

Hominy Baptist Church

*Loving God, Loving Others, Loving You
with all our heart, soul, mind and strength!*

2011 Theme
"Growing Our Community of Faith"

The Journey



Christmas Morning: Worship Only

New Year's Day: Worship Only

(No Bible Study or JAM)

Childcare is closed on December 23rd and 26th

The Church Office and DayStay are closed on

December 26th and 27th



If you ordered a poinsettia this year, you may pick those up after the Christmas morning worship service.



Be sure to check the Hominy Post Office each week in the Bennett Lounge for your family's Christmas cards. You may use this to put cards in for church members and save on postage. You may wish to donate what you save on postage to Global Missions.



Our sympathy and prayers go out to Dr. & Mrs. Fred Werhan in the passing of their daughter, Terri Lynn Werhan Sexton this past Sunday.



Friday, December 23 at 7:00 pm.

We conclude Advent and prepare our hearts for Christmas with a candlelight communion service. This Hominy tradition allows us to worship with our family of faith and still spend Christmas Eve with our families in worship and celebration.

There will be no Wednesday Night Activities on December 21, 28, and January 4.



Bicentennial Begins January 1, 2012

We will begin our year-long celebration of Hominy Baptist Church's Bicentennial during our worship service followed by a cider fellowship in the Bennett Lounge.

There will not be a Journey published next week due to the closing of the office for the Christmas holiday.



Blood Drive

Alyssa Quinn is hosting a Blood Drive at Hominy on Wednesday, December 28 from 2:30 pm to 7:00 pm.

This is a project that will help Alyssa earn scholarship money toward college. You may call her to make your appointment. Her number is 670-5502.

We are very grateful to one of our church members who recently donated a vast collection of relatively new, high-quality exercise equipment that will be available for use by our members. Before involving yourself with this exercise equipment, you must be properly trained. A lack of training can result in serious injury. This equipment is meant for adults over the age of eighteen. Children ages twelve to eighteen participate with adult supervision. Training opportunities will be scheduled after the first of the year beginning with the following dates: Tuesday, January 3 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. AND 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.), and Thursday, January 5 (9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. AND [if needed] 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). Please call the church office to schedule your training time.



The church will be having a wedding shower for Janaica Padgett on Sunday, January 22 at 3:00 pm. Janaica is the daughter of Rick and Teresa Kagley. She was married in November.



CONGRATULATIONS

Maggie Wells received a "Caught Keeping the Promise" award from Candler Elementary School last week. Maggie was caught helping with a very thorough cleaning project even when she wasn't asked to do so. She won Happy Meals from McDonald's for an ENTIRE YEAR! Way to go, Maggie!

The Pastor's Window

A pastor tends, I think, to develop a jargon that is well-understood among our ranks, but runs the risk of sounding crass to the laity we serve. For instance, I've heard other ministers say what I too often have said.... "I will be doing a wedding this week" or "I'm doing a funeral Saturday." Honestly, no disrespect is meant, but in the hurry of doing all that must be done, we lose contact with more appropriate ways of describing our work. It would be much preferable, for instance, to say, "I will officiate a wedding this week" or "I will preside over a funeral this Saturday."

I will try to do better.....or be better.....whichever you prefer. For the moment though, may I say for the record that this year I have "done Christmas better?" Though I am more than aware of the countless opportunities I've missed to be a better voice for our Lord, I'm also aware that the effort I'm giving to making Christmas of 2011 a more sacred time is paying off. Relaxation came easier and sooner. Gratitude to God for the gift of His only begotten is sweeter. A willingness to buy less has added very little stress to the Yelton budget. Yes, I'm doing Christmas better.

Oddly enough, a willingness to protect the sanctity of holy things has afforded a season of more meaningful worship. Imagine that! However you view it, this amazing time of year can act as a catalyst for deepening convictions, and it is available to all. Yes, I've done Advent and Christmas better this year. As we now close-in on the bulls-eye of this holy holiday, more than ever I can tell you that I'm grateful for you. You are the most amazing congregation I will ever know.

As the economy continues to convulse, you have increased our ability to help the needful in our community. In 2011 we assisted more than double the number of people we assisted in 2010. We paid more prescriptions, more rent and more heating fuel. We provided more food, by far. In 2011 we sponsored more Martha's Kids than any year in our history....and Tows for Tots more than doubled their effort and income for that amazing ministry. Our DayStay gave more benevolent care to more clients than ever. We held our first ever "Winter Coat Day" and collected 112 men, women and children's coats for our areas needful. White Christmas has never served thirty families with two weeks of groceries, including a turkey, milk, eggs, bread, margarine, veggies, cooking oil, cereals, etc.....until this year.

Our worship opportunities have been rich, our fellowship has been sweet, and the message of Jesus Christ and His love for all has been evident in your ministry and attitudes. Thank you! Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor, and to co-minister along side you. Thank you for helping me "do" the season better! Merry Christmas, everyone!

Joe

Worship Lay Leaders for this Sunday:

Deacon Worship Leader

Bob Ray

Deacon Greeters (Door Assignments)

Walter Russell (ramp)

Bob Ray (Smith)

Ushers

Willis Wright, Clyde Morgan,

Bobby Morris, Bill Shook

Sound

Greg Hughes

Nursery Workers During Worship

volunteer

Blood Pressures

Pat Stillwell

Children's Worship Leaders

No Children's Worship

Weekly Attendance Report

Week of December 18, 2011

Sunday School..... 103

WORSHIP SERVICE

DayStay Worship (Thursday)32

Pisgah Manor.....24

11:00 Worship Service..... 165

TOTAL IN WORSHIP AT HOMINY 221

Weekly Budget Receipt

Budget Receipts\$19,349.93

Electronic Giving\$0.00

Weekly Need..... \$7,796.92

Budget Receipts Year to Date..... \$324,126.89

Budget Need Year To Date \$327,470.64

Budget Deficit..... \$3,343.75

Other Designated Gifts This Week

Happy Birthday Hominy \$3,967.00

..... Matching Gift \$100,000.00

Designated Gifts

..... Water Heater \$500.00

..... DayStay Sustaining \$5,225.00

..... Starlight Gifts \$1800.00

..... Mother in need \$250.00

..... White Christmas \$1,025.00

..... Food Boxes \$500.00

..... Exercise Room \$1,000.00

..... Shoeboxes\$ 50.00

..... Global Missions \$50.00

..... Martha's Kids \$415.06

..... Pay it Forward \$6,550.00



Merry Christmas

WOMEN'S BANQUET - The tenth annual Women's Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 24. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this fun event.

WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE - April 20-22 - Sevierville, TN - The cost for this retreat will be \$129.00 this includes the cost of your hotel room and the conference.

Please contact Melissa Hughes at 667-4541 or Teresa Kagley at 665-0981 for further details. More information on these events will be published in the coming weeks.

THIS WEEK AT HOMINY

SUNDAY, December 25-Christmas Day

10:45 a.m. Worship Only

MONDAY, December 26

Office, DayStay, and Childcare Closed

TUESDAY, December 27

10:30 a.m. Daily Bread Delivered

Office and DayStay Closed

WEDNESDAY, December 28

10:30 a.m. Daily Bread Delivered

No Wednesday Night Activities

THURSDAY, December 29

10:30 a.m. Daily Bread Delivered

11:00 a.m. DayStay Worship

FRIDAY, December 30

10:30 a.m. Daily Bread Delivered

7:00 p.m. Eve of the Eve Service

SUNDAY, January 1

10:45 a.m. Worship Only



Upcoming Procedures: Bill Wright eye surgery January 9 & 31

Special Requests: Joyce Swensen (coworker of Jamie Massie), Morgan Tyndall (deployed overseas), Jo Ann Pless (Iva Lee Elingburg's sister), David Manis, Richard Elingburg, David Bryson, Ruby Buchanan, Wanda Shook (Shelia Morris' 1st cousin), Ronnie Foster (Sharon Taylor's father), Etta Baker, Betty Lewis, Luke and Malynda Morgan, Ray Sawyer (Lillian's son-in-law), Louise Messer (Lillian's sister), Clara West, Cora Burrell (Mary Burrell's mother), Jackie Burrell (Mary Burrell's brother), Lee Holt, Eric Miller (Chris Miller's Father), Betty DeWeese (Cathy Russell's Mom), Larry Cooper (Jan Alexander's brother), Stacy Ayala (family to Ron Honeycutt), Frank Dominguez (David's father), Kim Holt, Wanza Davis, Glenda Brinkley, Reva Ferguson, Tammy Howard, Carol Ledford (Marsha Monroe's Stepmom), Don Brinkley, Delzie Honeycutt, Doug Hardin (Earl Shelton's brother-in-law), Charlotte Sanders

Nursing Homes: Hominy Valley Retirement: Anne Warren; **Baptist Home:** Lillian Crawford; **Mountain Trace:** Fannie Sellers; **Pisgah Manor:** Luella Metcalf, **The Oaks:** Margaret Greer; **Courtyard Nursing Home:** Marie West; **Heather Glen @ Arden Woods:** Kitty Swayngim

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Upcoming events:

January 20-22: Retreat in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Deposits of \$30.00 are due immediately if you have signed up to go.

February 18: Community and Church Dinner to Celebrate the love we have for each other. Please see Keith or Amy Rice about how you can help make this a wonderful outreach to our church and our Hominy community.



February 24-26

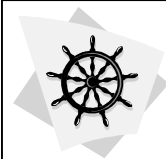
This retreat will be held in a lake-front house in Knoxville, TN. The cost of this retreat will be minimal because we'll be staying at one of our member's homes and we'll be cooking our meals there. We will carpool to the retreat and will split the cost of the food and gas that is purchased. For more info or to signup contact Melissa.



ABCCM NEEDS

ABCCM counts on our church to provide the following items each month for their food ministry.

Dry Cereal, Dry Milk, Jelly



STEERING COLUMN

"Where do you start?"

Whenever we are faced with an overwhelming task, that question comes to mind. How do you feed the hungry, house the homeless, care for the sick, comfort the dying? Where do you start?

How do you pay off your bills, make ends meet, put money in savings, put food on the table and buy clothes and shoes? Where do you start?

How do you grow in faith, read the Bible, study Jesus' teachings, and learn how to apply them in real life? Where do you start?

Commonly accepted answers include 'one step at a time,' 'in small bites,' and 'do what you can.' But those really answer the question 'how do you start?' (which is a good question too).

The question "where do you start?" could be answered by addressing your connection with God. Where are you in relationship with God?

Have you talked and listened to God about this? What is God saying to you about this challenge? Don't wait for a sign in the sky, God could be talking to you through trusted friends, experiences, worship, and Bible study.

Did you notice the phrase "addressing your connection to God?" That reminds me that sometimes we need to be at the right address to get the full impact of what God is trying to tell us. I hope as you face the challenges of 2012, you will find yourself at 135 Candler School Rd more often. Choosing where you start can make all the difference in the world where you end up!

Take care,
Paul

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P-JAM and Children's Worship Event

On Sunday, January 8, 2012, the children of Hominy are invited to wear their pajamas to church for a fun P-JAM celebration! This will begin at 9:40 a.m. in the Ministries Center. Following Sunday School that morning there will also be a children's worship movie event in the Ministries Center that will begin at 10:45 a.m. and will take place during the worship service. We will be celebrating Epiphany that morning and will have a King's Cake and special snacks during the movie. We'll be watching the Veggie Tales version of "The Little Drummer Boy." Don't forget to wear your PJ's and join us for this fun and special event for the children!!

Youth News & Info



WEDNESDAYS - There are no activities on December 21, 28, or January 4. Join us on January 11th at 5:30 pm for dinner and 6:00 pm for activities.

CHRISTMAS DAY - There will not be Bible Study on Christmas Day. Worship will begin at 10:45 am.

NEW YEAR'S DAY - There will not be Bible Study again on New Year's Day. Plan to come to worship at 10:45 am. That evening will be the lock-in.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 - The Youth Council will meet in the Youth Room at 4:00 pm. Please come and share your ideas.

LOCK-IN - There will be a youth lock-in on Sunday evening, January 1, beginning at 9:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 a.m. the next morning. Please plan to bring your favorite snack to share with the group. You can also bring games to share, a sleeping bag, pillow, and comfy clothes, and a friend. This will be the youth gathering for the holidays and should be a fun time of fellowship, games, and even some planning for the new year.

To sign up for any of these events, contact Allison Thrash at 667-1786 or dathrash@skyrunner.net
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