


Highland Child Development Center



In a season of celebrating Jesus, the best gift ever given, we should also be thankful for the gift of children. We know the Lord has a plan for each of them. Since September, Pastor Jim and Matt have been leading our preschoolers in a weekly chapel time. Engaging, interactive, and age appropriate visuals give children a way to remember the lesson.

Once a week, Mrs. Rema Bell has been teaching our preschoolers songs to honor our Lord. The children also get an opportunity to play different musical instruments in her class. We are blessed with many individuals who love the Lord and point these precious children to Him!

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

7:00 AM - 5:30 PM Monday - Friday

PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5

Celebrating
48
YEARS

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THE CONNECTION

December 2018

If you were asked to name three famous Christmas carols, *Joy to the World* would probably be one you would choose. This carol came about by the efforts of three different men: Isaac Watts, George Frederick Handel and Lowell Mason. Handel was a large, robust, outspoken musical genius, Watts was a frail, sickly, quiet man only 5-feet tall and Mason was an energetic publisher, choir director and composer. Handel and Watts lived in London and were acquaintances, while Mason lived 100 years later in Boston.

In 1719, Isaac Watts, already a notable scholar and author, sat down under a tree at the Abney Estate near London and began to compose some poetry based on Psalm 98. He wrote it, not as a Christmas song, but as a poem about the second coming of Christ! In his teen years, Watts complained that the songs sung in church were hard to sing. His father said, "Well, you write some that are better." And so he did. For the next two years, young Isaac wrote a new hymn each week and the people loved them.

In 1741, George Frederick Handel, who was already famous as a composer, decided that he wanted to do a truly great work. After spending several hours in prayer, he labored for 23 days writing his now famous "Messiah," one of the greatest of all sacred classics.

Almost a century later, Lowell Mason found Watts' poem of joy and wanted very much to publish it. There was only one problem – he didn't have a proper musical setting. In his search, he came upon a beautiful melody in Handel's "Messiah." So Mason set Watts' poem to Handel's music and created one of the world's most beloved and popular Christmas songs, "Joy To the World."

What a picture that is of God using different people, with different talents, in different places and in different times to bring about a message of hope, joy and salvation in Jesus Christ. Just as God used the angels, the shepherds and the wise men to declare the message of the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior, God also wants to use you, especially during this Christmas season, to share that same message with others. When he uses your talents along with other people's talents there is no telling what blessings God will bring from it. So in all the celebration of Christmas be sure to tell others why you're celebrating the birth of your Savior Jesus Christ! Invite them to the Christmas Cantata – Dec. 2nd 10:30am, the Christmas Parade – Dec. 8th 7pm, the Happy Birthday Jesus Party – December 15th 1-3pm and the Christmas Eve Drop-in Lord's Supper Service – Dec. 24th 6pm.

Merry Christmas, Pastor Jim

As we enter the last month of the year let us continue to be faithful! In the news recently, you may have heard the name John Allen Chau. He was not a famous person or a wealthy person, he was a disciple of Jesus Christ! Chau believed the Lord had placed a love for the Sentinelese people in His heart. The Sentinelese people live on an island off the coast of India. One writer described Chau as having, “developed a deadly obsession” with this tribe. Another person said, “He lost his mind.” If you Google his name, there is no doubt you will find his story. Chau was recently martyred by the Sentinelese people group for his mission to share the Gospel of Jesus! At only 26 years old this man’s obsession wasn’t deadly but filled with passion for the lost. Chau’s heart is seen in the words he wrote in his journal about the Sentinelese people, “This is not a pointless thing – the eternal lives of this tribe is at hand and I can’t wait to see them around the throne of God worshiping in their own language as Revelation 7:9-10.” Chau desired for this tribe to be with Jesus! For them to know their Creator, Savior, and God! Even if the world sees this man as one who has a “deadly obsession” or “he has lost his mind”, God sees a man that was faithful and willing to give his life for his Savior! His story is similar to that of Jim Elliot, Ed McCully, Roger Youderian, Pete Fleming, and Nate Saint. They also gave their lives as they shared with Ecuador’s Quechua Indians.

This Christmas season is a good time for us to look at the story of our brother John Chau and be reminded that when Jesus came as a baby so long ago, He came to lay down His life so that we could live with Him for eternity! Jesus came to a world that was filled with sin and hostile towards Him. Knowing what was to come, Jesus’ “obsession” wasn’t on the things of this world but was filled with love for the world He came to save! Jesus’ words ring true today, “¹⁶**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.**¹⁷ **For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him**” (John 3:16 – 17). Be faithful to share these verses this Christmas season to a friend, a family member, and a stranger. John Allen Chau no doubt finished his race faithfully! Let us also be found faithful doing what the Lord has called us to, sharing the Gospel to a lost and dying world! To read more about John Allen Chau check out this website: <http://caffeinatedtheology.com/lessons-from-a-modern-martyr/>

Your brother in Christ, Matt Koehler

December Birthdays

A very Happy Birthday to all of our members with December Birthdays!

If you have a December Birthday but do not see your name, please call the church office to update our records.

- Dr. Annette Gregory– December 1

Tanya Porter– December 6

Ken Tatum– December 7

Herb Whittemore– December 8

Lucas Koehler– December 11

Esther Phillips– December 11

Judy Stidham– December 11

Hagen Pearson– December 12

Briana Miller– December 13

Latisha McGinnis– December 14

Erin Murray– December 16
- Matthew Hasty– December 17

LeeAnne Wells– December 17

Joe Parker– December 20

Sarah Raymond– December 21

Bernadette Davis– December 24

S. W. Stone– December 24

Amy Raymond– December 27

James Moyers– December 29

Jo Bates– December 30

Roger Williams– December 31

Deacon of the Week

- December 1-7

December 8-14

December 15-21

December 22-28

Dec. 29– Jan. 4
- Steve Stone

Bobby Ferrell

Roger Williams

Bradley Rogers

Rick Miller

Deacon Families 2018– 2019		Children’s Church Volunteers
Group	Deacon	
<u>A– BOU</u>	<u>Bradley Rogers</u>	
<u>BOW-DAN</u>	<u>Marlon Bates</u>	
<u>DAO-F</u>	<u>Roger Williams</u>	
<u>G-HAR</u>	<u>Bobby Ferrell</u>	
<u>HAS-JA</u>	<u>Marc Lee</u>	
<u>JO-MA</u>	<u>Johnny McBride</u>	
<u>MC-NI</u>	<u>Jimmy Gaddis</u>	
<u>NO-RI</u>	<u>Rick Miller</u>	
<u>RO-SM</u>	<u>Steve Conner</u>	
<u>SN-TH</u>	<u>Mark Smith</u>	
<u>W</u>	<u>Jordan Monroe</u>	
<u>DEACONS</u>	<u>Steve Stone</u>	

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Nursery Director–
Kathy Hasty
If you are not able to serve on
your assigned date, please call
Kathy Hasty at 931-455-0977.

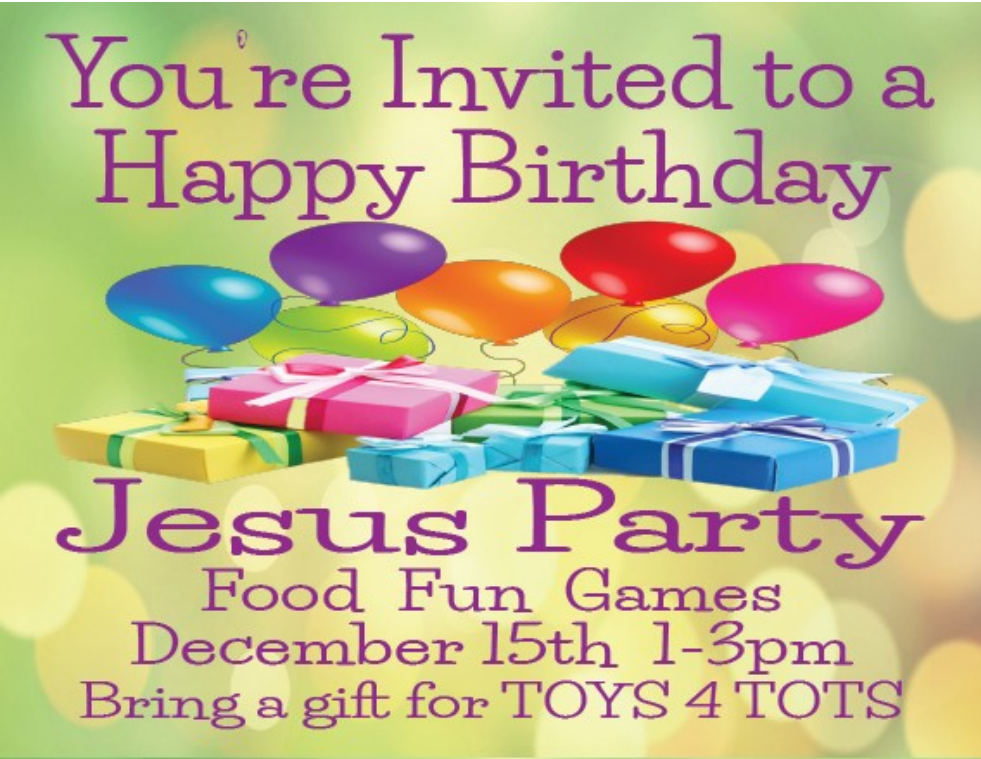
HBC Nursery Ministry

“A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth more than rubies.”

Proverbs 21:10

December Nursery Volunteers

- Sunday December 2:
Bible Study: Patricia Durham
Morning Worship: Phil and Traci Henderson, Kim Dodson
Evening Worship: Scarlett Carpenter, Belle Ruyten
Wednesday December 5: Reba Stringfield, Todd Nichols
- Sunday December 9:
Bible Study: Donna Jackson
Morning Worship: Jim Hicks, Mark and Linda Smith
Evening Worship: Kim Whittemore, Samantha Norman
Wednesday December 12: Rema Bell, Jim Hicks
- Sunday December 16:
Bible Study: Kim Dodson
Morning Worship: Kim Dodson, David and Diane Inocencio
Evening Worship: Kristy Gaddis, Steve Stone
Wednesday December 19: Kim Dodson, Carrie Newton
- Sunday December 23:
Bible Study: Elizabeth Whittemore, Lauren Hasty
Morning Worship: Steve Stone, Lauren Hasty, Kathy Hasty
Evening Worship: Terri Stone, Kathy Hasty
Wednesday December 26: Kim Dodson, Carrie Newton
- Sunday December 30:
Bible Study: Elizabeth Whittemore, Lauren Hasty
Morning Worship: Karen Purdom, Lauren Hasty, Kathy Hasty
Evening Worship: Brenda Griffin, Kathy Hasty



Highland Baptist

Connect, Grow, Serve, Go

Highland on Mission

A big "shout out" to the efforts given on behalf of Operation Christmas Child! Once again, we were designated as a relay center so there were many Highlanders who donated items, packed boxes, collected boxes, and loaded trucks! A special THANK YOU to Karen Purdom and the Stones (Steve, Terri, and Will) who organized and lead in this amazing ministry! On Nov.24th five volunteers traveled to the Operation Christmas Child Atlanta Processing Center to work a shift in the "next step" as packed boxes make the way to millions of children. Please consider this opportunity next year...you'll certainly receive a blessing!

December 2-9 will be the Week of Prayer for International Missions. The 2018 theme is: "Every Church, Every Nation". We will have a special prayer emphasis and fellowship meal (food provided) during the Sunday, December 2nd evening service. Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we skype with a missionary family and pray for the needs of missionaries serving around the world.

Our 2018 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a challenging \$8,000! I hope you will prayerfully consider what God will place on your heart to give to impact millions who need Jesus Christ!
Joyfully, Rema Bell



December 2018

Highlands Highlights

December Greeters

- 2. Roger and Kay Williams
- 9. Johnny and Gayle McBride
- 16. Jimmy and Pat Gaddis
- 23. Kristy, Scarlett , Tracy
- 30. Brian Tate, James Moyers

Counters For December

Pat Gaddis
Beverly Daniel

OCC Processing Center Trip

12/03/2018– Leave Highland at 7:30 a.m. for our shift from 1:00—5:00 p.m.
We will travel to Atlanta to the OCC Processing Center in the morning and return the same night.
Please sign– up on the bulletin board .

Our **Highland Christmas Mailbox** will be available for distributing Christmas Cards to active attendees. Please consider giving the postage you save to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!

Prime Timers

Tuesday, December 11th at 12:30 PM
Join us for a lunch of finger foods and a game of Sneaky Santa gift swap (\$5 max) in the Fellowship Hall.
Anyone 55 and better is invited.

Christmas/ New Year Schedule

Dec. 24– Christmas Eve Communion
6– 7 p.m. Church Office Closed
Dec. 25– Merry Christmas– Church Office Closed
Dec. 26– No Wednesday Services
Jan. 1– Church Office Closed

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Christmas Cantata Week of Prayer for International Missions Kickoff & Meal 6-7 p.m.	3 OCC Processing Center Trip, Atlanta– leave at 7:30 a.m. Grief Share Ministry 6:30 p.m.	4	5 5:00 p.m.– Dinner 5:45 p.m.– AWANA 6:15 p.m.– Bible Study 7:05 p.m.– Choir	6	7 Christmas Parade 7:00 p.m.	8
9 Deacons Meeting 4:00 p.m.	10	11 Prime Timers lunch and gift exchange 12:30 p.m.	12 5:00 p.m.– Dinner 5:45 p.m.– AWANA 6:15 p.m.– Bible Study 7:05 p.m.– Choir	13	14 Youth Christmas Party 6-9 p.m.	15 Happy Birthday Jesus Party 1-3 p.m.
16 Business Meeting	17	18	19 5:00 p.m.– Dinner 5:45 p.m.– AWANA 6:15 p.m.– Bible Study 7:05 p.m.– Choir	20	21	22
23 30	24Christmas Eve Communion 6-7 p.m. 31	25 Christmas Church Office Closed 	26 No Services	27	28	29



Sunday Schedule

***Coffee before Sunday School, everyone welcome ***

Bible Study – 9:15 AM

Morning Worship – 10:30 AM

***Children’s Church is available during the Service for children
3 years old– 1st Grade***

Discipleship Classes – 5:00 PM

Youth Discipleship	Youth Department
Adult Discipleship Training	Conference Room

Team Kid (4 Years– 5th Grade)– 6:00 PM

Evening Worship – 6:00 PM



Wednesday Night Schedule

Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 PM*

AWANA

Babies—5th Grade

Supper & Check-In– 5:00-5:35 PM

Opening Council Time/ Rotations-5:45 –7:15

Parent Sign Out in the Fellowship Hall– 7:15 PM

Youth and Adult Classes

All Classes Meet at 6:15 PM

Youth Group	Youth Dept.
Sunday School on Wednesday	Conference Room
Prayer Meeting/ Bible Study	Sanctuary

Adult Choir Practice 7:05 PM

***There is no charge for Wednesday Night Supper, but a
sign-up sheet is outside of the Fellowship Hall so we can
know how many to expect for supper***