



Christmas BEGINS WITH Christ

FOR UNTO US

A CHILD IS BORN...

AND HIS NAME SHALL

BE CALLED WONDERFUL,

COUNSELOR,

THE MIGHTY GOD,

THE EVERLASTING FATHER,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE.

ISAIAH 9:6

HARVEST HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 22, 2024

2025 Ministry Theme: Illuminating the Darkness

No one lights a lamp and then hides it or puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all. (Luke 11:33, NLT)

May the Christ of Christmas bring peace to each of you!
-Russell & Wanda Morris

Thank you to everyone who attended our annual Caroling Outreach Event on December 18 & 19. We had over twenty-five participants and visited nineteen widows/widowers in our church family to remind them they were not alone during this Christmas season.

A very special thanks to Lesley Gonzalez and everyone who helped with the Catalyst Kids Christmas presentation, "The Good News Flash." Everyone did a fantastic job.

Christmas Card Exchange: Mail bins and Christmas card list are in the church foyer. All families are invited to participate. Spread Joy this Christmas season!

Holy Communion: Will be observed Sunday, Dec 29th, during worship service.

Ladies Annual Brunswick Stew: SAVE THE DATE! Jan 22nd-25th, 2025. More details coming soon.

Annual Church Conference: Monday, Jan 27th, 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Winterfest 2025: March 7-9, Pigeon Forge, TN. For Youth & Young Adults. Final payment due Jan 26th. Questions? See Angela Williamson or Matt Auton.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Pre-Service Prayer

Each Sunday, 10:00 AM, Church Library

War Room Prayer Service

No Prayer Service This Evening

How You Can Have A Wonderful Life

And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,

-Acts 17:26-27

One thing I love about this time of year is the traditions we have in our family. One of them is sitting down to watch the classic Jimmy Stewart movie, *It's A Wonderful Life*. You will recall George Bailey grows up in a small town and has great dreams and aspirations of seeing the world and making lots of money.

But through a series of circumstances that he couldn't control, George never could get out of that little one-horse town. Every time he tried, something happened to keep him there. And to top it off, through a mistake one day it appeared that he would be sent to jail.

He was ready to end it all when an angel came to show him what the world would be like if he'd never been born. And George Bailey came to understand that even though he didn't get to achieve his dreams, he did have a wonderful life that impacted many more people than he realized.

I'm convinced there is a little George Bailey in all of us. We want to achieve significance on a huge scale and often forget the small ways that our lives have deeply impacted those around us. Thank God for where He's placed you and the people you've been able to impact. And one day when you meet the Lord, you'll realize you really did have a wonderful life.

THANK GOD FOR THE LIFE YOU'RE LIVING AND IMPACT OTHERS HE'S PLACED AROUND YOU!

-Dr. Jack Graham
Pastor, Prestonwood Baptist Church

Mission Statement

Harvest Hills Church of God is a life situation, worship centered, Spirit-filled congregation committed to Exalting Christ, Equipping believers and Expanding the kingdom.

Today's Sermon

Title:

Scripture:

Main Ideas:

I.

II.

III.

IV.

How can I apply today's sermon in my daily life?

Food Pantry Ministry: Thank you for your donations to the Food Pantry. If you can volunteer your time to pick up food, stock shelves, deliver food, or if you know someone in need of food, please call Bill or Pat Brown at 336-222-9034.

Ministry Workers Needed: If you are interested in working with our Catalyst Kids (ages 3-11) please contact Andy Carter or Dr. Morris for more details.

LIFE Sessions: Join us each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for an in-depth study of the Bible. Our current study is titled *Letters from John*. Handouts available each session.

Rooted Young Adults Bible Study: First & Third Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. Current Study is *In His Image: 10 Ways God Calls Us to Reflect His Character*. See Angela Williamson or Matt Auton for more information.

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Not Receiving Church Emails? Contact Andy Carter or Teresa Elkins to be added to the list.

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing, "Alleluia"
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth



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