

In the **KNOW**

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND FIRST?

- **PRAYER TIME 15 minutes before the morning service in the Pastor's Study.** These prayer times help create an atmosphere of expectancy.
- **Circles are better than rows. GET in COMMUNITY!** Small group discipleship takes place on-site each Sunday at 9:45 AM. These life-sharing and learning environments are Bible based and explore topics for personal and spiritual growth each week.
- **Year-end giving opportunities...**As the calendar year draws to a close in a matter of weeks, there are several ways that you can express your generosity and support the ministry and mission of your church in the year to come. A list of projects are included as an insert in today's worship program. Contributing provides a way to ensure the ongoing work of the Church is financed, and provides a margin that will greatly increase the draw and advance of Jesus' message here at home and around the world.
- **TO DATE** we have received **\$1,920** toward the **\$1200** needed to drill a water well in Haiti. That means we are on our way to drilling 2 wells to provide clean water and ensure a reduction in the diseases that affect children and shorten life expectancy. Another **\$380** will enable us to get two dug.
- **Christmas and New Year's Day services** will take place at 11:00 am. There will be **NO** Sunday School either Sunday nor any evening activities at the church.
- **Coming Soon..YOP!** Be looking for it, planning for it, and participating in it.

[Generosity Gauge for December 11](#)

Tithe Giving	\$5,773.47
Faith Promise (Missions)	456.00
Building Fund	220.00
Sunday School	42.95
Water Well for Haiti	183.00

PRAYER is a priority

OUR WORLD

Local, state, national and world leaders including the President, his advisors, and others in authority

Those serving in the military, including chaplains

Jay & Teanna Sunberg, LINKS missionaries serving in Hungary

Prayer for the Persecuted Church!

Those affected by political unrest and natural disasters here and around the world. The famine and drought in the Horn of Africa.

OUR CHURCH

The Pastoral Staff, Leadership Team & Sunday School Teachers

Outreach and discipling efforts to reach the needy and develop Christlike followers

12 new families, 25 conversions to Christ, 5 more tithers this year

Dr. David Graves, G.S.; Rev. Harold Berrian, D.S.; and Zone churches and pastors.

OUR PEOPLE

Health Concerns:

Mike Gonzalez, Doug Stevens, Donna House, Delores Ashley, Kenley Paige Maynard (newborn in NICU), Sally Sexton

Shut-ins: Corrine Bullock, Ruby Burton, Rena Davidson, Virgil & Nelle Dickison, Pauline Fannin, Verna Felty, Edith Gray, Cecil Lilly, Arnold Litteral, Mary Metz, Candice Rice, Myra Speaks, Lucille Tackett

Congratulations: Stephen & Brittany Maynard welcomed Kenley Paige at 10:33pm, on December 12, weighing 6lbs 15oz and 18 1/2 inches long. Keep her and the family in prayer!

OUR PASTORS

Dr. Steve Ruby—Lead Pastor

Andrea Covert—Worship Arts

Jerrold Covert—Youth & Families

Denver Prater—Visitation

Paula Sergent—Discipleship & Assimilation

Curt Skeens—Teaching

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The Program

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Christmas in Heaven



FIRST

time here? OR SECOND, OR THIRD OR TENTH.....

Welcome

We are really glad you came today! We know everyone is at different places in their spiritual journey and do not automatically assume you know who God is, but this is one place where we think you can come to understand Him better and get to know the real Jesus, who wants you to experience His love. We won't ask you to wear a nametag or make a speech, but we are so happy you are here!!

HILLS we die on... We are committed to **DOING LIFE TOGETHER** like a family. Connections and community are important if we are to move beyond casual, arm's distance kinds of relationships. We are in process of forming an Acts 2.42-47 kind of church experience. You are invited along!!

We are kid and family friendly

Your kids will **LOVE** this...

kids' first ministries is designed for ALL kids regardless of personality, energy level or special needs. We are anxious to have your child in a place where they can meet learn about GOD, and we are sure you are as well. Our children's ministry area is safe and secure, too. We care about what you care about.

Evening Service @ 6:00pm. Carols & Candlelight service with the reading of the Christmas story. This will be a meaningful time of sharing and encourage you to make this part of your day's activity.

grow up * each Wednesday...

The "Un-series" will afford us the opportunity to do a seasonal thrust and consider a few thoughts that might well make this Advent extra-special.

Talk Notes

"Christmas in Heaven"
John 3.16

Nothing can compare or compete with it!

Matthew & Luke give us a perspective of Christmas from _____.

John gives us a perspective of Christmas from _____.

John 3.16

In Heaven, Christmas was...

I. The _____ of God!

God's heart is to _____.

The _____ of God's love is _____.

Ephesians 3.18

God's love includes the _____ of the world!

II. The _____ of God!

The distance traveled

Consider the _____ that God's love would go!

Immanuel

The best gifts

How to celebrate a visit from Royalty?

Luke 2.14

Revelation 5.12

Philippians 2.11

III. The _____ of God!

A promise kept

God's promise speaks of the _____ and _____ of His love!

Two Hungarian brothers and an inheritance...

Our inheritance!

Another trip planned

The best gift to give and receive this year