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GIVE THANKS

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Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

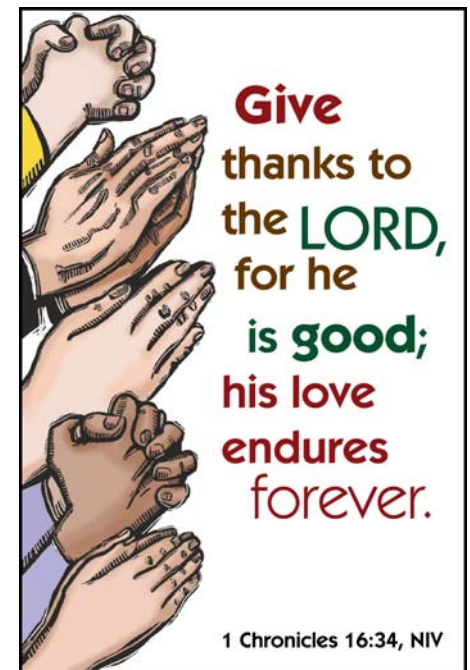
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—Henry Smith



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DON'T FORGET!

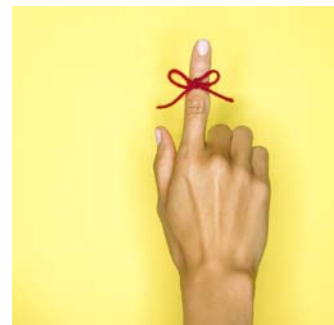
The Young-in-Heart Christmas Dinner is Tuesday, December 2, at 11:30 a.m.. The cost is \$10.00 per person. Please see Dot Rawlins as soon as possible for reservations.

There will be a brief meeting for church van driver teams following the worship service Sunday morning, November 23.

The church office will close early Wednesday,

November 26, and will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 27-28 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 30—December 7. Please pray for our missionaries, and please pray for guidance concerning gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.



The first Sunday of Advent is November 30. We will begin our Advent celebration by lighting the Advent Candle of Hope.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held this year at the Hapeville United Methodist Church on Tuesday, November 25, at 7:00 p.m. A Community Choir rehearsal will be held before the service, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

As is the tradition in Hapeville, the worship service will be followed by the annual Mayoral Tree Lighting service in Jess Lucas/Y-Teen Park, beginning around 8:00 p.m.

There will also be cookies and treats in the Fellowship Hall of the Hapeville United Methodist Church following the ceremony in the park. Come and join the celebration.



Bob Wiley
Pastor

JUST THINKING. . .

I continue to be excited about pastoring HFBC! I “brag” about our members and the way they jump in and make good things happen, the way they care about one another, and the obvious love the members have for one another. The months of November and December are two of the most wonderful months of the year with Thanksgiving and Christmas!

A most significant offering is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for our mis-

sionaries in countries around the world. We are blessed to have a missionary from Brazil, appointed by our International Missions Board, to be our guest on December 21. It is one thing to support missionaries with our prayers and financial gifts, but what a great opportunity to have a missionary we are supporting to come and share what God is doing in their lives and field of ministry.

Pastor Bob



Camden
Tommy Elmer

IT’S A BOY!

Congratulations to Holly and Wade Elmer on the birth of their son, Camden Tommy Elmer. He was born November 12, weighing in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces, and 20 3/4 inches long. The proud grandmother Linda Williams.

Due to an infection, Camden is still in the hospital (NICU at Crawford-Long), but they are hoping to bring him home this week.

There will be a bud vase placed in the sanctuary Sunday in honor

of the birth of Camden Tommy Elmer.

The address for the family is:

507 Cobblestone Blvd
Stockbridge, GA 30281

THIS WEEK. . .

Bible Study Attendance 82
Budget Receipts \$ 3,480.00
Designated Receipts 695.00
Total Receipts \$ 4,175.00
Weekly Requirements \$5,853.00

Deacon of the Week,
John Travis
423 Wagon Wheel Trail
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Nursery Worker,
Sharon Bryden

Scripture Reader,
Steve Darrow

Van Driver Team,
Peggy Bryden, Greg Jones

Breakfast Team,
Wilma Sanders, Bobbie Taylor

PRAY FOR. . .

...the family of Frances Wall in her death November 16, 2008.

Treasured Member of the week:
Danella Bunn
3439 Old Jonesboro Road
Hapeville, GA 30354-1569



Tom Howard
Minister of Music/
Financial Admin

NOTES FROM TOM

Plan to attend the annual Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, which will be held this year at the Hapeville United Methodist Church Tuesday evening, November 25, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be rehearsal for the community choir for the service that evening at 6:00 p.m..

There will also be a celebration in the Jess Lucas/Y-Teen Park following the worship service celebrating the annual

Mayoral Tree Lighting, followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall of HUMC.

Thanksgiving will be followed quickly this year by the beginning of Advent on Sunday, November 30. Plan to join us for worship as we light a candle of the Advent wreath each Sunday morning. The candle lighters for the first Sunday of Advent will be Jimmy and Carolyn Bishop, lighting the candle of Hope.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

During October, our receipts were 87.51% of budget requirements. In addition to the following, we have balances in the Building Fund of \$252.41, the Organ Maintenance Fund of \$2,445.00, and the Sanctuary Piano Fund of \$4,585.00.	Balance Brought Forward	\$ 32.07
	Regular Receipts	22,194.00
	Designated Receipts	2,568.27
	Regular Disbursements	24,048.41
	Designated Disbursements	651.95
	Service Charge	0.00
	Ending Balance	\$ 93.98
	Percentage Budget for month	87.51%
	Budget Receipts shortage to date	(18,658.85)
	Designated Year-to-Date	35,549.45

We give our gifts and ourselves to the work of God's kingdom

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday, November 23
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship
12:05 pm Van Team Meeting
5:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Worship
7:00 pm Worship Café

Tuesday, November 25
6:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Choir Rehearsal (HUMC)
7:00 pm Community Thanksgiving Service (HUMC)

Monday, November 24
6:00 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday, November 26
No Services

Thursday, November 27
Thanksgiving Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Margaret Pearson..... 11/25
Wayne Carey 11/26
Lenny Wright 11/27
Jason Weathers 11/28
Henry Boyd..... 11/29
Pierce Haynie 11/29