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Hatcher Happenings

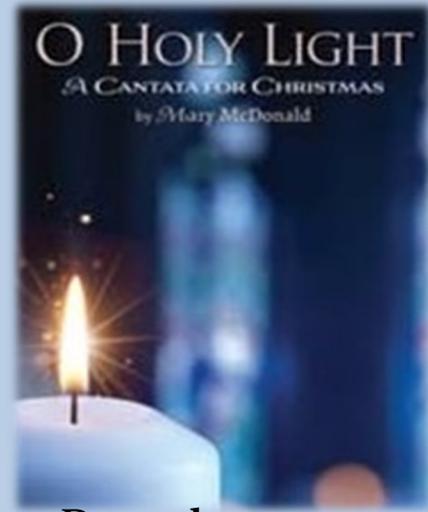
December 3	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
December 6	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
December 7	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
December 10	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
December 13	8:00 a.m.	Choir Practice Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
December 14	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
December 17	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
December 18	11:00 a.m.	Love & Fellowship
December 20	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
December 21	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Deacons Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve — Office Closed	
	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas Day Office Closed	
December 27	9:30 a.m.	Moments of Hope
December 28	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Worship Service



Thank you for your Thanksgiving donations!

Due to your generosity, we were able to bless 15 families for Thanksgiving.

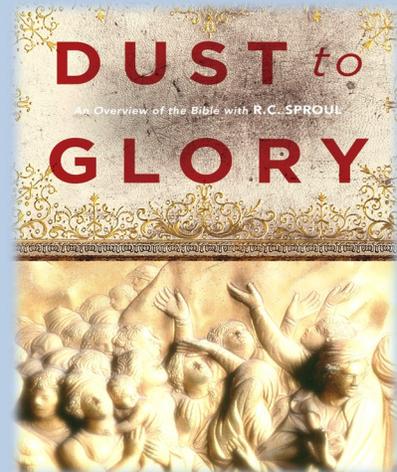
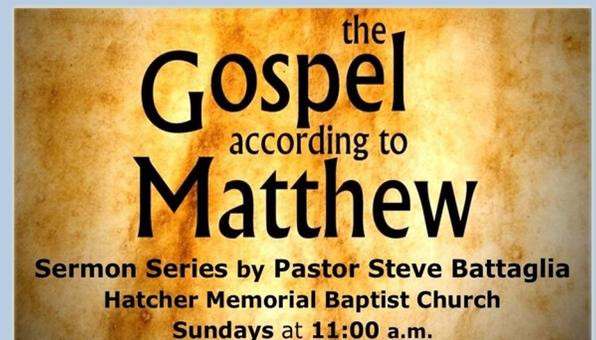
We will continue to accept food and monetary donations through December 21 for the Christmas baskets. Monetary gifts may be given to Terry Hoover or Debbie Welch.



December 14, 2025

11:00 a.m.

**A special musical presentation
by the HMBC Choir**



Bible Study continues on Wednesdays, at 11:00 a.m., followed by a light lunch.

Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer on the table, or call the office to register.

We look forward to seeing you!

No Bible Study December 24 or 31.



Merry Christmas

from Pastor Steve & Janis Battaglia

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

My Christmas Gift

by Steve Battaglia

A Christmas gift was my greatest need,
Though I thought only in terms of greed.
Toys and food were atop my list,
Fun and games were my holiday wish.

“Presents will make me merry,” I said.
Then One spoke, “It is I, instead.”
Who is this One for Whom the Day is named;
Who came in flesh for all my shame?

Planned from the beginning to set me free,
He was laid in a manger, and then on a tree.
Coming from heaven to live where we live,
He suffered in body, His blood to give.

Dying on a cross for wrongs I would do,
He rose from a tomb to prove He is true.
Living forever to give gifts from above;
Salvation, joy, peace, and endless love.

Now I see Christmas for what it should be;
He Whom the shepherds adored came for me.
And long ago near the Bethlehem Inn,
This Babe was born to pay for my sin.

He knew the gift for which my soul did seek,
It was Jesus, Himself, pure and meek.
This Gift of the Christ Child I do embrace;
For He, though sinless, took my place.

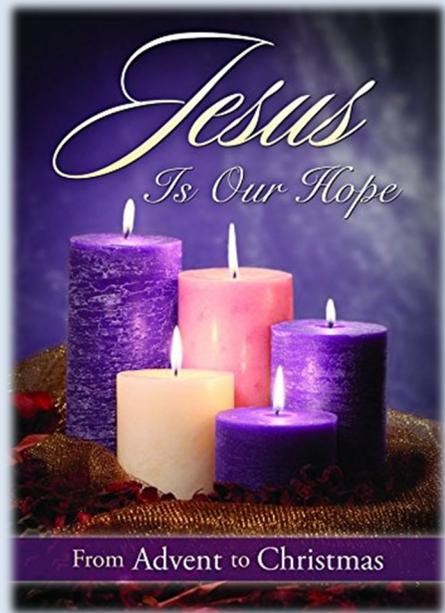
Dear Lord, I wish to give great gifts to You,
But the presents I would give be so few.
I have no myrrh, no incense, no gold;
What You have done is worth wealth untold.

I give You my love, my thanks, and praise,
And these I give You for endless days.
Yet another gift You wish to see;
This gift I give to You ... is me.

The Advent Season 2025 at HMBC



- ⇒ Week 1 — November 30, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.
Hope (The Prophecy Candle)
- ⇒ Week 2 — December 7, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.
Love (The Bethlehem Candle)
- ⇒ Week 3 — December 14, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.
Joy (The Shepherds' Candle)
- ⇒ Week 4 — December 21, 2025 — 11:00 a.m.
Peace (The Angels' Candle)
- ⇒ Week 5 — December 24 — 5:00 p.m.
Light (The Christ Candle)



Christmas Eve

5 PM

CANDLELIGHT, CAROLS, & COMMUNION

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things were made through him,
and without him was not any thing
made that was made.
In him was life,
and the life was the light of men.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 ESV

Poinsettias

If you would like to order poinsettias this year in honor or memory of your loved ones, please fill out the form in the foyer and return the form with your check to the Office Administrator so we can keep count. The cost of each poinsettia is \$14; the size will be 5-6 blooms (the same as last year).



Hearts In Motion

Hearts in Motion will be going to Chestnut Grove for Bingo, prizes, and Christmas snacks for the residents on Monday, December 8, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

The deacons will be collecting food and gift cards for Christmas baskets. Please place your food donations in the collection bin in the foyer. If you prefer to donate gift cards or make monetary donations, please give them to Debbie Welch or Terry Hoover.

Love & Fellowship

Please join us on Thursday, December 18, starting at 11:00 a.m. We're excited to have the talented Amy Ladd Harlow perform beloved Christmas songs.

It's a potluck lunch, so please bring your favorite finger food to share.

Come expecting a jolly good time!

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a brief called business meeting on Sunday, December 7, immediately after the worship service to approve the repairs to the church steeple. The cost will be \$50,500 and the church has already been reimbursed by the insurance company.



Through November 30th

Income 41,444

Expenses 29,941

Net Income 11,502

Hatcher Kids

Children's Church Schedule

December 7 - Kathy Ridenour

December 14 - Belinda Blanchard

December 21 - Terry Hoover

December 28 - Karen Stamey



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December 2	John Gaines
December 7	Kay Craig
December 9	Michael DiGaetano
December 11	Charles Howe IV Marjorie Pugh Stacey Russell
December 14	Carrington Matthews Christopher Matthews Joshua Strickler
December 15	Scott Allen
December 18	Cathy Buchanan
December 21	Kelly Rhea Townley Gordon
December 22	Sharon Gayness Gene Payne
December 23	Sean Russell
December 30	Kelly Strickler
December 31	J. R. Cox

Please welcome our Deacon Board Co-chairs:

Debbie Welch and Terry Hoover

Co-treasurers—Belinda Blanchard

Sharon Gayness

Secretary—Susan Dawson

Loved Ones in the Military:

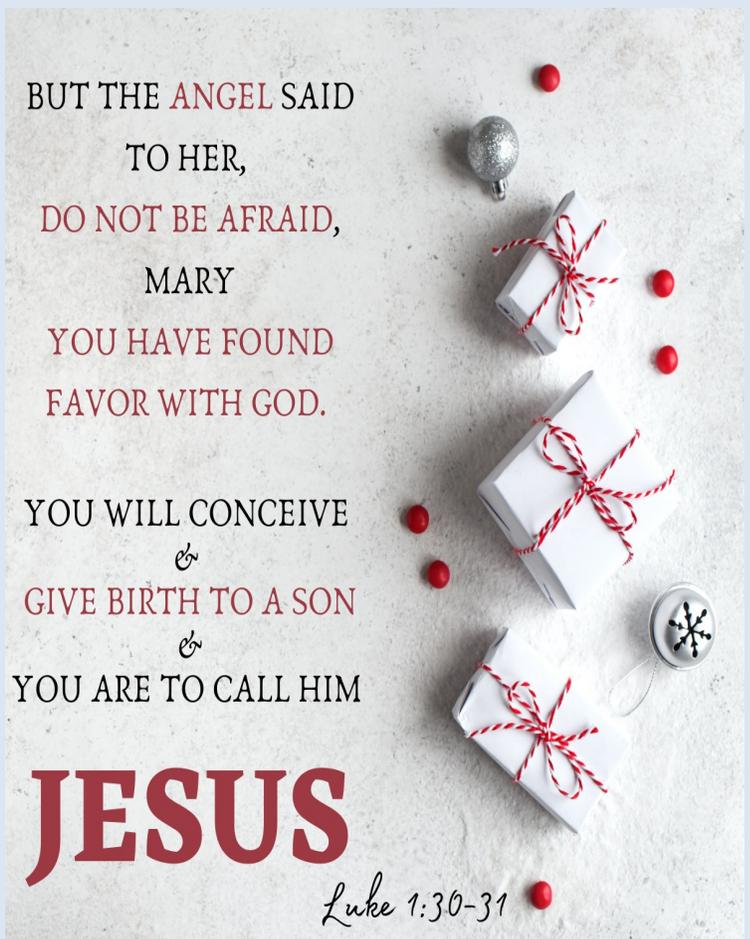
Brian Fleet

Chris Haynes

Spencer Sharpe

Victor (Rip) Ripley III-Vic & Betsy Ripley's son

Jordan Jeffery Lane-Martha Patterson Powers grandson



Prayer Requests:

Amanda Moore-Judy Moore's daughter-in-law - lymphedema
Angie & Matt Ford-Mary Dunston's daughter and son-in-law
Barbara Woods-Healing for Leo (grandson)
Bernie Pomfrey-Healing prayers
Betty Robinson-surgery December 4
Billy Goodman-Barbara Trimmer's friend, lost wife
Bob Carlton
Carol McCann—surgery December 8
Carrie West-Bailey-Carol West's daughter
Debbie Cargo-Kay Craig's niece
Diane Wert-Hip issues
Doris Sharpe-No visitors at this time; prayers are appreciated
Dottie Whitlock
Elizabeth Sydnor-Daughter
Ernesto Angeles Family (McShin)
George and Thelma-Lena Taylor's brother & wife
Gloria Clark-fainting spells
Griswald Family (McShin)
Heather Johnson-Karen Stamey's daughter, surgery Dec. 5
Helen-Barbara Melton's cousin, new cancer treatment,
and her husband, Mike, radiation complications
Janet Davis-Sharon Newcomb's friend
Janet Henderson-Family of Susan Dawson
Jean Beard-Broken elbow, recovering at home
Jeff Gary-son of Wayne & Peggy Gary, his daughter, Brittany,
Doris & Terry Sharpe's nephew, now at Wayne & Peggy's home
Judy Knight-Donna Claytor's mom, hospital
Judy Williams-Sharon Bracken's sister
LaVerne Ramsey-Macular degeneration
Lisa Moore Walker-Judy Moore's daughter -recovery
McLeod Family-Prayers for housing, health and employment.
Missionary Scout Craig-Kay & Joe Craig's granddaughter
Ray Tuck-Shirley Tuck's son
Shannon Dulgher-Crystal Teasley's sister, kidney disease
Lynn Family-Family member with new cancer diagnosis
Zachary Unroe-Jane Stanard's grandson

Ongoing Cancer Treatment:

Betty Bancroft
Betty Weis-Betty Bancroft's daughter-in-law
Carol McCann-Healing from cancer
Debra Truslow-Lena Taylor's daughter
Mary Rivers-David Lyons' sister
Sandy Branson-Stage 4 brain cancer
Scott Benton-Shirley Tuck's son, lung cancer
Taira Baudoin-Jerry Phaup's girlfriend
Tommy Dagenhart-Cathy Baugh's brother, lung cancer
Trisha Pedersen-Mary Boegershausen's step-daughter

Additional Requests and Notes:

HATCHER CHURCH LEADERSHIP FOR 2024-2025

2023—2026	2024—2027	2025—2028
Susan Dawson	Mary Boegershausen	Belinda Blanchard
Peggy Ingram	Jim Blanchard	Sharon Gayness
Bill Moseley	Terry Hoover	Donna Myers
Debbie Welch	Jerry Myers	
	* yoke: newly ordained deacons who work with experienced deacons to learn the ministry of the deaconate.	
		Mary Dunston
		Alice Phillips
		Kathy Ridenour
		Jerry Welch (2025-2026)
		Sharon Bracken (yoke)*
		Linda Pomfrey (yoke)*

Church Officers

Moderator: Alice Phillips
 Treasurer: Karen Stamey
 Clerk: Debbie Welch
 Asst. Clerk: Sharon Vecchione

Committee Chairpersons

Business Committee: Rick Bancroft
 Counting: Mary Atwell
 Endowment: Belinda Blanchard
 Finance: Jerry Myers
 McShin: David Dunston
 Nominating: Alice Phillips
 Personnel: Peggy Ingram/Sharon Vecchione

Program Leaders

Outreach/Mission Director: Sue Mitchell and Kathy Ridenour
 Sunday School Director: Alice Phillips
 Love & Fellowship Coord.: Kay Craig

Team Leaders

Building & Grounds: David Dunston
 Flower & Decorating: Betty Bancroft
 Hostess: Kay Craig
 Kitchen: Terry Hoover
 Transportation: Ray Clary
 Ushers: Eddie Harris
 Communications: Jerry Myers
 Audio/Visual: Ray Clary

Building Use Coordinator: William Moseley
 McShin Board Representative: David Dunston
 Wedding Coordinator: Terry Hoover
 LAMB'S Basket Representatives: Susan Haynes, Paul & Sharon Vecchione
 Benevolence Coordinators: Karen Stamey, Susan Haynes and Lena Taylor

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