



December 25, 2011

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor Dr. Larry Aikens
 Pastor Emeritus Dr. Ed Hampton
 Associate Pastor Mark Chapman
 Spanish Pastor Servando Gonzalez
 Minister of Music Darren Homontowski
 Bus Director/Visitation Pastor Cliff Mowen
 Director of Children's Ministries David Zyskowski
 Youth Coordinators Kevin & Josie Hoffman
 Executive Secretary Judie Bishop
 Office Manager Diane Johns
 Church Secretary Gloria Moats

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday: Prayer Meeting 9:00 AM
 Sunday School 9:45-10:45 AM
 Morning Gospel Service 11:00 AM-12:30 PM
 Evening Service 6:00 PM
 Tuesday: Shut-in Visitation 10:00 AM
 Wednesday: Youth A.L.I.V.E. 6:45 PM
 Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
 Master Clubs 7:00 PM
 Thursday: FREE, ACTION, Church Visitation 6:30 PM
 Saturday: Bus Breakfast & Visitation 9:30 AM

REPORT FOR WEEK: 12/18/2011

ATTENDANCE

Sunday School	609	AM Service	728
PM Service	406	Wednesday	N/A

OFFERINGS

Budget Offering	XXXXXXXX	Total Offering	XXXXXXXX
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Budget Offering Needed Weekly: XXXXXXXX

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

We appreciate everyone who is in attendance on this very special Sunday, keeping Jesus first in Christmas!

PETITION FOR POWER

Next Sunday, our Prayer Meeting is based on **Luke 1:45**. We will meet at **9:00 a.m.** in the Life Builders' classroom. All men and ladies are encouraged to attend.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Tanner Brown | Beverly Edwards | Luray Lucas
 Jaheem Sanders



CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS SERVICE

There will be a special Candlelight Christmas service *tonight*. We plan to sing many of the Christmas hymns and have special music. Pastor will also be giving a message entitled "Christmas Complete."

OFFERING ENVELOPES



Giving envelopes are available (**labeled with your name**) on the table near the portico entrance, for those who used them this past year and those who have requested them for 2012. Anyone who would like a record kept of their giving for *tax purposes* will **need** to use envelopes. **The only way an ongoing record can be kept of your giving is by using the envelopes.**

To request giving envelopes for 2012, please place a note in the offering plate or call the office. **Note: Please discard all unused envelopes from previous years.**

"LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR"



Pastor Aikens hosts an informal broadcast on 1590 AM WHGT Christian Radio at 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday entitled "Lunch with the Pastor." We encourage everyone to "spend time" with Pastor each day as he chats with you during the lunch hour.

EMMANUEL ECHOES

Tune in to WHGT 1590 AM for the weekday edition of Emmanuel Echoes with Dr. Ed Hampton at 9:45 a.m. The weekend edition with Pastor Aikens airs on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

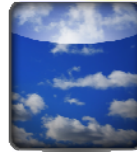
CHRISTMAS TRACTS

Beautiful Christmas tracts are available in the tract racks for distribution. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the season of giving by sharing the gift of salvation.

2012...EVER FORWARD

Our monthly memory verses next year will be based on the theme "Ever Forward." Let us purpose in our hearts to think like missionary David Livingstone: "I am prepared to go anywhere, provided it be forward."

SIGHTS SET FOR HEAVEN IN 2011



Revelation 21:4: And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Please support...
WHGT CHRISTIAN RADIO - 1590 AM
 Where Hearts Get Transformed

Nursery Schedule ~ December 25

	INFANT	TODDLER
Check-In	AM: Hannah Muller	PM: Meredith Hoyt
9:45 AM	Linda & Dana Henson & Laura Hott	Jason & Andrea Renner
11:00 AM	Sue Fisher & Jessica Aikens	Grace Muller & Patsy Ingram
6:00 PM	Elizabeth Allen & Angela Fairchild	Jackie Merson & Nicole Yonker

Nursery Schedule ~ January 1

Check-In	AM: Lisa & Chloe Prejean	PM: Peter and Cherish Lynch
9:45 AM	Linda & Dana Henson & Laura Hott	Jason & Andrea Renner
11:00 AM	Laura Calhoun & Dixie Sumpter	Justin & Mandy Lowry
6:00 PM	Amy McMillin & Jennifer Caudle	Mike & Karen Wilder

Nursery Director ~ Mary Ann Swope ~ 301-739-6320

MASTER CLUBS

There will no Club *this Wednesday, December 28th*, due to all families meeting in the Sanctuary for the service.

YOUTH A.L.I.V.E.

There will be a brief parent meeting following the evening service on **Sunday, January 15th**, to discuss the schedule for the next quarter.

The next Y.A.C. (Youth After Church) is scheduled for **Sunday, January 22nd** with an activity the following **Saturday, January 28th**. More details will follow.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

All the teen and adult teachers who are using the new curriculum written by Bro. Chapman will not meet as normally scheduled *this Wednesday, December 28th*. However, the lesson for January 8th will be available on Sunday, January 1st, in the Conference Room across from the Executive Offices.

CHURCH-WIDE VISITATION

There will be no church-wide visitation *this Thursday, December 29th*, due to the New Year's holiday. Visitation will resume on **Thursday, January 5th**, at **6:30 p.m.** If you wish to make some visits on your own time, please see Bro. Mowen.

INCLEMENT WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

If at all *possible*, our regular service schedule will be maintained. When necessary, the church closing will be announced on local radio stations **WJEJ 1240 AM** or **WCRH 90.5 FM** (www.cedarridge.org), and also www.your4state.com at least *one hour* prior to service time, when possible.

WEEKLY BUS CAPTAINS' REPORT 12/18/2011: (30) 287

Dave Carpenter (SE Hag.)	(6) 58	Cassandra Hott (WV/W'port)	(5) 33
Jim Robinson (NE Hag.)	(2) 41	F. Myers/L. Murray (S'burg)	(2) 16
Barb Calhoun (SW Hag)	(3) 33	Newman Family (PA)	(2) 25
D. Zyskowski (NW Hag.)	(6) 31	Courtesy Vans	(1) 9
J. Ruckman (C. Spring)	(1) 13	Peggy Ritter (Courtesy Bus)	(2) 28

Legend: (Workers) Total

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LOOKING AHEAD

Annual Leaders' Summit	→	January 21
Basketball Open Gym Nights begin	→	January 21
Winter Revival	→	February 5-8
Ed Hampton Sunday	→	February 12

Make our events part of your agenda on Google Calendar online!

ANNUAL LEADERS' SUMMIT

On **Saturday, January 21st**, we are privileged to have Dr. Ray Young, President of Hyles-Anderson College with us for our Leaders' Summit. We encourage **all leaders** in every ministry of our church to make their plans to attend. Dr. Young has a broad ministry experience from which every leader will benefit. For more information, please contact Bro. Chapman.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

In keeping with our policy to *not* use fundraisers to support our ministry and in consideration for others, we would encourage that solicitation for *other* organizations (i.e. school fundraisers, home party companies, etc.) *not* be conducted around service times. Along this same line, it would be very *helpful* if delivery of such items were made outside the church in order to help keep the Narthex orderly. We greatly appreciate your assistance in these matters.

NOTE TO PASTOR

Note to Pastor cards, available in each pew, are an excellent way of communicating with the Pastor. Simply write your prayer request, praise, or concern on the card and place it in the offering plate or give it to a staff member. Pastor appreciates the opportunity to be kept informed.

GIFT FOR JESUS SPONSORS

We would like to thank the following companies and individuals for donating toward Gift for Jesus Sunday: Jean Shank Insurance; Kline's Painting; Lynch Contracting; Larry and Sons Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling; Mellott Transport; Orlan Helmick; and Phil & Jerry's Meats and More.

2012 BIBLE READING CALENDARS

The Daily Bible Reading Calendars for 2012 are available at the Information Desk for those who would like one. This calendar is an excellent guide for reading through God's Word in one year!

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The church financial reports for the month of November are available at the Information Desk.

OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed *this* Friday for the New Year's holiday.

NEWCOMER'S CLASS

Next Sunday, January 1, Pastor Aikens will teach **Session Seven** entitled "**The Will of God.**"

Missionary of the Month

The Snode Family ~ Church Planters, Pennsylvania

Making the Most of Your First Visit

- We encourage you to take advantage of our children's ministries, including nurseries and programs for children through sixth grade. If you prefer to keep your children with you, please sit near the back of the Sanctuary.
- Please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. This is intended for members and regular attendees.
- To help our ushers prevent distractions, we ask that you remain in the Sanctuary once the service has begun, unless there is an emergency. If you must leave, please exit through the rear doors; and an usher will be glad to assist you. Restrooms are located to the side of the Sanctuary.
- To maintain a tone of reverence, we ask that pagers and cell phones be put in the silent mode. No food or drinks are permitted in the Sanctuary.

WHAT IS AN INVITATION?

At the close of each Worship Service, our Pastor will extend an invitation to allow people to make spiritual decisions regarding spiritual growth, salvation, baptism, church membership, or Christian service.

HOW CAN I BE SAVED?

1. Acknowledge that you are a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Romans 3:23).
2. Believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins (Romans 5:8).
3. Confess your sins and ask Jesus to forgive and save you and make you a real Christian (Romans 10:9-10, 13).

WHY SHOULD I BE BAPTIZED?

As soon as a person becomes a member of the family of God through salvation, he should start his walk with Christ by making a definite, public profession of faith (Matthew 10:32-33).

Baptism incorporates this public profession of faith and symbolizes a believer's position with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. This symbolism declares a believer's intention to die to the flesh, bury the old nature, and begin to operate in the new nature with the help of the Holy Spirit.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

- Anyone wishing to become a part of this body of believers may discuss this with a member of our pastoral staff. We receive new members who meet the spiritual qualifications of our constitution and by-laws: by letter from a church of like faith, by statement of faith, or upon following the Lord in believer's baptism.
- Attend the **Newcomer's Class**, a special 14-week Sunday School class for all new Christians and new attendees.

If the Holy Spirit has worked in your life, prompting you to make any of these decisions, please come forward during the invitation time. When you come forward, you will be greeted by a minister who will guide you in your decision.

What will you do with Jesus?

Neutral you cannot be.

For one day your soul will be asking,

"What will He do with me?"