

Hastings Baptist Church



*Love God *Love People *Love Serving

DECEMBER 18, 2011



Tonight at 6:00 pm

*“Transforming Lives For God’s Glory
By Multiplying Authentic Followers Of Jesus Christ.”*

Dan Currie, Senior Pastor
Paul Osborn, Music & Worship Pastor
Joshua Maurer, Youth & Family Pastor

Sunday School: 9:15-10:15 AM



Morning Worship Service: 10:30 AM

“Lessons From The Christmas Story”

Luke 2:8-20

Pastor Dan Currie

Candle Light Service: 6:00 pm

NEWS FROM PASTOR DAN *“How To Beat Materialism This Christmas”*

It is extremely difficult to be content in our consumer saturated society in the 21st Century. It is particularly hard during the Christmas season when we are bombarded with the battle of materialism. Marketers spend most of the holiday season trying to convince us that we must have their products and that they are gifts that people will want and need. There is certainly nothing wrong or unbiblical about material things because they are all gifts that God gave to us. It is wrong when our desire is out of control and we equate things with happiness and joy. It is sin to covet things and to have uncontrolled desire to acquire. **There is a great danger that people will purchase above their ability and go into debt over the Christmas holidays.** Rick Warren gives the following suggestions to help people beat materialism this Christmas.

1. **We need to be grateful for what we have!** The first thing we need to do to defeat materialism is to open our eyes and see how much we’ve already been blessed with. All we have comes from God and we need to treat life and everything else God gives us as a treasured gift. We need to be grateful for what we have and not think that if we only have more that this would make us happy. Discontent will drive us to despair and it will result in the failure to be satisfied with what we currently possess.
2. **We need to have a godly perspective of our possessions!** It is important to focus on what is eternal and of lasting value. There are two realities in life—the material world (what we can see) and the immaterial world (what we can’t see). God says nothing we see will last. Your cars, furniture, houses—everything—will eventually decay, rust, deteriorate, fall apart, and return to dust. God wants us to focus this Christmas on what does last—such as relationships with Him and with other people. James Dobson states: *“ I concluded that the accumulation of wealth and fame is an insufficient reason for living. When I reach the end of my days I will have considered my earthly existence to have been wasted unless I can recall a loving family, a consistent investment in the lives of other people, and an earnest attempt to serve the God who made me.”*
3. **We need to be generous with what we have been given!** God doesn’t bless us for our own benefit but He does so because He wants us to share it—to give it away. Compared to billions of people who live in third world countries, we are rich who love in America. God wants us to use what we have to help further the kingdom and His work in the world. Every time we give generously, we win a spiritual victory over materialism. The whole world says get all you can and keep it for yourself. Every time we give something away, we break the grip of selfishness in our lives. A person’s giving tells a great deal about their spiritual maturity. It shows the direction of their heart and what a person is really like on the inside. We can learn contentment through learning how to give generously. **Does materialism have a grip on your life? Why not take these suggestions to assist you in having real contentment and joy at this Christmas season.**

Farewell to Pastor Paul & Diane

Tonight after the Candle Light Service you will have a time to share memories and God's Blessings with Pastor Paul & Diane.

Please bring either a dessert, cheese & crackers or a veggie tray.

Middle School & High School Teens
Winter Retreat @ Lake Ann
January 20-22

FREEZEOUT 2012

Speaker: Ken Rudolph
Worship: Heartsong

Cost per person: \$119
Money is due January 1.
Scholarships are available,
see Pastor Josh.

Forms are available on the Student Ministries bulletin board in the foyer.

Please pray for God's direction and blessing on the **Jamaican Mission Trip: Jan. 4-18, 2012**. The team will be working on painting and repairing Fairhaven Christian Retreat Center, acts of kindness in the Montego Bay area, and local street evangelism. We will also minister at Blossom Gardens Orphanage. The team consists of Dan & Jody Swift, the VandenAkker family, Bruce Douglas, Brady Schmitz, and Ben Stowell.

Schedule Of Services On Christmas & New Year's Day

It is only once every seven years that we have Christmas on a Sunday so please note our schedule during the holiday season. We will have our normal church service @ 10:30 AM on both holidays, December 25 & January 1. We will not have our Sunday School @ 9:15 AM or our evening service on those holidays. These are holidays to celebrate with families and friends but we hope that you will make it a priority to be with your church family for Christmas Day and New Year's Day for our morning worship service.

KIDZ ZONE

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Thank you for your great performance last Sunday Evening!

No Awana for the Christmas Break. See you January 4, 2012

No Middle School or High School Youth Group until January 8, 2012.

Parents & Teens check out the Student Ministries bulletin board in the foyer for information of upcoming events and other resources from Pastor Josh.

Elective Bible Classes

We will have our Elective Bible Classes again this winter starting on Sunday evening @ 6:00 PM on January 29. This will last for nine weeks and will go through March 25. A list of those classes will be available at a later date.

Church Membership

We are delighted that
John & Marlene Snyder
and
Mike & Cathi McCrumb
have gone through the Membership process and will become members of Hastings Baptist Church today.

Annual Meeting—January 22

We have scheduled our Annual Meeting for Sunday morning, January 22, during the Sunday School hour @ 9:15 AM. This is an important meeting for our church family where we will elect our church officers and approve our budget for 2012.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 18

Sunday School: Lainie Partridge, Denise Miller & Girls

Morning Service: Lainie Partridge, Cindy Winebrenner, Kate Wood

December 25

Morning Service: Carol Bolthouse

Caring Corner

Pray for:

Pat Greenfield was in Pennock Hospital due to a recent heart attack, but has Improved.

Vonda Cappon will be going to Cleveland Clinic to see the doctor on Monday, December 19 @ 9 am. Pray the doctor will be able to help Vonda's throat.

Robert Welton, Ron's father has stage 4 cancer and is in Metro Hospital.

Glena Adams, Jan Statler's mother was taken to Metro Hospital (Room 303) on Monday evening with breathing problems & high fever. She is improving some.

People in Thornapple Manor: *Vernie Buehler, Dorothy Kelsey, John Kowal, Wilda Todd*

Health: Susan Alfred, Thelma Fassett, Lynn Fetterman, Kristen Garvey, Ken Giar, Betty Kidder, Evie Macy, Ann Mueller

Pray for our Military Personnel & their families:

Caleb Bolthouse, Jarrod Cappon, Ben Cappon, Dan Blair
Jeremy Shilling, Ryan Hawbaker, Walter Willson, James Pann,
Jesse Bergwerff, Brian Emery

Expression Of Sympathy

We would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy for the Art Mueller family on his recent home going on Monday, December 12. Art was a member for over fifty years and served faithfully as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, in the bus ministry, and Boys Brigade leader. His love for people and for God's Word was evident as he impacted many lives for the kingdom. We encourage you to pray for Ann Mueller, the children: Kerri & Kendrew, and extended family during this time of loss.

We would like to express our sympathy to Pat Buckman and family on the passing of her brother.



December 18-24, 2011

SUNDAY:

6:00 pm *Christmas Candle Light Service*
7:00 pm Farewell for Pastor Paul & Diane Osborn in the Family Center

MONDAY:

6:30-8:00 pm Martial Arts — downstairs
7:00 pm Ladies Prayer Time @ Diane Osborn's Home

TUESDAY:

6:30 pm Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time — Room #1
6:30 pm Bible Study & Prayer — The Open Door

FRIDAY: THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

SATURDAY:

9:00 am Men's Basketball

December Church Events:

December 25 Christmas Service only 10:30 am
December 26 Church Office will be Closed

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Prayer Meeting will meet at 6:30 pm this Wednesday, but will not meet on Dec. 28.

FYI Summer Camp

Summer Camp at Camp Michawana is planned for Sunday, June 10 to Friday, June 15, 2012. Our cost will be reduced to \$190 per camper (regular cost is \$295 per camper). The theme for 2012 may be AMP IT UP based on “whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men”. Colossians 3:23. Mark your calendar now for Summer Camp in June!

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you Pastor Dan, Pastor Paul and Pastor Josh for all you have done during this very difficult time of Gregg's death. Thank you to the church family for the out pouring of love, sympathy, gifts and food. We feel so cared for and feel God's love through all of you.

Love,
Denise, Amber, Kelsey & Collin Miller

Missionary News

Bert & Jean Kinsey's 49th anniversary is Dec. 22. The Kinsey's were home missionaries before joining Baptist Mid-Missions in 1975. They served in Australia one term before being transferred to Wheeling, West Virginia, for twenty years. They “retired” to Ohio to care for their parents and have kept active in ministry in their local church. Their address is PO Box 266, Frazeyburg, OH 43822.

Gordon & Cindy Wyant's 41st anniversary is Dec. 24. They have served under Baptist Mid-Missions since 1981 in Canada, Brazil, western Michigan college campuses, Alaska, and Bibles International. They are retiring soon due to health issues, but God still has work for them to do. Pray for His continued direction in their lives. Write them at 8144 112th St., Grant, MI 49437.

KIDZ WORSHIP NOTES



Kidz Worship Notes are available as you go into the Morning Service every Sunday @ 10:30 am.

If you need crayons they are available on the table in the foyer. At the end of the service, see someone at the Kidz Worship table to get your paper looked at and claim your treat.

GIVING SUMMARY

General		Building Fund	
Last Week	\$ 5,743.98	Last Week	\$ 120.00
Weekly Need	\$ 8,777.00	Balance	\$ 29,109.57
Over/Under	\$ - 3,033.02		
YTD Giving	\$418,224.94		
YTD Need	\$438,850.00		
YTD Over/Under	\$ -20,625.06		

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