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The Gifts of Christmas

North Mississippi
Christmas Festival

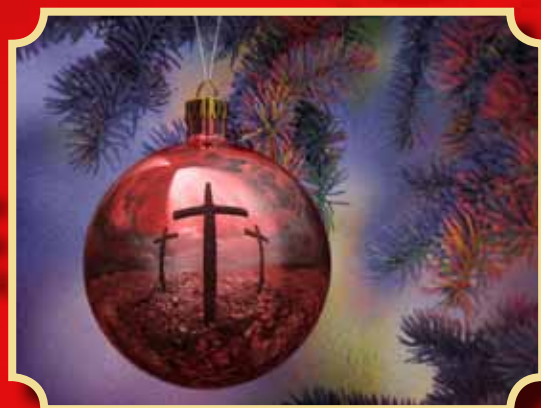


December 2, 3, 4
7:00 pm, Harrisburg Sanctuary

Tickets are free but required for entry
until 6:50 pm. Tickets are available
online at www.hbcmusic.org/festival.

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Harrisburg's Complete
Holiday Schedule
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The Pastor Writes

by Dr. Forrest Sheffield, Senior Pastor



Our State Convention in Jackson was a gigantic blessing once again this year. Patsy and I heard some great preaching during the Pastor's Conference. We elected a new State Convention President, David Hamilton, pastor of West Heights Baptist Church in Pontotoc. For me each year, going to our State Convention is like "taking timeout to tune up." It is very refreshing spiritually to all of us who get to attend. We were grateful to be your messengers.

I was especially blessed this year. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association here in Mississippi recognized me as "Alumni Of the Year." I am honored and feel that it is as much an honor to you and all of my former churches

where I have served since October, 1972, as it is to me.

Didn't we have a wonderful fall revival with Dr. Bobby Welch and the Allen family? The count for our decisions was 12 rededications, 1 by letter and 3 professions of faith in Christ. I am sure there were many other decisions privately made in hearts to draw closer to Christ. Our attendance has never been better over a four night revival and the love offering never larger in our history. I am thankful! I know you have noticed that we have had decisions almost every Sunday since our "Walking In Faith Revival." The impact of the revival continues on.

We have just completed our twenty-first semester of FAITH in our church. My thanks to Tim Alexander and his FAITH personnel who come every week and lead us in outreach. I am so grateful for all of our leaders in this essential ministry.

Our Christmas Festival this year is scheduled for December 2-4. Don't miss it! It is one of the highlights for the entire year at Harrisburg Baptist Church. It is a strong combination of ministry and evangelism. We touch literally hundreds of people all over Tupelo and Northeast Mississippi. This ministry goes far beyond our walls.

Speaking of going beyond our walls, I am happy to share with you that beginning January 1, we will start broadcasting our worship service on My Mississippi, channel 3, at 12:00 noon, with a one week delay. Our service will have access to some 90,000 homes in Northeast Mississippi instead of only 25,000 homes through the local cable station. Please begin looking for the Sunday morning worship service on channel 3.

Our deepest appreciation to Katrina Patty for leading our Christmas Shoebox Ministry again this year. My appreciation is extended to all of those who help her in carrying out this project of ministry. Our Children's Choirs under the leadership of Alison Tomes were superb on November 13. It was the best ever! Patsy, our staff and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas.

In Christ,
Brother Forrest

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



Jesus has commissioned us to be His heart, His hands, His voice. Through praying, giving and going, Southern Baptists have fulfilled this legacy for more than 160 years.

Yet billions remain lost and time may be running out for them. Our churches must take direct responsibility for helping reach the nearly 3,800 unengaged, unreached people groups that missionaries may never be able to get to.

Your leadership has never been more critical. We hope that our church members will be an extension of His heart, hands and voice through praying, serving and unprecedented giving to engage the remaining people groups without access to the Gospel.

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December

Wednesday Evenings begin at 4:45 p.m. with a Family Fellowship Supper in the Fellowship Hall. A delicious meal is served (with separate children's meal) for only \$3.00 for adults and \$1.75 for kids, with a \$10.00 family maximum. Come enjoy the food and the fellowship prior to the various activities that begin at 6:00 p.m. **December 7th:** Chicken Pot Pie, Fried Okra, Biscuits, Pear Salad and Dessert. Kids: Corn Dog Nuggets and French Fries. **December 14th:** Ham, Sweet Potatoes, French Style Green Beans, Rolls, Salad and Dessert. Kids: Pizza and Chips. **December 21st:** Turkey and Dressing, Sweet Potato Patties, English Peas, Cranberry Sauce and Dessert. Kids: Chicken Nuggets and French Fries. **December 28th:** There will be no Family Fellowship Supper due to the Christmas Holidays. Salad bar is also available.

AT A GLANCE

WEEKLY

December 02, 03

North Mississippi Christmas Festival 7:00 p.m.

December 04

Traditional Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

North Mississippi Christmas Festival 7:00 p.m.

December 11

Traditional Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Family Night at Christmas 5:00 p.m.

December 18

Traditional Morning Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Classic Worship / Business Meeting 5:00 p.m.

December 24

Christmas Eve Lord's Supper Service, 5:00 p.m.

December 25

Christmas Day Celebration 10:00 a.m.

No Evening Service

December 26, 27

Church Offices Closed

December 28

No Wednesday Activities

January 1

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Traditional Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

No Evening Service

MONDAYS

Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m. - See notes on Page 4

Singles' Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

Scouting 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Morning Stretch 9:00 a.m.

Children's Handbells 4:00 p.m.

Youth Handbells 5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Evening Meal 4:45 p.m.

Library Open 5:00 p.m.

Music and Missions 5:45 p.m.

Mid-Week Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

Bible Studies 6:00 p.m.

Student Revolution 6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mother's Day Out 8:30 a.m. - See notes on Page 4

Morning Stretch 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School

Attendance

October 30		1115
November 06		1233
November 13		1126
November 20		1022

Extended Teaching Care December 4th 8:10 a.m.: Denise Green, Trish Johnson, Mark & Misty Little, Ken & Shae Byars, Jim & Candise Brown **10:40 a.m.:** Hamilton & Brenda Smith, Denise Roebuck, Keith & Gina Hood, Rick & Anna Morgan **December 11th 8:10 a.m.:** Sue Abernethy, Sara Nell Hartley, Newt & Lauren Harrison, Wade & Brandi Henley, Stephen & Christy Flynn **10:40 a.m.:** Trina Gamiel, Tangie Blankenship, Katrina Patty, Ken Robey, Patsy Wilson, Stuart & Brenda Johnson **December 18th 8:10 a.m.:** Ashley Evans, Teresa Horton, Chad & Dallas Blankenship, Kelly & Brenda Lamb, Ryan & Cristina Curry **10:40 a.m.:** Robin & Cassie Hill, Ed & Libba Priest, Mike & Margaret Robinson, Keith & Alanna Teeple **December 25th 9:40 a.m.:** Clayton & Kim Sullivan, Neal & Holly McCoy, Jon & Miranda Maynard

Wecome Centers December 4th Front: Martha Pickens, Back: Brandon and Summer Blinson | **December 11th Front:** George and Tiffany Stone, Back: James and Katie Moore | **December 18st Front:** Sue Abernethy, Back: Charlie and Jane Greer | **December 25th Front:** Pat Henson, Back: Gerald Conaway.

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$58,407.90
Budget Received	
October 30	\$50,104.64
November 06	\$66,081.81
November 13	\$43,710.33
November 20	\$49,229.85
Required to Date	\$2,743,171.30
Received to Date	\$2,545,109.74
2010 Received	\$ 722,893.70
2010 Note Balance	\$1,266,052.52
Lottie Moon Tree Give Away Total	\$1,748.00

Monthly Giving

STAFF ON CALL | In the event of an emergency, the minister on call can be reached at 891-7914. The minister for the following weekends are: December 03-04: Dr. Forrest Sheffield, December 10-11: David Langerfeld, December 17-18: Tim Alexander, December 24-25: Aaron Tomes.

PRESCHOOL NEWS



ONE STARRY NIGHT!

Boys and girls and their families won't want to miss our very special Christmas event, One Starry Night, Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Come experience sights, sounds and activities reminiscent of Bethlehem during the time of Jesus' birth, from the City Gate to the stable, with several stops in between! This will be an event to remember.

New Arrivals

Parks Mathis Bresee born November 7, 2011 to Mark and Ellen Bresee. 7 lbs., 4 ozs. **Alinea Grace Loague** born November 14, 2011 to Daniel and Jennifer Loague. 7 lbs., 10 ozs. Maternal grandparents Danny and Ellen Kennedy. Maternal Great-grandparents Kenneth and Grace Kennedy.

PRESCHOOL M&M'S DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Preschool M&M's will meet Wednesday night, December 7th then enjoy a holiday break for the remainder of December. We will resume January 4th for a great new year of music and missions!

a word
to parents,
from *God*

"Husbands, love your wives,
just as Christ loved the church
and gave himself up for her..."
(Ephesians 5:25).

*Family
Dedication*
November 20, 2011



Jack Adams
Brannigan



Vivian Claire
Creel



Paxton Lee
Goralczyk



Ben Kittrell
Meriweather V



Kinsley Grace
Shurden

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We want to rejoice with families during the exciting time of a new birth! We will announce the birth of a baby in The Herald when the parents of the baby request it and either a parent or a grandparent of the baby is a member of Harrisburg. Grandparents' names will be listed if they are members of Harrisburg.

Join us for
Mother's Day Out
Mondays and Thursdays
8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Call 321-9852
to enroll!

Mother's Day Out will be taking a break for the holidays. We will be closed December 19th-January 5th. We will be open January 9th at 8:30. We pray you have a safe and blessed holiday season. Merry Christmas!

Special Christmas Edition!

This is the most special Parents' Night Out of the year. Please let your

children join us for safe, loving, Christ-centered activities. We will put a special emphasis on JESUS-the true meaning of Christmas. We will have special crafts, snacks and lots of fun! Friday, December 9th, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. \$15.00. Note for parents: Check with your Sunday school class. A lot of the classes schedule their parties on this night or plan volunteer activities. Also, this is a great night to finish your shopping. Please sign-up by

Wednesday, December 7th.



HARRISBURG DAY SCHOOL NEWS

The **HARRISBURG DAY SCHOOL** teachers and children would like to invite you to their Christmas Celebration in song and performance. As a tradition, our Kindergartners will have the honor of sharing the story of Jesus' birth while children from ages two - five will delight you with joyous music. Come join us on December 15th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary to help your family focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

SILENT AUCTION

Each child of Harrisburg Day School will create an ornament for display and purchase. There will be a silent auction of the ornaments. Money raised will go towards purchase of books, music CDs, arts and crafts, as well as educational toys for the Day School. Please come by the Preschool hallway to view the ornaments from December 12th - 15th. The ornament will bear the child's name / fingerprints and will be awarded to the highest bidder. Silent auction sheets can be picked up from the table outside the director's office and turned in at the mailbox in front of the director's office. Final bids must be made on December 15th. The highest bidders will be posted outside the director's office on December 16th, and ornaments will be available for pick up at the Preschool Welcome Desk on that day.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES FOR THE HARRISBURG DAY SCHOOL :

The last day of classes for Morning Only children is December 16th; they will return on Tuesday, December 27th. The last day for children who are at Day School all day for extended care is December 22nd; they will return Tuesday December 27th.

Morning Only childrens' last day to attend before our New Year celebration is Thursday, December 29th; they will return on January 4th. Those who attend Day School all day will also attend on Thursday, December 29th but will be out from December 30th through January 2, 2012. They will return on January 3, 2012.

If there is any question, please contact Beverly Cotton, the Day School Director at 841-1308 or her cell phone at 871-1471.

CHILDREN'S NEWS



ONE STARRY NIGHT, Wednesday, December 14th; 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

For the families of Preschoolers and Children

Your family will have a great time exploring the streets and shops of Bethlehem, as you experience what it might have been like on the night that Jesus was born. There will be lots of stops along the way with hands on learning activities and crafts for kids of all ages.

The first stop for this event will be at the City Gate (*the Welcome desk in the gym gathering area*). During this come-and-go event, each family will participate at its own pace. It should take about an hour to complete all of the stops and activities.

December M&M's Schedule:

December 7th

All Missions (caroling)

December 14th

One Starry Night

December 21st and 28th

No M&M's

The Bridge –Special Christmas Meeting

Friday, December 9th, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

5th Grade Sunday School Room

We will meet in the 5th Grade Sunday School room before going to Wal-mart to shop for our Angel Tree Children. Be sure to bring \$10. Afterward we will return to the church for a Christmas party. Don't forget to practice your musical presentation for the Jingle Bells competition!

CHRISTMAS TREE GIVE-AWAY UPDATE: Thanks so much for participating in our GA and RA Lottie Moon fundraiser. The GAs and RAs were so excited to learn that this year's Tree Give-away earned \$1,748 for foreign missions!

Children's Worship—We had a great semester of Children's Worship participating in The Great Race and learning about Nehemiah. Thanks so much to all of the volunteers who help each week. Children's Worship will resume on February 5, 2012.



STUDENT NEWS

Now Open! “the Spot” is the cafe’ of the Revolution Student Ministry. Come hang out, study, and fellowship with free wi-fi and the coffee house. Open weekdays from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.



Super Summer sign-ups are on the student webpage and will be available through January 2nd.

D-Now sign-ups are on the student webpage and will be available through December 19th.

The Gifts of Christmas

North Mississippi Christmas Festival

December 2, 3, 4
7:00 pm, Harrisburg Sanctuary

Tickets are free but required for entry until 6:50 pm.
Tickets are available online at www.hbcmusic.org/festival

At Harrisburg, we biblically train and equip men to be spiritual leaders in their homes, in the church, and in their places of business. Please join us for our next **Men’s Ministry Luncheon** on December 5th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Dickie Rhea, Mission’s Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo.

Change a Life. Change the World is more than a catchy tagline—it’s what happens through WMU® around the world every day. We meet twice monthly on the first and third Tuesday of each Month. Please join us Tuesday, December 20th at 11:15 a.m. for our monthly book review. We will be reviewing **The Purpose of Christmas**, *A Time of Reconciliation* by Rick Warren.

HARRISBURG TO HOST THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FEEDINGS

For more than 20 years, Christians on the Move to Evangelize has delivered meals to inmates in local jails, shut-ins and other needy individuals and families on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The past few years, Harrisburg Baptist Church members have provided desserts, and some have even helped out. This year, we need desserts, (*lots of them*) and, for the first time, Harrisburg will host the feedings!

For Christmas, we will meet Christmas Eve, as Christmas falls on a Sunday this year. Please pray for those who will be impacted by this outreach, which brings together Christians across racial and denominational lines. For more information, call or text Allie Martin at 662-346-9227.

RECREATION / SENIOR ADULT NEWS

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR SENIOR ADULTS?

Contact David Smith at 823-7115, dsmith@harrisburgonline.org, and see how you can serve!

MERRYMAKERS CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Tuesday, December 13 is our annual Christmas banquet. Special program by ICC Choral Ensemble. Special recognition and thanks will be given to Bill Rieves who has been our program chairman for the past twenty years! Cost is \$8.00 and must be purchased by December 7th! Contact 823-7115, 231-4944 before Wednesday, December 7th.

SENIOR ADULT COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, December 5, 12:00 noon in Smokey Young's SS Class Room. If you have suggestions for our senior adult spring fellowship, or the fall fellowship we would like to hear from you. Contact Nellie Witt, or call 823-7115.

HOMEBOUND CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will be delivering poinsettias and happy bags to our homebound again this year. If you would like to help, contact Barbara Rice, Sue Logan, or call 823-7115.

MORNING STRETCH

This is a special exercise program that has been meeting for over 25 years. Come join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00- 9:45 December 6, 8, 13, 15, and 20.

BUS PICK UP

We pick up on Sunday mornings for 8:30 worship, 9:45 Sunday School, and 11:00 worship. We take home after Sunday School and 11:00 worship. Call David Smith 231-4944 to arrange possible pickup.

SENIOR ADULT and HANDICAP PARKING

We would like to know how many senior adult parking spaces we need. We need also the number of handicap spaces. Please contact David's office at dsmith@harrisburgonline.org, 823-7115, and let us know your name. We have heard from only three people who need handicap, and three who need senior adult parking.

DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR CHURCH RECREATION?

Contact David Smith at 823-7115, dsmith@harrisburgonline.org, and see how you can serve!

BASKETBALL GAMES HAVE BEGUN

Our church has sixteen teams that play in a league of 120 teams. The league uses seven gyms with three games played in our gym every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evening, and six games on Saturdays. For schedules of specific teams, contact dsmith@harrisburgonline.org.

DISC GOLF

Looking for a great family activity to play during the holidays? You can even play in the snow! Our church has an eleven hole disc golf course. Check at the Rec Desk for disc and course layout on our property.

RECREATION CENTER HOURS THROUGH DECEMBER

Gym: Mon, Tues, Thurs, And Fri: 2:30 -9:30;

Sat, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Fitness Room: Mon thru Fri, 7:00am – 9:30pm

MORNING STRETCH every Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00 – 9:45

FITNESS ROOM AUTHORIZATION

Wednesday, December 7, 5:00; Sunday, December 11, 4:00; and Wednesday, December 21, 5:00

REC FACILITY WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

December 24-26.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Contact David Smith 823-7115

There will be a special called **BUSINESS MEETING** on December 18th, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the 2012 Church Budget. The church will then vote on the 2012 budget on January 8, 2012 during both A.M. Services. Please make plans to attend this important time of discussion.

SECURITY WALKERS

December 4 th	December 11 th	December 18 th	December 25 th
8:30am - 9:30 am Billy Earl Gordon	8:30am - 9:30 am Keith Kyker	8:30am - 9:30 am David Smith	10:00am - 11:00 am
9:30am-10:30am Kirk Kennedy	9:30am-10:30am Blue Logan	9:30am-10:30am Gary Waters	Woship Service Only
10:30am-11:30am Frank Kessler	10:30am-11:30am Kenneth Long	10:30am-11:30am Mark Weeden	

What's Happening at Harrisburg

The Golden Angel Tree at **Chick-Fil-A** is up and they are looking for people to adopt these nursing home residents who do not have family.

You are invited to the wedding of **Angela Clair Duff** to **Mr. Peyton Claybourne Beard** on Saturday, the Tenth of December at 6:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church, New Albany, Ms.

Daily Devotion

David Langerfeld sends out a devotional thought each weekday that is free to anyone who requests it. To receive the **Daily Encourager**, send a request to dlangerfeld@harrisburgonline.org.



NEW MEMBERS

JOINING BY BAPTISM:

Jackie Martin, 10-30-11
Erin Matthews, 10-30-11
Hayes Dossett III, 10-30-11
Tripp Matthews, 10-30-11
Kelli Rosas, 11-13-11
Kimya Jamasbi, 11-13-11

JOINING BY LETTER:

Ashley Acker, 09-26-11
Chris Martin, 10-17-11
David Hereford, 11-13-11

PROFESSION OF FAITH:

Lana Hollis, 10-30-11
Latasha Jones, 11-13-11
Edwin Williams, Jr. 11-13-11

COMING FOR

NEW TESTAMENT BAPTISM:

Shane Watson, 11-13-11

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