



Heritage Bible Church

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Weekly Services

For the remainder of this year, we will only be having services on Sundays at 10 AM.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Much has happened and changed for each of us over the course of these past two months thanks to Hurricane Michael. We all find ourselves in a state of new normalcy. Cleanup continues and rebuilding has begun. God has given us or allowed us to be in a situation in which we have more than we can handle. God does give us more than we can handle on our own, in fact, this is a regular occurrence in our lives. However, sometimes we become so far in over our heads that we begin to realize this fact of life. This is a good thing, because we are all competent human beings who can easily fall into trusting our own abilities and judgments, and not God's. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Continue to trust in the Lord day by day, hour by hour. What is His will for you today? What is His will for you in this moment? This is all going to change as we move forward, continue to walk with the Lord and He will direct your steps. You can only do what God has called you to do, fight the flesh which is going to want to get overwhelmed by everything going on around us, all the things that need to be fixed, the people that need to be loved. What is God calling you to do. Remember, Peter only began to sink when walking out to Jesus on the stormy sea when he took his eyes off Jesus and onto the very real situation around him (Matthew 14:22-33).

As we approach this Christmas season, take the time to meditate on Christ's birth and all the events surrounding it. Don't let your familiarity with this narrative to allow you to glaze over the miraculous. Please also take time to rest this Christmas. Christmas always brings extra stress and hurt for many of us. Take a break from the long to-do lists and simply rest, be intentional about doing what truly energizes and refreshes you. It could be a book, the beach, shopping, hunting, fishing, a car trip, or whatever. This December, continue to seek the Lord's will day by day, which will also include rest.

Events



We will be coming alongside Northside Elementary School this Christmas, and partnering with a sister church, Genesis Alliance Church in Foley Alabama. They are collecting 50 new, unwrapped, toys to bless these children, and I would like to challenge us as a church to see if we can match their 50 gifts to bless the children in our community this Christmas! If you feel led to participate, gifts (unwrapped) are due Sunday, December 16. Distribution is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, the 19th if you would like to volunteer at Northside Elementary to help the kids "shop". Contact Janna if you are interested in serving at the school.



Tuesday, December 11
6:30 PM

Triple J Restaurant (2218 Thomas Dr.)

Seating is limited to 40 so please sign up on the sheet on the foyer table if you are coming.



Wednesday, December 12
6:30 PM

Please contact Pastor Brian if you would like to add anything to the agenda.



Saturday, December 15
11:00 AM

We will be doing a Christmas craft and will have the conclusion of our secret sister event. All are invited! More info will come soon.



Sunday, December 16
5:00 PM

If you want to participate with a song, skit, etc, sign up on the sheet on the foyer table.



Monday, December 24

5:00 PM