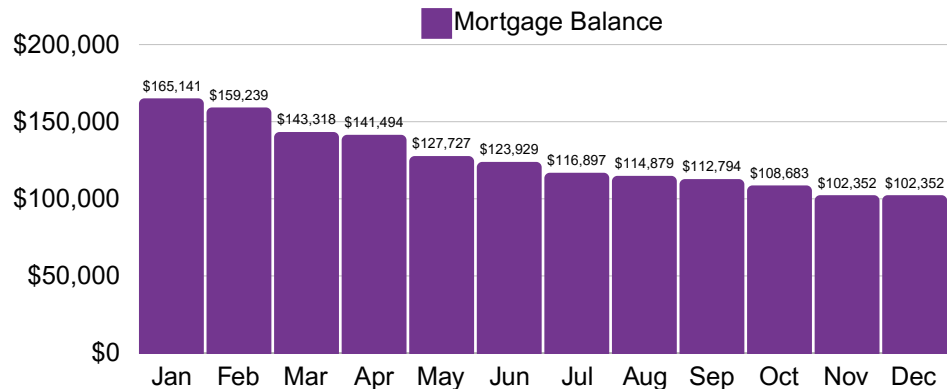


## Welcome to Harvest View Church!

Whether you are joining us for the first time or have been a part of our congregation. Our church family is characterized by a warm and inclusive atmosphere where everyone is embraced and valued for who they are. We are eager for you to encounter the profound love of God and the sheer delight of worshipping alongside us. So, please step inside and partake in the joyous experience! As it says in Romans 15:7, 'Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.'

If you are interested in learning more about how to become an active member of our dynamic community, please don't hesitate to contact us [info@harvestviewtn.org](mailto:info@harvestviewtn.org) We're here for you whenever you need guidance or assistance.

🏠 Welcome home! 🏠



## Sermon Notes

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December 1, 2024	
Attendance	27
Offerings	1101

# The Harvest View Vine

December 8, 2024



## Peace on Earth

As we enter this second week of the holy Advent season, let us reflect on the profound peace that Jesus offers. His love shines brightly as we prepare our hearts for His arrival, guiding us through life's challenges. In John 14:27, Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you." May this time of waiting inspire us to share hope with those around us and embody Christ's peace in our daily lives.

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements  
*Joann Smith*

Praise in Song

Worship in Giving  
*Deacon Charlie*  
*Deacon Anthony*

Worship in Song

Message  
*Pastor Brent Brewer*

Prayer/Closing Hymn



Adult Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Fellowship 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship 10:15 AM

Wednesday Study 6:00 PM

# Bah Humbug



Bah humbug! As the holiday season trudges on, I feel like the Grinch's less popular cousin who decided to skip the party. While everyone else enjoys festive gatherings and Secret Santa exchanges, I stand on the

sidelines while everyone else enjoys festive gatherings and Secret Santa exchanges. Observing the interactions among friends and family can be a bittersweet experience—full of joy and learning, Even during the "forced fun" of the gatherings! Am I alone? Or do I share this feeling with others who don't know it? Occasionally, I'd receive an invitation to random get-togethers. I often feel like I'm the last kid chosen for a team. It became clear that loneliness can crash my holiday cheer, much like Scrooge's sad dance before embracing the season's spirit.

For me, Christmas has shifted from family get-togethers to a time for reflection on what truly matters: love, faith, and joy in the spirit of Jesus. As this will be my first Christmas since my father's passing, this reflection has grown more meaningful. Christmas often feels like a consumerist frenzy, with ads urging us to buy, buy, buy, and distract us from what's important. I cherish memories of past Christmases, longing for family warmth and closeness as my father valued. His absence deepens my appreciation for the season's essence, guiding me to celebrate in a way that honors his memory. Year after year, I find the Christmas spirit buried under pressure to showcase wealth through fancy gifts. Holiday decorations appeared right after Halloween, turning connection into a frantic race for the latest trends. I miss when the joy of a child eagerly awaiting Christmas mirrored the gift of Jesus to the world.

I invite you to join me this year and rediscover pure joy amid the chaos of the holiday season, focusing on simple moments—watching Christmas movies with friends, spending time with family, and sharing the love of Christ through selfless acts of compassion and giving. By embracing the true meaning of Christmas, we can redefine the holiday, elevating one another with love and faith rather than chasing material things. It's a reminder that the season's joy is always within our reach if we focus on what truly matters.

*Merry Christmas & God Bless Us, Every One!*

# Church Happenings

**Harvest View Church**  
**Christmas Open House**  
 December 14, 2024 - 10AM - 2PM  
 Get ready for a jolly good time filled with Fun, Games, and a sleigh-full of Christmas Cheer!  
 Get your picture with the big guy himself—Santa! 🎅🌟

**Business Meeting**  
 After Church  
 on  
 December 15, 2024

**Candle Light Service**  
*Christmas Eve*  
 Wednesday 12/24/24 | 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Harvest View Calendar December 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Leadership Meeting 6:00PM	3	4 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00-7:00	5	6	7
8 Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15 AM	9	10	11	12	13	14 Open House 10 - 2 PM
15 Business Meeting After Service Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15	16	17	18 Wednesday Bible Study 6:00-7:00	19	20	21
22 Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15 AM	23	24 Christmas Eve Candle Light 6-7PM	25	26	27	28
29 Bible Study - 0900 AM Worship - 10:15 AM	30	31				