

HESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

December 7, 2025

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Welcome and Announcements		Pastor
Prelude	<i>O Come Little Children</i>	Schulz
Call to Worship	<i>Light the Light, the Fire of Life</i> Lighting the Advent Candles	Montoya
A Dramatic Reading of the Christmas Story		Youth & Children
Hymn 85	<i>The First Nowell</i>	Traditional
Offertory Prayer		Usher
Offertory	<i>In the Bleak Mid-Winter</i>	Holst
Hymn of Response	<i>Doxology</i>	Ken
Choir	<i>Little Lamb/What Child is This</i>	arr. Allen
Message	“The Unsung Hero of Christmas” Matthew 1:18-25	Pastor
Hymn 103	<i>Away in a Manger</i>	Murray
Parting Prayer		Pastor
Postlude	<i>How Great Our Joy</i>	Traditional

A WORD OF WELCOME

We WELCOME you to Hester today! We hope you will visit with us again. If you do not have a Church home in our community, we invite you to join us here at Hester. At the close of each service

(during the final hymn), we welcome new members by profession of faith, by Christian statement, or by transfer of letter.

CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING

The annual Christmas Missions Offering, which supports missions around the world, will be received during the month of December. Here at Hester, we divide our offering between the “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering” of the Southern Baptist Convention and the “Global Missions Offering” of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. This week will be a week of dedicated prayer for International Missions, and for this offering, so copies of a prayer guide and offering envelope are in your worship bulletin this morning.

BREAKFAST AND CANDLELIGHT NEXT SUNDAY

On the third Sunday of Advent next week (December 14, 2025), we are planning to have a Fellowship Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Then, during the Worship Service at 11:00, we are planning to observe a service of Carols and Candlelight.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA BY THE SANCTUARY CHOIR

On the fourth Sunday of Advent (December 21, 2025), the Sanctuary Choir will present *A Song is Born at Christmas*, by Tom Fettke, during the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

We are planning a Christmas Eve Service again this year. It will take place at 7:00 p.m. on December 24th. It will include communion, candlelight, and a devotional.

REGULAR EVENTS THIS WEEK

Today (Dec. 7)	10:00 a.m.	Church Conference and Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	The Worship of God

Monday (Dec. 8)		Carla Light's Birthday is today Charles & Debbie Hight's Anniv.
Tuesday (Dec. 9)	6:30 p.m.	A Verse & A Prayer, which is live on our Church Facebook Page
Wednesday (Dec. 10)	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Birthdays of Betty Boyd, Michael Haskins, Cole Higgs, & Spencer Riggan are today
Thursday (Dec. 11)		Priscilla Averette's Birthday Uzelia Elliott's Birthday
Next Sunday (Dec. 14)	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School The Worship of God Stephanie Strother's Birthday Craig Watson's Birthday

DEACONS OF THE MONTH CLOSING DOORS

Brandon Averette will close the church buildings during December, and Stephen Currin will close them during January. We appreciate our Deacons closing our buildings.

CHURCH PHONE NUMBERS

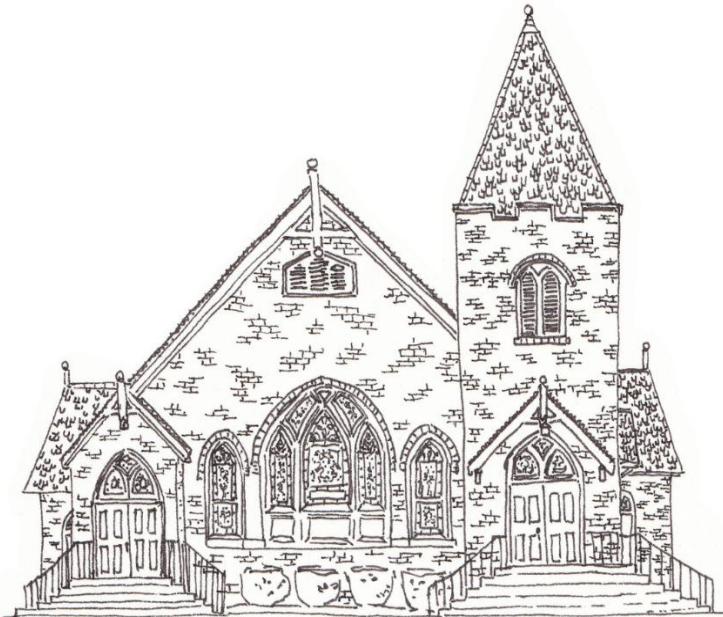
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