

**HEPSIBAH
BAPTIST CHURCH**

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December

December 27 - 29 -
Youth Winter
Xtreme

December 31 - Supper 5:30
Family Worship
@ 6:30 pm
Fireworks
Following
Service

Hepsibah Happenings

A family living the abundant life together!

December 28, 2008

A Guy Named Bill

His name was Bill. He had wild hair, wore a T-shirt with holes in it, blue jeans and no shoes. In the entire time I knew him I never once saw Bill wear a pair of shoes. Rain, sleet or snow, Bill as barefoot. This was literally his wardrobe for his whole four years of college.

He was brilliant and looked like he was always pondering the esoteric. He became a Christian while attending college. Across the street from the campus was a church full of well-dressed, middle-class people. They wanted to develop a ministry to the college students, but they were not sure how to go about it.

One day, Bill decided to worship there. He walked into the church, complete with wild hair, T-shirt, blue jeans and bare feet. The church was completely packed, and the service had already begun. Bill started down the aisle to find a place to sit. By now the people were looking a bit uncomfortable, but no one said anything.

As Bill moved closer and closer to the pulpit, he realized there were no empty seats. So he squatted and sat down on the carpet right up front. (Although such behavior would have been perfectly acceptable at a college fellowship, this was a scenario this particular congregation had never witnessed before!) By now, the people seemed uptight, and the tension in the air was thickening.

Right about the time Bill took his "seat" a deacon began slowly making his way down the aisle from the back of the sanctuary. The deacon was in his eighties, had silver-gray hair, a three-piece suit and a picket watch. He was a godly man—very elegant, dignified and courtly. He walked with a cane and, as he neared the boy, the church members thought, "You can't blame him for what he's going to do. How can you expect a man of his age and background to understand some college kid on the floor?"

It took a long time for the man to reach the boy. The church was utterly silent except for the clicking of his cane. You couldn't even hear anyone breathing. All eyes were on the deacon.

But then they saw the elderly man drop his cane on the floor. With great difficulty, he sat down on the floor next to Bill and worshipped with him. Everyone in the congregation choked up with emotion. When the minister gained control, he told the people, "What I am about to preach, you will never remember. What you've just seen, you will never forget."

By Rebecca Manley Pippert - from Chicken Soup for the Christian Family Soul - copyright 2000 by Jack Canfield and Mark Victor Hansen

We pray that you may receive a rich blessing during this time of worship and that Christ the Lord will be more real to you because you have worshipped with us today.

Welcome Visitor

Please complete and place in the offering plate.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Children's Names: _____

Family Activity

Wednesday, December 31

Supper @ 5:30 (hotdogs)

Family Worship @ 6:30

Fireworks following service



Worship Opportunities

Sunday Schedule

9:45 am

Sunday School

10:45 am

Morning Worship

6:00 pm

Worship Service

Wednesday

Schedule

6:30 pm

Mid-week Worship

2009 Romania

The 2009 Romania mission trip will be July 16 - 27, 2009. The purpose of this trip is to have a week long camp for the orphans in Cehu. Amount needed for this trip will be: **\$33,000.00**
Received: \$3,380.00 *
 *correction

REMINDER- Don't forget to turn in your 'Western Sizzlin' receipts to the church office. A percentage of each receipt is given back to the church to go towards missions. If you have any, please turn them in.

2009 Women of Joy Conference

Charleston SC - May 15 - 17
 North Charleston Coliseum
 See the table in the hallway for complete details. If you plan to go, we will need your name on the list **AND a \$25 deposit (non-refundable) no later than Sunday, January 18.** See Tammy Prater for further instructions.

Evening Worship Service Today will begin at 6:00 pm

Hepsibah Hero's

Happy Birthday:
Brady Kimbrell - 12/29
Lib Ridley - 12/30
Breanne McCaffrey - 12/31

Happy Anniversary:
Randy & Janna Farmer - 12/29
Cecil & Peggy Sheriff - 12/30

Congratulations to **Matt Honea** for receiving Honorable Mention for his Science Fair Project!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet at 6:30 pm Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at Wilda's store. Anyone interested in this ministry is welcome to attend. If you need more information, please see Janis Mahaffey.



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

TODAY is the last day to give to Lottie Moon Offering. Make sure to mark your offering Lottie Moon. Our goal is \$9,000.00. **Amount received - \$8,081.00**

Several have asked for Randy & Rita Gibson's address:

Randy & Rita Gibson
913 Speight Lyons Loop
Chesapeake VA 23322

Kids Camp—Summer 2009

It's that time again . . . To begin planning for summer camp at Look Up Lodge. August 6—9, 2009. All **Rising** 3rd graders through **Rising** 7th graders are eligible to go. The total cost for camp this year will be \$100 per person and/or Chaperones. We must have the first deposit of \$25.00 by November 16th. If you are planning on going to camp, please sign up on the Look Up Lodge bulletin board or the information table in the education hallway. See Jeff or Carrie if you have any questions.



Wednesday Night Meals

It is **VERY** important that you turn in your **registration cards**. Registration cards are located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate as they are being passed.

December 31 - Hot dogs



January 7 - Hamburgers

January 14 - TBA

January 21 - Chili Beans

January 28 - Spaghetti Pie

Adults—\$4, Children under 10 years old - \$3,
 Family - \$12, Children under 3 years old eat free.



Foothills Pregnancy Care Center

will be holding a Pro Life Event - May 29 & 30, 2009. The focus will be the Sanctity of Human Life. Topics such as "What does God say about abortion?", "What should our response as Christians be?", and "Post Abortion Stress." Help is needed to make this happen. A team is being coordinated to form committees for prayer, registration, material & supplies, donations, etc. Lots of help will be needed for set-up and organizing along with many other things. If you would like to join with Foothills Pregnancy Center to make this event possible - please call **Marly at 882-8796 or 723-4387.**

It's **Sanctity of Life BABY BOTTLE** time again. You can pick up your Baby Bottles today. They are located in the sanctuary foyer and next to the information table in the education hall.

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
will be - January 18, 2009

Foothills Pregnancy Care Center

Open House

January 18 from 2 - 5. Come and hear about the exciting things our Lord is doing in our midst.

Children's

Nursery Schedule

Church Schedule

December 28
Mike & Melissa

January 4
Billy & Summer

January 11
Keith & Tina

January 18
Todd & Lindsay

January 25
Alison & Patti

	Dec 28 (Sun)	Dec 31 (Wed)	Jan 4 (Sun)
Bed Babies	am Jeff & Carrie, Angie A pm Edward & Cathelene	No Nursery	
Toddlers	am Adam & Kristi pm Linda G, Karen W	No Nursery	
2 year olds	am John & Natalie pm Sheila R, Donna W	No Nursery	
3 year olds	am Tony & Kim pm Combine w/2's		
E.L.	am Elizabeth B pm Sannah H, Carrie W		Elizabeth B Shelly H & Cathelene M
Choir Nursery	No Rehearsal		

Adult Choir Rehearsal resumes January 4, 2009 at 5:00 pm

The **Preschool** is collecting pictures for the **Sanctity of Life video**. We would like for every parent with a child in Bed Babies through the 5 Year Old Class to bring in 2 pictures of each child by January 11. Envelopes will be placed by each classroom to place your pictures in. Please have the back of each picture labeled.

Look Up Lodge

The first payment of \$25 for this year's Look Up Lodge is due Sunday, January 4, 2009. If you have any questions or concerns please see Jimmy.

Camp Dates: June 27 - July 3, 2009

Report for December 21, 2008

Sunday School	263	Budget Information
Sunday Worship	379	12/14/08-12/21/08
Christ Life		Budget Needs YTD
AWANA		\$474,230.00
Offering	\$14,751.53	Received YTD
Building Fund	\$ 300.00	\$486,552.36
		Over Budget
		\$12,322.36

Help Provide Christmas Dinner For Needy Families

Thank you for giving so generously to this local mission effort. We do not know the total numbers. We will share them as soon as everything is counted. January 4th we will have a joint service with Bountycland Baptist.

We will give more information next week.

Happy New Year

Youth Events

On Thursday, January 1 we will meet at the church at 12 noon for lunch (grilled hamburgers). Following the meal we will be going to Scaley Mountain for snow tubing. There will be a **very important** brief meeting TO-DAY Sunday following the morning service. We must have an accurate number for tickets no later than Tuesday, December 30.

Congratulations for High Attendance Night

FRIENDLY REMINDER REGARDING OUR CHURCH VANS

To keep the vans clean and tidy, there will be no gum, candy, food or drinks allowed on any of the vans.

Greeters for December Team 4

Mike Alexander, Jeremy Crenshaw, Stanley Sheriff, Clay Sheriff, Mickey Johns

Greeters for January Team 1

Eddie Gilstrap, Gene Dobbins, Troy McJunkin, Jeremy Fleeman, Johnny Hart

Intercessory Prayer

(am) Phyllis
(pm) Helen

H.E.L.P. There will be no H.E.L.P during the month of December

The Real
Measure Of Our
Wealth Is The
Treasure We
Have In Heaven.

January

January 12 - Spirit Night at
Chick-fil-A from
5-8 pm sponsored
By the Deaf
Ministry

January 18 - Baby Bottles
Due

**Coming Up in
February**

Saturday, February 7



A family living the abundant life together!

Morning Worship

Prelude	“Go Tell if on the Mountain”
Call to Worship	“Go Tell it on the Mountain” #95
Prayer / Welcome	
Worship Through Singing	“Angels We Have Heard on High” #100
Fellowship	
Children’s Story Time	
Worship Through Singing	“What Child is This” #118
Worship Through Giving	
Choral Worship	“Worship That Name”
Special Music	Kathy Eades
MESSAGE	
Invitation	“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” #305
Closing Prayer	
Postlude	“Go Tell it on the Mountain”

Evening Worship

Prelude	“The Birthday of a King”
Call to Worship	“The Birthday of a King” #102
Prayer / Welcome	
Fellowship	
Worship Through Singing	“Joy to the World” #87
Worship Through Giving	
Choral Worship	“Christ is Born”
Special Music	Rickey Herring
MESSAGE	
Invitation	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” #320
Closing Prayer	
Postlude	“Joy to the World”