

Hastings Baptist Church



**Love God *Love People *Love Serving*

December 25, 2011

Merry Christmas



**"For unto you is born this day
in the city of David
a Savior,
which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11**

*"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



Morning Worship Service: 10:30 AM
"Making Jesus The Focus Of Our Lives"
The book of *Philippians*
Pastor Dan Currie

NEWS FROM PASTOR DAN

This is a special day as we celebrate the birth of Jesus who was born in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago. One of the most significant truths about Christ's coming to this earth as a child is that He came as God incarnate—"God in flesh." One must believe in the deity of Jesus Christ in order to be **born again** and part of His family. The New Testament is full of references to the deity of Christ. The four Gospels, the book of Acts, and the Pauline epistles, all reveal that Jesus is the Messiah (or Christ), and equated with God Himself. The Apostle Paul refers to the deity of Christ when he calls Jesus our "*great God and Savior*" (Titus 2:13) and states that Jesus existed in the "*form of God*" prior to His incarnation (Phil. 2:5-8). God the Father says regarding Jesus: "*Your throne, O God will last forever and ever.*" (Heb. 1:8). Jesus is directly referred to as the Creator Himself (Col. 1:16-17) and there are many other passages that teach His deity (John 1:1-14; I Cor. 10:4; I Peter 5:4; Heb. 1:1-3; Rev. 1:5-8).

Jesus understood His deity and clearly proclaimed it to others. In Mark 14, Jesus stands accused at His trial before the High Priest. The high priest asked Him, "*Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?*" And Jesus said: "*I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of power and coming in the clouds of heaven*" (Mark 14:61-62). Jesus did many miracles that authenticated His deity. His healing of the paralytic was done to demonstrate his authority and ability to forgive sins (Mark 2:3-12). In the minds of His Jewish audience, such abilities were reserved for God alone. Jesus also received worship in the Gospels (Matt. 2:11; 28:9; Luke 24:52; John 9:38) and did not reject this adoration. He regarded this worship as well placed because He understood His deity. Jesus' taught that mankind's eternal destiny depended on their response to Him revealing again His divine self-understanding.

We can rejoice this Christmas season that Jesus is God and that His payment on the cross was sufficient to meet the holy demands of a righteous God. We are guaranteed a place in heaven if we have received Christ Jesus as our Savior. That is what the birth of Jesus means to all believers because His entrance into this world gives us the gift of eternal life. **Have you received Christ as your personal Savior? Why not receive this gift of salvation and have peace with God for eternity?**

Farewell To Pastor Paul & Diane

We have greatly appreciated the ministry of Pastor Paul & Diane Osborn during the past seven years. They arrived in January of 2005 and have faithfully served the Lord in many different areas of ministry in the local church. This coming Thursday, they will be moving to Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania, where Pastor Paul will be pursuing a counseling degree at Baptist Bible Theological Seminary. God has used both Paul & Diane to impact many lives during their faithful service to the Lord at Hastings Baptist Church. The deacons have approved a gracious financial package for church approval at our Congregational Meeting to assist the Osborn's in this transition as they prepare for a new ministry.

Pastor Paul & Diane Osborn's new address will be:

102 Barbara Dr., Clarks Summit, PA 18411 (effective 12/29)

Phone #: Diane 269-908-0602
(effective 12/28)

Pastor Paul #: 269-838-9110

Email: osbornpd@yahoo.com

KIDZ ZONE

"Let **JESUS** be your best friend."

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

No Junior Church for 2 & 3 year olds and 4 & 5 year olds on Christmas Day and New Years Day.

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.

Winter Retreat

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Teen Winter Retreat is cancelled.

Details from Pastor Josh are forth coming on a smaller event.

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.

Annual Reports

We ask all of our ministry leaders to get their reports in by January 1, 2012 so we can put together the Annual Report for our Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 22.

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 25

Morning Service: Carol Bolthouse

January 1

Morning Service: Carol Bolthouse, Megan Grove, Cindy Winebrenner

Caring Corner

Expression of Sympathy to Pat Buckman and family, her brother-in-law Harry Blair Kroupa passed away last Tuesday morning. Harlan and Pat left Wednesday to go up north for Harry's funeral.

Pray for:

Vonda Cappon had many tests at Cleveland Clinic. She has a disease of the skin, which caused her muscles to tighten. Pray for treatment that will heal her body.

Robert Welton, Ron's father has stage 4 cancer.

Carol Potter has been in Pennock Hospital with blood clots. Pray the blood clots will dissolve.

Sherry Wetzel will have back surgery on January 25th at Metro Hospital.

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

Health: Susan Alfred, Thelma Fassett, Lynn Fetterman, Kristen Garvey, Ken Giar, Pat Greenfield, 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

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.



December 25-31, 2011

SUNDAY:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JESUS

MONDAY:

The Church Office will be Closed

TUESDAY:

6:30 pm Men's Basketball

WEDNESDAY:

7:00 am Men's Prayer Time — Room #1

FRIDAY:

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

SATURDAY:

9:00 am Men's Basketball

JANUARY 2012 CHURCH EVENTS:

January 4	AWANA
January 8	Middle & High School Youth Groups
January 17	MOPS
January 17	Baby Shower for Caitlin & Baby Maurer —The Open Door
January 20	Quilting "Block of the Month"
January 22	Congregational Meeting during the Sunday School Hour
January 26	Deacon Board Meeting
January 29	Elective Bible Classes Begin — Sunday Evening

No Prayer Meeting this Wednesday.

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!

Missionary News Ted & Lynda Jolls' 19th anniversary is Dec. 27. They have been with Continental Baptist Missions since 1994 with the goal of bringing Limestone Baptist Church to graduation. His dad was used of God to start this church under Hiawatha Land Independent Baptist Mission many years ago. Arley Todd and other Hastings men have worked on both the church building and the parsonage at Limestone. Write the Jolls at E3478 H-44, Box 200, Limestone, MI 49816.

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.

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	\$ 10,041.65	Last Week	\$ 130.00
Weekly Need	\$ 8,777.00	Balance	\$ 29,239.00
Over/Under	\$ +1,264.65		
YTD Giving	\$428,266.59		
YTD Need	\$447,627.00		
YTD Over/Under	\$ -19,360.41		

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