



Harker Heights

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Our Message

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*A Monthly Newsletter of Harker
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From the Pastor

Friends,

I am writing to you in the days just before Christmas. There is much anticipation, not only for gatherings and gift exchanges, but also - and most importantly - for the time we will soon have to celebrate the Birth of King Jesus. In this season of gift giving, God himself is the ultimate and best gift to all people. In a moment unlike anything else in all of history, the Son of God was born to a human family. He lived, breathed, suffered, and triumphed with people like you and me. His holy love looks not at our tendency to sin, and instead welcomes us into his family for a life that never ends.

The Father longs for our lives to be in step with his, and that we would actively work to make heaven crowded by

proclaiming and demonstrating this good news for all people - that we are not dead in our sin, but alive in Christ.

In the new year, my prayer for our church is for us to not confine our celebration of Jesus' birth, death and resurrection to the weeks of Christmas and Easter, but that we would be a people who daily revel in the wonders of our God. New birth is not only to be celebrated in Bethlehem in ages past, and resurrection is not simply something to long for in the day of our death. Through the movement of the Holy Spirit, we can experience new birth and resurrection TODAY. Let us join this good work God has begun and may we be faithful to say, "Yes!"

Blessings,

Weekly Events

Sundays

7:30am Community Breakfast
9:00am Worship
10:20am Sunday School
5-7:00pm Youth

Wednesdays

7:30am Men's Prayer Breakfast
HH IHOP
1:30pm Prayer Group
4:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
6-7:30pm 1017 Club
6:00pm Choir Practice

Thank You Very Much

Megan and I, along with our children, offer our deepest gratitude to our church family for the generous gift cards and cash donations we received during October's Pastor Appreciation Month and the Pastor's Love Offering in December. We are grateful for your kindness and the opportunity we have to serve the Lord alongside each of you.

These tangible gifts of appreciation are both encouraging and heartwarming to our family. -Brian, Megan, Aubrey, Madilyn and Caroline Longley

Children's Ministry

This past year has been remarkably successful for the Children's Ministry. We are deeply grateful for the significant growth in both volunteer participation and children served.

As we embark on a new year, we are enthusiastically planning new initiatives and seeking additional volunteers to further expand our reach and impact. We welcome your participation in the Children's Ministry planning team or simply spending time with our wonderful children. Your insights and contributions will be invaluable in enhancing our programs.

2025 will be a pivotal year, focused on conveying God's profound love to children, strengthening their connection with Jesus, and sharing the Gospel with those who have yet to experience it. We remain steadfast in our faith and look forward to continued success.

We will be having our New Year's kickoff party on January 8th at 5:30 with a silent disco party. If you want to see how much fun our children are having, this is the event you won't want to miss.

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YTD Financial Report of December 21, 2024

General Fund (GF)

Income	311,102.53
Expense	-264,570.20
Transfers to Growth and Development	-42,807.46
Net	\$3,724.87

Restricted Fund (RF)

Jan. 1 2024 Fund Balance and YTD Income	63,992.52
Expense	-26,971.42
Transfer to Growth & Development	-10,000.00
Net	\$27,021.10

Growth & Development Fund

Jan. 1 2024 Fund Balance	8,592.45
Certificates of Deposit	20,863.34
GF Income	42,807.46
RF Income	10,201.00
Parsonage Mortgage Paid Off	-78,380.93
Net	\$4,083.32

Upcoming Events

Jan 05 - No Youth – Winter Break
Youth Leader Meeting
Jan 08 - 1017 Club Resumes
Jan 09 - Emmaus @ Killeen 1st
Methodist, 7:00pm
Jan 10 - Youth Council, 6:00pm
Jan 11 - 2nd Sat. Breakfast, 8:30am
Sack Lunch Assembly and Distribution, 10:00am
Jan 12 - Youth Resumes, 5:00pm
Jan 13 - Trustees Committee, 6:00pm
Jan 19 - Church Council, 11:45am
Jan 21 - Finance Committee, 6:00pm
Jan 27 - Worship Committee, 6:00pm

Youth Ministry

Happy New Year! We cannot wait to be back together with our youth this spring. HHMC Youth Spring Kick off is Sunday January 12th 5-7pm! Our 2nd annual Glow Party and Manhunt Night will not disappoint



An important deadline to note for anyone still interested in joining us for Revive's Winter Mission Feb. 7-9th, is January 23rd. All registrations must be in to Revive by January 23rd. Our 10 spots are filled. We can request additional spots with a registration card commitment signed by a parent/guardian. Please let me know as soon as you can if your student does plan to join us.

Summer camp spots have been secured as well. We are so excited to head back to Camp Buckner July 13-17th (be sure to mark your calendars) for another amazing week. Parent letters will be coming out shortly with more information. January 5th we will be having a leader meeting for current youth leaders and anyone interested in helping with youth. If you are interested at all in being a leader, please join us.

Visit the church website to get more information about Winter Mission, Summer Camp, and our regular youth programs: <https://hhmc.church/students>

News

Leadership Training Offered January 11 & 18

Leadership empowered by the Holy Spirit is the single most important factor impacting the acceleration of the spread of the Gospel. International Leadership Institute's History Makers Training is offered at First Methodist Gatesville on Jan 11 and 18 from 9am-5pm each day. Pastor Brian invites you to join him to attend this training. \$20 cost covers breakfast lunch meals, refreshments, and training materials.

Register online:

<https://form.jotform.com/243037302848152>

Donations Sought for Soldiers Returning from Deployment

Army Chaplain Kyung Kim, a Global Methodist Pastor stationed at Fort Cavazos, recently contacted local churches to request donations for the homecoming of 130 single soldiers in the 115th Brigade Support Battalion who will be moving back into the barracks in January. These basic provisions will assist until they can pick up their personal vehicles and get to the grocery store upon arriving returning from deployment to Poland. The wish list and desired quantities are below for consideration. Donated items may be placed in the wicker basket in the church lobby by January and will be delivered to the Fort Cavazos unit liaisons. Thank you for your willingness to consider this opportunity on short notice by helping HHMC to show hospitality!

- Bottled Water (about 300 bottles)
- Gatorade (200 bottles)
- Granola Bars (170 count)
- Individual Chip Bags (310 count)
- Mac & Cheese/microwaveable (170 ct)
- Beef Jerky (130 count)
- Ramen/microwavable (200 count)
- Cookies (200 count)
- Fruit Snacks (260 count)
- Pretzels (130 count)
- Cheese-Itz/ Goldfish (200 count)
- Mini cereals (250 count)

Children's Ministry (cont'd from page 1):

As an additional note, children will be attending Revive Children's Camp at Latham Springs Camp from June 27th to June 30th, 2025, and we would greatly appreciate any support you can offer in helping us send as many children as possible. Your prayers for this trip would be most welcome. Registration is open now, so please inform Kimberley if your child wishes to attend or if you are interested in volunteering.



HHMC Office Hours: 9am-12 M-F
Brian's Weekly Day Off: Friday

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Kids' Christmas Celebration 2024

Please note that when scheduling an event at the church, all members and groups are requested to submit a building use request to Jay Lohman in the church office. After a request is made, Jay will confirm whether or not, the requested space is available and if a location and/or time change is needed to

reserve your desired room and publish the event on the church calendar. Outside groups will be asked to complete a building use agreement make related payments or deposits per Trustees decision.