

# HESTER BAPTIST CHURCH

December 21, 2025

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

Prelude	<i>O Come, All Ye Faithful</i>	Wade
Call to Worship	<i>Light the Light, the Fire of Life</i> Lighting the Advent Candles	Montoya
Hymn 86	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	Brooks
Offertory Prayer		Usher
Offertory	<i>He Shall Feed His Flock</i>	Handel
Hymn of Response	<i>Doxology</i>	Ken

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA BY THE HESTER SANCTUARY CHOIR

*A Song Was Born at Christmas:  
A Musical Celebrating the Birth of the Messiah  
By Tom Fettke*

Hymn 94	<i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	Montgomery
Parting Prayer		Pastor
Postlude	<i>Go Tell It on the Mountain</i>	Spiritual

## 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.

## **CHRISTMAS MISSIONS OFFERING**

The Christmas Missions Offering is currently being received. We divide our offering between the “Lottie Moon Christmas Offering” of the SBC and the “Global Missions Offering” of the CBF.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**

This coming Wednesday, on Christmas Eve, we will have our annual Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to come and share with us.

## **PLANNING A GRIEFSHARE GROUP**

We are working on plans to have a “GriefShare” support group here at Hester. If you have interest in participating, please add your name to the sign-up list found on the table in the foyer near the church office hallway.

## **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, please see Pastor Jeff.

## **FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP AND GAMES**

We are planning to have a Fireside Fellowship in our Church Parking Lot sometime in January. We hope to include some singing, Scripture, and a devotional, and offer food and games. We will share more about this planned event soon.

## **REGULAR EVENTS THIS WEEK**

Today (Dec. 21)	10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	The Worship of God
		The Christmas Cantata

Wednesday (Dec. 24)	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Thursday (Dec. 25)		MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
Friday (Dec. 26)		Eula Brooks' Birthday is Today
Saturday (Dec. 27)		Susan Watson's Birthday is Today
Next Sunday (Dec. 28)	10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Sunday School The Worship of God

#### 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

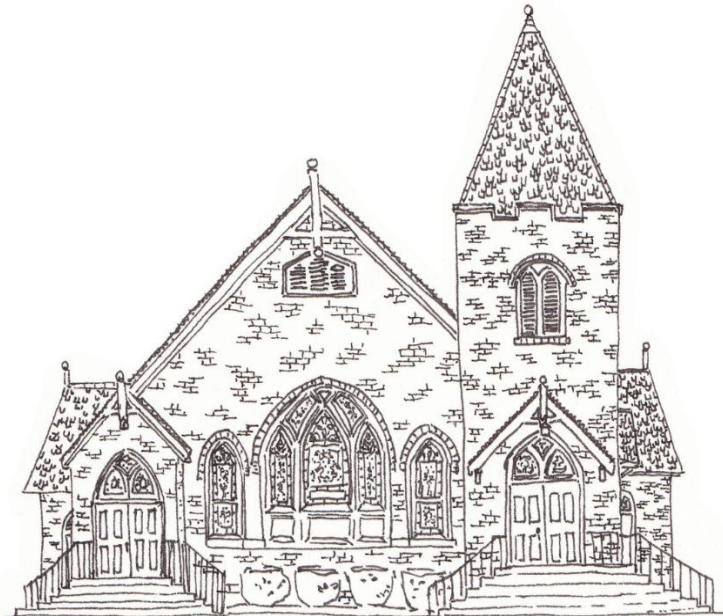
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