AM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

- Brunch and Bible Study at 10:00 AM
- Men's Bible Study at 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

- Men's Bible Study at Dr. Britt McCarty's office at 5:30 AM
- Precept Bible Study
- Family Night Supper at 5:00 PM
 - MENU: Chili, Baked Potato, Green Salad, Dessert
 - CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs
- Kidz WOW Large Group in the Rally Room at 5:30 PM
- Kidz WOW at 6:00 PM
- Youth Prayer Meeting at 5:45 PM
- Prayer Meeting at 6:00 PM
- Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Youth Open Gym from 5:00-7:00 PM

FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ...

The Importance of Giving to Our Local Church

As we journey together in faith, it's vital to reflect on the role of giving within our community and its impact on the ministry we share. The act of giving is not merely an obligation; it is an expression of our love for God and our commitment to the mission of the church.

Biblical Foundations of Giving

God calls us to be cheerful givers, as we see in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7: *"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

In the Old Testament, giving was a significant part of worship, as outlined in Malachi 3:10: *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* These verses remind us that our giving supports the ministry and the needs of the church but also enriches our spiritual lives and deepens our relationship with God.

Current Statistics on Giving in Southern Baptist Churches

As we take a closer look at the giving practices within Southern Baptist Churches, it becomes essential to consider a few significant statistics that paint a clearer picture of the current landscape. Recent reports indicate that, historically, about 5% of church attendees regularly engage in tithing, which represents a systematic approach to giving a portion of one's income to support the church's mission and activities. However, it is disheartening to note that the average contributions made by individual church members have been experiencing a noticeable decline in recent years. This trend is particularly concerning, as highlighted by findings from the North American Mission Board, which reported that Southern Baptist churches have faced not only a dip in attendance but also a corresponding drop in financial giving. These statistics underscore the urgent need for encouragement and inspiration among congregants to foster more active participation in both tithing and offerings, which are critical for sustaining the church's varied missions. Turning our attention to our own church, we find that the financial dynamics are particularly telling. With an annual budget set at about \$1,300,000, our church's operations and outreach initiatives are highly dependent on the generous contributions of our members. On average, our congregation sees about 300 attendees on any given Sunday, and it is clear that the financial support from each member plays a vital role in enabling us to achieve our objectives and fulfill our mission as a community of faith. Every contribution, whether large or small, directly fuels our capacity to conduct worship services, support vital mission efforts, and execute community outreach programs that make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Furthermore, these contributions are not merely about numbers; they reflect our collective commitment to meeting the diverse needs of our church family and reinforcing our bonds as a unified community devoted to faith, service, and love. Through understanding the impact of our giving, we can inspire a renewed sense of purpose and responsibility, ultimately strengthening the fabric of our church and its outreach.

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A Call to Action

We encourage each of you to prayerfully consider how you can contribute to the life and mission of HBC. As we enter a new season of ministry, your faithful giving will allow us to expand our reach and impact in our community and beyond. Remember, every contribution—big or small—plays a vital role in advancing the kingdom of God through our church. Let's commit ourselves to encouraging one another in this act of worship. As we cooperate in obedience to God's Word, let's look forward to how He will bless our efforts together!

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF MARY CARLISLE:

Designated to Go Fund Me Missions by:

Paul and Michelle Autry

Robert and Diane Delk

Elizabeth Duckworth

Pete and Betty Roberts

James and Linda Gibson

Carolyn McCay

Mary's Bunco Group

Tom and Bettye Coward

IN MEMORY OF CLARICE RASCO:

IN MEMORY OF JACK WILLIAMS:

Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by Carolyn McCay

IN MEMORY OF NORMA DAVIS:

Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by Cornelia Laird

who's your **1**NE?

THE VERY NEWEST

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Zach Corey (Katie) on the birth of their son, Arthur Steven Corey.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Corey (Paige) are the proud grandparents.

Mrs. Patsy Corey is the proud great-grandmother

STEWARDSHIP REPORT JANUARY 5, 2025

Giving to Budget Weekly and Year to Date	SUNDAY SCHOOL	252
17,869.48	WORSHIP	283
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING GIVEN TO DATE: \$44,968		