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From the Desk of the Senior Pastor



PS 85:6 Will You not Yourself revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?

PS 85:7 Show us Your lovingkindness, O LORD, And grant us Your salvation.

On 4-6 October, 2019, 32 members of Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church, representing the deacons, staff, and many key ministries of the church, gathered at Ridgecrest Conference Center to pray and gather a fresh vision from God for the future of His church. We then prayed, waited, and met again on 7 November to hear how the Spirit had spoken to each of us. We will likely meet again after the first of the year to move from vision gathering to concrete next steps.

Since the October retreat I have read and reread my notes and then tried to write a summary. Although I know we will continue to pray and fine tune our next steps, I want to share some of these so you too can be in prayer and provide your input. I find this initial vision hopeful and exciting for the future of JHBC.

"To begin, we have a heart's desire..."

1. To truly be a **house and people of PRAYER**. This will include a greater emphasis on Sunday morning, perhaps a dedicated prayer room, prayer groups, cottage prayer meetings and a 24 hour prayer vigil
2. To be a **UNIFIED CHURCH** doing the will of God – His agenda, not ours
3. To be **PASSIONATE about Jesus** and excited about church! To be a **positive** church with deep relationships with God and one another. To be **JOYFUL in our Lord** and willing to share it!
4. For the sanctuary be filled with **ALL NATIONALITIES**, representing our community
5. To reach out to our **Awana parents** and provide discipleship not only for their children, but for them
6. To be good stewards and have a **balanced budget**
7. To **minister to young families** and help them disciple their children
8. To **connect with members** who haven't attended and encourage them to reengage with the church
9. To have a vibrant **men's ministry** growing out of Baptist Men
10. To have an active, growing **youth ministry**
11. To reach out to **new families** in the community
12. To **maintain the many excellent ministries** currently underway at JHBC!

That is a tremendously exciting list! I'm not sure about all the details yet, but that's OK! Because we believe with all of our hearts that as we humble ourselves and cry out to God, **HE WILL BLESS** and multiply His church, for His glory! I believe 2020 is going to be a great year at JHBC!

Together May We Shine!

Pastor Cal

ACCORDING TO RW...

"Look at the birds of the air; they neither show nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"

– Matthew 6:26-27 (The Message)

How many of you worry? I know I have found myself worrying about things, most of them out of my control. If worrying could add a single hour to my span of life, then I wouldn't have to think about leaving this earth anytime soon. The truth is, worry steals more than it gives. It creates more problems than it solves and it leaves us exhausted from a constant barrage of worrisome thoughts and almost leaves us paralyzed with numerous "what ifs" that almost never actually happen.

When I lived in Durham, I was always fascinated to see deer that would be in our small back yard in a large subdivision in a city. I was used to seeing them in the back yard of the house I grew up in outside a small town in what seemed like the middle of nowhere. As I think about these deer, though, I see that every day they have to "worry" about getting food for themselves. They can't do anything to make food appear. They can't plant trees or grow corn. All they can do is get up and go look in the places where they have found food before, like in the woods behind my house.

They eat things that most of us would not find desirable, but perhaps those things that are undesirable to us are there to meet the needs of others, because that is what God does. God provides.

As we begin this new year, perhaps it would be a good time to remember that God provides and that we need to renew our faith and trust in God to provide for us. I don't know what that looks like for you. Perhaps it's a relationship that needs to be mended. Perhaps it's related to finances, or possibly some difficult decisions that need to be made.

"Do not worry!" God says. I've written about Sabbath before, and I write about it again to remind each of us that it is a time to turn our worries over to God. To experience true rest from worry. To remember that we are people of faith and that God can be trusted to provide for us. God cares so much for the smallest creatures that God hardwired into the universe a way for their needs to be met. How much more will he care for you and me?

For 2020, make it a point to "cast your cares upon God" because God cares for you. Worry cannot add a single moment to your life, but it can certainly take moments of joy away. Finding Sabbath rest in God is about experiencing the joy that God has for us.

Do not worry... practice Sabbath!

Blessings,
Rich

Family Ministry News

Children's Ministry News

Children's Worship Schedule

- January 5 - Children's Worship
- January 12 - Children's Worship (ES2)
- January 19 - Children's Worship
- January 26 - Worship with Family

All children, ages four years old through the fifth grade, are invited to join us for Children's Worship.



Returns January 8
6:00-7:25 PM



Senior Adult Valentine Breakfast

Sunday, February 9
9:45 AM
McDowell Hall

Keep up to date with JHBC Children's Ministry Activities by texting @jhbcc to 81010.

Youth Ministry News

Wednesday Night Worship

6:00-7:30 PM
Youth Center

Youth Creative Arts Team

Resumes January 12
6:00 PM
Youth Center



Carolina Hurricanes Game

Sunday, January 19
Leaving JHBC at 3:00 PM
Returning around 8:30 PM
Cost: \$20.00

Limited to first 15 people who sign up and pay.

Ministry Team Meetings for September

Youth Ministry Team

Tuesday, January 14 - 6:30 PM
(Youth Center)

Nursery Committee

Tuesday, January 21 - 6:15 PM
(Conference Room)

Children's Ministry Team

Tuesday, January 21 - 7:00 PM
(Conference Room)

Worship Notes from Scott

Wow, the beginning of a new year. And not just any year, it's the beginning of my third year at JHBC, and it's 2020. I'll get into the uniqueness of that year later, but first a little reflection before I look forward.

Our Choir recently presented a special Christmas message called *The Story of Christmas*. I'd like to brag on them a little, and here's why. An interesting thought ran across my mind at some point in the middle of the 2nd presentation on Sunday afternoon, December 8. As I looked across the Choir's faces (still conducting, mind you), the thought came to me, "I think this is the best, most together this Choir has sung in the last two years. Their diction and attention to detail, not to mention their communication of the message was excellent. You've probably noticed that whenever the Choir sings, I have the words that they are singing up on the screen. That is not for their benefit, it's for the sake of the congregation. I want to make sure that the congregation knows the message the Choir is singing, and if they can't understand the words we are singing, at least they can read them from the screen. But what people have told me is that they didn't need the words on the screen, because they could understand them clearly from the Choir themselves. That's hitting one of the bullseyes that we aim for when we sing! I was so proud (in the best way) of them, and I hope you were too.

Now, let me get to 2020. It seems a little weird that I can remember when most of the world was freaking out in anticipation of Y2K. And that any of our youth and children probably aren't even aware of that term. Now, it's twenty years later, and we are living in the year 2020. A term that until now has more often been used to talk about the quality of our vision. We also have this saying that goes, "Hindsight is 2020.", which means it's easier to understand what was then a confusing event or situation now, after having gone through it and seeing how it all turned out. Hopefully that also gives us wisdom as we go forward.

For me, I see the beginning of 2020 as a great time to do some fresh things, use that 2020 hindsight to tweak the way we do things moving forward, and to look bravely and confidently to the future, knowing God has some amazing things in store for me, and for us. I am reminded of a wonderful verse.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9

What a great verse for us, at this time in the life of JHBC. We are at a point where strength and courage are needed. Not to say these are the only good words for us at this time, there are others, but these two are definitely timely.

I hope to do some new things in worship and with the Choir this year. I am totally stoked about the new things Baptist Men will be attempting this year. I am praying that God will do some great work in and through the men of JHBC this year. An aggressive calendar is being put forth that will provide new tools for personal spiritual growth, growth in marriages, and growth in our community. Higher Heights already has a great calendar of programs and special events designed to provide opportunities for spiritual and personal growth, fellowship, and service.

As far as I can see, the future is clear and bright! I hope you see it that way too!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IN MEMORY OF MAYDELL BAKER

To the Library Fund
> By Carolyn Broadwell
> By Judy Hawes

IN MEMORY OF TONY GARREN

To the Vision 2017 Fund
> By Daphne Tolliver

IN MEMORY OF JAMES TOLLIVER

To the Tolliver Scholarship Fund
> By Dallas Harper
> An Anonymous Donation

IN HONOR OF MARJORIE DICKENS

*To the Senior Adult (Higher Heights)
Ministry Fund*
> By Daphne Tolliver

IN HONOR OF MELBA KELLY

To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
> By the T.E.L & Agape Sunday School Class

IN HONOR OF JOHN HENRY & KATIE RICE

To the Benevolence Fund
> By Daphne Tolliver

IN HONOR OF RICHARD SISTRUNK, SR.

To the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
> By the T.E.L & Agape Sunday School Class

IN HONOR OF JHBC YOUTH

To the Youth Missions Fund
> An Anonymous Donation

IN HONOR OF AARON & SHPRESA SMITH

To the Operation Mobilization Fund
> An Anonymous Donation



January 1 - Jordan Brown

January 2 - Agnes Kelly

January 3 - Eli Wood

January 6

*Justin Bowling, Ramona Bowling,
Ronnie Byrd, Bailey Lawrence
Ken Smith*

January 9 - Mike Stone

January 14 - Maxine Matthews

January 15 - Abigail Ellis

January 16

Claire Gilchrist & Bill Kallam

January 17 - Richard Wood

January 18 - Andy Wagner

January 19

Mary Sue Patterson & Abigail Sturm

January 20

Heather Brooks & Donna Rouse

January 22 - Jeff Cummings

January 28

*Lorraine Adkins, Tony Belcher,
Jack Durham*

January 29

Eddie Bowling & Jeff Brown

January 31 - Judy Beal

The monthly Deacon's meeting was held December 2, 2019 with Chairman John Hall facilitating the meeting. Ramona Bowling was responsible for the December devotion entitled **Christmas Love**. After the devotional was given, prayer requests were shared and Ramona led the deacons in prayer.

Updates were given on Church Property survey for tax purposes and the annex building options. JHBC budget and financial status were discussed in length. The Fellowship of Deacons asked that you continue to pray and give generously as God leads you to do so.

Feedback was discussed from our contacts made with new Sanford residents. It was decided that the Deacons will continue with this ministry. The meeting was closed with prayer. Below is an excerpt of the December devotional **Christmas Love**. It is the Deacons' prayer that each of us will take the time to thank God for the gift received thousands of years ago and we will go forth and share this wonderful gift with others.

Christmas Love

Christmas is one of the most joyous holidays celebrated by Christians. It is a time to remember the birth of Jesus Christ our savior. Christmas is a time to share our blessings with one another, and to be surrounded by the people we love. More importantly, it is a reminder of how much God loves each of us.

As James 1:17 says *every good gift and every perfect gift is from above...* and oh how true this is. John 3:16 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son...* God knew what was in store for Jesus before He was born. Yet He loves us so much that He sent his Son anyway to die on the cross...a horrible death. Why? So that you and I could spend eternity with Him in heaven.

This is the story of Christmas. This is the story of love.

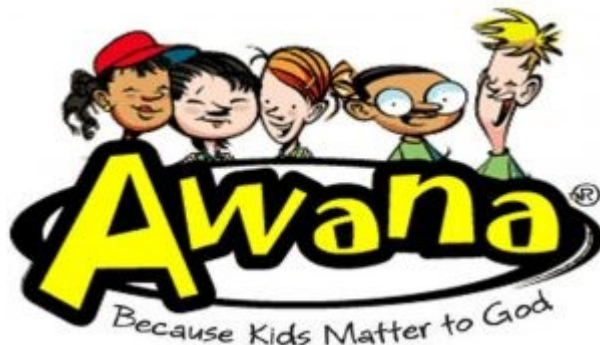
We Hope You and Your Family

Had a Merry Christmas

and

We Wish You a Happy New Year!

AWANA MINISTRY!



EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

5:30 PM for PIZZA!

6:00 to 7:25 PM AWANA!

FOR BOYS & GIRLS (Age 3 to 5th Grade)

We learn about the Bible. We have games.

We have small groups and We have fun!

SPECIAL JANUARY DATES

January 1— NO AWANA

January 8

Welcome Back Celebration

January 29

Sports Night



LADIES BIBLE STUDY

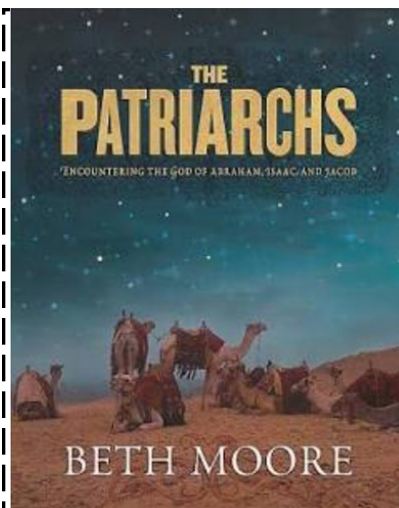
The Patriarchs,

Encountering The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob

By Beth Moore

Begins on Tuesday, January 14 through Tuesday, March 24 at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room. Please sign up on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board starting Sunday, January 5. Books are \$20 to be paid for by the first class. Make checks out to JHBC.

Please come and join us for a wonderful time of studying God's Word.



Dear Friends and Family,



We pray that you are all well and enjoying the holidays. Shpresa and I spent the past week in Podgorica Montenegro. Together with the leadership team for TeenStreet Balkan we have begun praying, planning, and preparing for TeenStreet Balkan 2020! Please pray for us as we plan and continue to look for a new venue. If needed, we will continue at the place it has been held in the past, but we would really like a new venue. Right now, there is only one other real option and we are waiting to see if it will work out there.

While we were in Podgorica, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit Albania, only a few hours from us. We woke up at 4:00 am to the house shaking for over 20 seconds. We are thankful that we and those we know in Albania were not hurt, however, 51 people in total did die. Obviously, many people in Albania were in shock from this devastating event. Many people from the areas most affected have left for a time until things calm down, many people have even come here to Peja to stay for a while. A couple from Tirana came to the church yesterday in Peja. They shared that many people are afraid, but God has been strengthening the Albanian church. Even before the earthquake, many Christians felt the need to lift up their nation in prayer to God. Please pray for all those affected by this disaster and that God will continue to strengthen the church to help those in need, as well as opportunities to lead others to the Prince of Peace.

Lord willing in the next few days, we should be able to release a Christmas song written for children. It was written this past April when Heart Sounds were here. For the first time, we are recording a choir of children that come to the children/teens meeting at the church here in Peja. Most of these children are not yet believers, pray that this song especially will help them to understand the true meaning of Christmas. Pray for their friends and families as well that may hear the song, that God will open their eyes to the beauty of Christmas and the Gospel.

This next Sunday (December 8th), Shpresa and I will be helping a local church in Prishtina with their Christmas outreach. They are hosting a big event Sunday night at a hotel in downtown Prishtina. We will mainly be helping run sound and helping with the set-up. The event will consist of worship and other music, a show from an illusionist, and a Christmas message. The main audience will be non-believers as the event will be evangelistic. We are praying to have 200+ people there. Please pray for this church as they prepare and continue to invite people. Pray that God brings the right people that will be spiritually open to hear the message.

December 14th, Shpresa will be leading worship for another Christmas event for women in Prishtina. This is a yearly event that happens mainly for Christian women in Kosovo. The couple of months Shpresa has also been getting more involved with the youth meeting at church on Sunday. During these meetings, the focus is on Bible study. Most of the teens that come are not yet believers and do not know much about the Bible. She has been helping them with simple but deep Bible studies, focusing on just one or two verses at a time and really helping them to understand the message of the Bible. Please keep Shpresa in prayer not only for these events and activities but also for her health. At her last doctor's appointment, we found out that Shpresa has a potentially dangerous bacteria (Group B Strep). It is fairly common to have and does not always pass on to the baby, but the potential is there. Please pray for both her and the baby to remain safe and for wisdom for our doctor here to treat this well not only now but especially when it is time to deliver the baby.

Thank you for your continued support, both through prayer and finances, we appreciate all of you! God Bless!

Support Aaron & Shpresa

How to give monthly:

You can sign up for automated monthly giving at <https://give.omusa.org/om/per-your-request...>
In the comments section please write: Donation to Aaron Smith 1000293095

You can also give by check. Make the check payable to OM and make a note that it is for Aaron Smith 1000293095. The check can be mailed to: ATTN: Finance, Operation Mobilization, P.O. Box 444, Tyrone, GA 30290-0444

All financial gifts go to Aaron and Shpresa to support their full-time ministry in Kosovo and abroad. All support is used to pay for living expenses (rent, utilities, food, etc.), ministry/outreach expenses, and health insurance.

Jonesboro Heights Baptist Church
Balance Sheet
November 2019

Accounts

Assets

Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Fund	\$11,340.38
Building Fund	\$100.00
Designated/Restricted Funds	\$75,541.19
Facilities Funds	\$45,650.38
Total Checking/Savings	\$132,631.95
Sales Taxes to be Reimbursed	\$10,451.67
Investments/Endowments	\$679,756.86
Total Current Assets	\$822,840.48

Current credit card receipts not paid/reconciled

Fixed Assets	\$3,098,522.97
Contra Asset Account	(\$2,374.97)
Total Assets	\$3,918,988.48

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	(\$14,168.99)
Facilities	\$2,655.00
Mortgage Payable	
2500000 - Credit Line	\$178,325.26
Total Mortgage Payable	\$178,325.26
Total Current Liabilities	\$178,325.26
Total Liabilities	\$166,650.86

Total facilities security deposits

Equity

Unrestricted	
3000000 - Unrestricted Net Assets (Fund Principal Closing Account)	\$3,740,992.00
Unrestricted this year (Revenues minus Expenses)	\$6,311.36
Total Unrestricted	\$3,747,303.36
Temporarily Restricted (sum of all Designated/Special accounts)	\$13,633.58
Total Equity	\$3,760,936.94
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$3,927,587.80

Used by ACS as Fund Principal closing account
Total revenue minus expenses for the year

Income	November 2019	\$41,175.67
Expenses	November 2019	\$37,837.36
Net		\$3,338.31

	General Fund	2019-2020	Total GF Income
		2019-2020	Total Expenses
		2019-2020	Net 2019-2020
			\$5,346.16

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Callie Batchelor - Temple University
Birthday - April 11

Owen Bond - East Carolina University
Birthday - March 8

Lauren Brown - UNC -Charlotte
Birthday - September 23

Claire Cummings - Methodist University
Birthday - December 18

Carey Coleman - Appalachian State
Birthday - December 27

Connor Davidson - UNC-Charlotte
Birthday - June 2

Claire Gilchrist - UNC—Greensboro
Birthday - January 16

Mackenzie Holly
Central Carolina Community College
Birthday - October 18

MeKaila Holly Cox
Appalachian State University
Birthday - June 26

Abigail Ellis - Appalachian State
Birthday - January 15

Abriana "Abri" Gross - UNC—Chapel Hill
Birthday - September 10

Hayley Johnson - Appalachian State

Bailey Lawrence - Western Carolina
Birthday - January 6

Katelyn Lawrence - Barton College
Birthday - November 25

Joey Morrill
Central Carolina Community College
Birthday - July 18

Parker Phillips - UNC—Chapel Hill
Birthday - May 9

Abigail Sturm - UNC—Chapel Hill
Birthday - January 19

Hannah Sturm - UNC—Wilmington
Birthday - March 22

Brady Whitney
Central Carolina Community College
Birthday - December 27

Kaitlynn Wiltshire - UNC—Wilmington
Birthday - March 16

OPERATION BANDANAS MISSION



Operation Bandanas Mission provides camouflage bandanas printed with Psalm 91 to our Armed Forces for spiritual encouragement, comfort and support. This mission seeks to bless and cover all of our military including active duty, National Guard and Reserves with God's Psalm of protection to remind our troops of God's presence with them and to let them know they are remembered and appreciated. In addition, this mission equips them with a piece of God's armor (Ephesians 6:10-17). Not only are these bandanas an inspired tool for spreading God's Word, they are also a useful too to cover the troops' faces from sand and dust, tie around their head to keep the sweat off their face and can be used as an emergency wrap.

Tramway Baptist Church supports Operation Bandanas and would appreciate your involvement in this ministry to our military.

Each bandana costs \$5.00. Please pray about being a part of this outreach ministry and the importance of ministering to our troops.

You can send donations to:

Operation Bandanas
PO Box 87356
Fayetteville, NC 28304

Or online at www.operationbandana.org

For more information, please contact

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THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!
Sherri Naylor

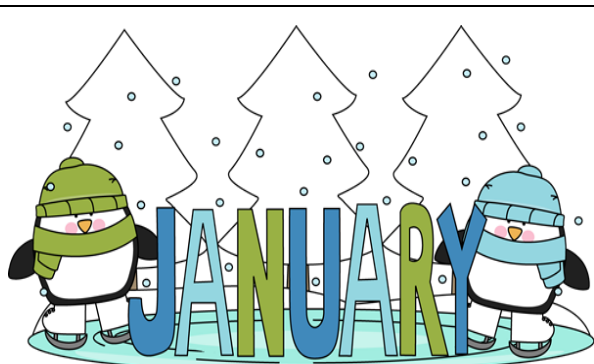
JHBC - JANUARY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Office Closed	2 2 PM Pearl Johnson	3 Office Closed	4
5 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6:00 PM JHBC Business Mtg (Bullock-Matthews Rm)	6 6:30 PM Deacons Meeting (Main Conference Room)	7 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 10:00 AM Benevolence Interviews 6:00 PM Band Practice (Sanctuary)	8 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5 PM WMU Council Meeting (Old Fellowship hall) 5:30 PM AWANA 6:00 PM Community Outreach Meal (McDowell hall and Kitchen) 7:25 PM Worship Choir	9	10 Office Closed	11
12 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6 PM Discipleship/Worship	13 12 PM Marjorie Spence/Brown Bag 6:30 PM Building & Grounds (Main Conference Room)	14 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 10 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM Virginia Oliver 7:00 PM WISH (Library)	15 9:00 AM Announcer Articles due to Marva Lee 15th of the month 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM AWANA 6 PM Youth Wednesday Night Worship 6:15 PM Bible Study 7:25 PM Worship Choir	16	17 Office Closed	18
19 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 6 PM Discipleship/Worship	20	21 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 10 AM Bible Study 10:00 AM Benevolence Interviews 6:00 PM Band Practice (Sanctuary)	22 11:00 AM Higher Heights 2:00 PM Staff Meeting (Main Conference Room) 5:30 PM AWANA 6:00 PM Youth Wednesday Night Worship 6:15 PM Bible Study 7:25 PM Worship Choir	23	24 Office Closed	25
26 Baptist Men's Day 9:30 AM Starting Point (New Guests Class) 9:45 AM Sunday School 11 AM Worship Service 6 PM Discipleship/Worship	27 6:30 PM Baptist Men (McDowell Hall)	28 7:30 AM Men's Prayer Mtg 10 AM Bible Study	29 5:30 PM AWANA 6:00 PM Youth Wednesday Night Worship 6:15 PM Bible Study 7:25 PM Worship Choir	30	31 Office Closed	1

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GREETERS

Parking Lot - Russ Stevens
Door 1 - Donna Rouse
Welcome Desk - Tyra Harding

LOCKING & SECURITY

January 5 - Tony Rebello
January 12 - Russ Stevens
January 19 - Lynwood Jones
January 26 - Curt Brown



Sunday, November 24, 2019

Sunday School = 131 + 5 11 AM Worship = 183
PM-Community Thanksgiving at Jonesboro Methodist
No Awana November 27

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Sunday School = 106 + 4 11 AM Worship = 173
PM-Hanging of the Green = 70
Awana December 4 = 30 + 19

Saturday, December 7, 2019

6:30 PM—Christmas Musical = 181

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Sunday School = 138 + 5 11 AM Worship = 190
3 PM—Christmas Musical = 163
Awana December 11 = 30 + 15

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Sunday School = 113 + 9 11 AM Worship = 176
PM—Christmas Caroling = 24
Awana Dec 18 = 31 + 13