

HESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

January 4, 2026
Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Welcome and Announcements		Pastor
Prelude	<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	Rippon
Call to Worship	<i>Holy is the Lord</i>	Schubert
Responsive Reading 672		Pastor & People
Hymn 330	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Newton
Offertory Prayer		Usher
Offertory	<i>He Hideth My Soul</i>	Kirkpatrick
Hymn of Response	<i>Doxology</i>	Ken
Choir	<i>Grace Greater Than Our Sin</i>	Johnston
Scripture	Genesis 30:22-24	Pastor
Message	"Even Amid Suffering and Sin"	Pastor
Hymn 334	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	Crosby
Parting Prayer		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Standing On the Promises</i>	Carter

A WORD OF WELCOME

We WELCOME you to Hester this morning! We hope you will visit with us again. If you don't have a church home, we invite you to join us. At the close of each service (during the last hymn), we welcome

new members by profession of faith and baptism, by Christian statement, or by transfer of letter from another church.

PLANNING A GRIEFSHARE GROUP

We have moved forward in our preparations to have a “GriefShare” support group here at Hester. The materials have been ordered to have our first group, which we plan to limit to seven participants, so that we may have healthy group discussions. A sign-up sheet is out, and we are inviting our community. If you are interested in participating, please put your name on this sheet, and if you know anyone else to invite, please do so, and let us know. If you wish to make a financial contribution to this ministry, please do so at your convenience. Thank you.

EXPLORING FORMING A CUB SCOUT PACK

We are exploring the possibility of hosting a Cub Scout Pack here at Hester. Scouting now includes both boys and girls, and this would give us the opportunity to reach out to families on the north side of our county. If you have interest in helping us with this program, please see Pastor Jeff.

NEW SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

We are planning our next small group Bible Study. This study will be “Angels: Finding Hope in God Who Reigns over Heaven and Earth.” A sign-up sheet is out on the table in the foyer near the children’s wing. We are hoping for at least 10 participants. The cost of the book will depend on the number of those who sign up. The date and time will be determined by the participants.

FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP AND GAMES

We are planning to have a Fireside Fellowship in our Church Parking Lot on Saturday, January 31st. We hope to include some singing, Scripture, and a devotional, and offer food and games. More details are coming.

REGULAR EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today (Jan. 4)	10:00 a.m.	Church Conference and Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	The Worship of God
Monday (Jan. 5)		Benji Hight's Birthday Today
Tuesday (Jan. 6)	6:30 p.m.	A Verse & A Prayer on the Hester Facebook page
Wednesday (Jan. 7)	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Neil Hester's Birthday Today
Thursday (Jan. 8)	11:30 a.m.	Friendship Group Lunch at George's in Oxford
Next Sunday (Jan. 11)	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	The Worship of God

DEACONS OF THE MONTH CLOSING DOORS

Stephen Currin will close the church buildings during January, and Neil Hester will close them in February. Thank you.

CHURCH PHONE NUMBERS

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