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Isaiah 62:1-12
Isaiah 63:1-14
Isaiah 65:17-25
Isaiah 66:1-24
Luke 1:1-25
Luke 1:26-56
Luke 1:57-80

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS DECEMBER 17

Victor and Gayle Threatt



Janice Jacobs, Amanda Blackledge



Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM
Vote on proposed budget at the end of service without discussion.
Youth Christmas Party

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY NO Adult Exercise

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Single Young Adult Community Group in the Gathering Area at 6:30 PM. Michael Torres, leader

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM
Christmas Eve Service 5:00 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY NO Adult Exercise

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

Sunday School 9:00-9:45 AM
Morning Worship 10:00-11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY Adult Exercise at 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3 No Scheduled Activities

FROM OUR CHIEF OF STAFF...

Have you ever witnessed an event in your life that was very similar to an event or parable in the Bible? Well, I have recently experienced this, and I would like to share it with you.

The Parable Of The Talents

In Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus told the story of a rich man going on a long trip and was assigning tasks to three of his servants. The Scripture said that “he entrusted his possessions to them” with one being given five talents, another being given two, and yet another being given one. The allocation of responsibilities was based on the ability of each servant and not randomly or whimsically done.

When the master returned, he summoned the three servants for an accounting of their stewardship.

- The servant with five talents, presented the original five plus five more and was commended “Well done, good and faithful servant!”
- The servant with two talents, presented the original two plus two more and was commended “Well done, good and faithful servant!”
- The servant with one talent, buried it and presented no profit to his master and was chastised “You evil, lazy servant!”

We are all given individual gifts which we are expected to use to serve and glorify the Lord. Some sing (NOT ME!), others teach, some preach, while others provide support. The main point is that we are most assuredly expected to use the talents we have been given to serve the Lord. If we don't, we could expect to receive the “reward” of evil, lazy servant.

The Finance Committee

“But, Rick” you say, how does this apply to the Finance Committee? “Well, fellow church member” I respond, let me tell you how it applies.

From the time that Sarah resigned and the time that Molly was hired, I spent more time with the Finance Committee and the chairman and vice-chairman of this committee than I ever thought possible. The main thing I noticed that impressed me was that this committee did not want to be like servant number three and took actions to avoid having idle money. I am sure that this has been done by other committees, but I was available to view this “up close and personal”. The committee brought new ideas to the table, and they did most if not all of the leg work. I had never heard of a “sweeping account” for a business bank account, but Britt had and brought the idea to the committee. He and Steve contacted the bank and implemented the sweeping account for our church funds. If you have never heard of this (like me), a sweeping account removes and invests all of the money in a checking account overnight, earns interest on these funds, and returns the funds the next morning. The only thing they failed to do was to warn Sarah, who almost fainted when she logged in early with the checking account balance at \$0.

The result of this stewardship is that our interest income in 2022 was approximately \$ 1,700, and this year it is over \$ 40,000. Well done, good and faithful servants!!!

The 82 poinsettias in the Sanctuary December 17-24 are in memory or honor of loved ones given by family and friends of Highland Baptist Church.

Please pick up a booklet in the foyer that includes the complete list.



Poinsettias should be picked up following the Christmas Eve evening worship service.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF RANDALL GEORGE:

Designated to the Music Ministry by Barry Germany

IN MEMORY OF CINDY ROSS:

Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by

Dale & Sandra Glardon

IN MEMORY OF THELLIS WINSTEAD:

Designated to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by

Willo Limerick and Marsha Bennett

A NOTE FROM THE WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER CREW

If you would be willing to help with clean up following our Wednesday Night Supper meal, please contact the church office.



GIVE GENEROUSLY THIS SEASON

OUR GOAL—\$50,000 GIVEN TO DATE— \$17,810.00

STEWARDSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 10, 2023

Budget	48,644.16	Budget Req. to date	1,283,154.00
CDC	.00	(50@25,663.08)	
Designated	13,334.24	Budget Receipts to date	1,165,611.95
Total	61,978.40	Budget Deficit to date	117,542.05
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