

# Happenings On The Hill



## DECEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS

### YOUTH LOCK-IN! DECEMBER 7TH

We would like to celebrate our Youth with a LOCK-IN!! The Lock-in will be similar to our Parents Night Out with the exception that it will last all night from 8pm-8am for 6th-12th graders. First Methodist and Cairo Church have been asked to join the night of fun at Chapel Hill Church. We're planning a talent show for kids and adults to do skits, games, crafts, cooking, movies & popcorn. After the movie we will discuss what's our fears. Pizza will be provided at midnight!!!

If you would like to volunteer, sign-up sheets are available at the check-in station! For more information, please contact Marie Rutledge.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

**Choir Christmas Cantata at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
and Praise Band Christmas Concert at 6:00 p.m.**

Come and enjoy the sounds of the holiday season December 9th. The Adult Choir will be performing at the 9:30 and 11:00 service. Later in the evening at 6:00 p.m. our very own Praise band will be holding a Christmas concert.

### NOW TAKING ORDERS FOR POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias may be ordered for placement on the altar for the Advent Season in memory or in honor of loved ones. The cost will be \$11.00. Please make checks payable to Chapel Hill (memo Poinsettia). Orders need to be turned into the church office no later than December 9th. Poinsettias may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service.



### "PARENT'S NIGHT OUT" IS BACK! DECEMBER 14TH

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We're hosting our Grinch Christmas Friday, December 14th from 6pm-9pm. Our theme is "GRINCH".....so you know our movie will be "The Grinch". We will have snacks and popcorn during the movie. There will be lots of games and our craft will be icing cookies with Mrs. Leslie Hoskins.



So if you have last minute shopping to do or just have to clean house before the festivities start, this night will be the perfect time to do it. We hope to see your little prince or princess here Dec 14th. Please RSVP By Dec 12th to the church office, FB or text Marie Rutledge 270-577-2224.

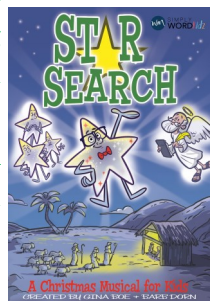
### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**The Children have been rehearsing since October to bring to you "Star Search" a musical on Sunday, December 16th at 5:00 p.m..**

The time has come for our Creator God to put His plan into motion, and the search for THE Star of Bethlehem has begun! When a meteorite delivers a memo scroll announcing the search for a special star, most of the stars in the sky are too busy worrying about the competition to read the qualifications. Bobbie, the sweetest and most humble of stars, shines her light big and bright, to welcome the promised Messiah. What an Illumination Celebration!

**Dress rehearsal for the musical will be held December 15th at 9:30 with lunch to follow at 11:30 for the performers.**



## A WORD FROM PASTOR MIKE

Some 35 years ago I became a student of a Bible School in Upstate New York. During the Christmas seasons there, the students were allowed to show off their dorm room decorations during a school wide 'open house.' Many of the dorms were brightly lit and lined with all the tinsel and ornaments you would expect to find on such an occasion. But one of the dorms I visited had only one decoration. It was a large dark wooden cross. And the following poem was nailed to it:



### A CHRISTMAS TREE

*"I came upon a tree a Christmas tree.*

*Not adorned with ornaments or tinsel  
But with nails and a crown of thorns.*

*No lights were hanging on its branches  
But upon it hung the light of the world.*

*The tree was not a dead evergreen  
But upon it the ever-living died.*

*Under the tree were no gifts  
But upon it the greatest gift was given.*

*This tree cannot stand in the corner of a  
living room  
But it must be carried daily to a dying world.*

*This was truly God's Christmas tree  
A gift from Him to you and me."*

## November Memorial Gifts Given In Memory

### **DONATED TO THE BUILDING FUND**

IN MEMORY OF BUDDY MORGAN

JAMES AND BARBARA MORGAN  
KIMBERLY CLARK

IN MEMORY OF JEAN MCCLURE

KOINONIA SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

IN MEMORY OF SEAN POWELL

JAN BRATCHER

IN MEMORY OF RYAN OWENS

JOSH AND BRIGETTE MALLORY

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you would like to submit a photo to be included in the church directory, it must be turned in to the office by December 31st. Professionally taken photographs will need a copy right release in order to be included.

**Thank you!**

We would like to thank each one for the prayers, cards, food, visits and all acts of kindness during my surgery and recovery. Everything was deeply appreciated. Special thanks to Pastor Mike and Pastor Amy for being with us. It's at times like this that our church family means so much to us.

May God richly bless each of you.

Myrle and Diana Partridge



# Salvation Army Angel Tree - Hosted By

## Chapel Hill Church

Sunday, 11/18,  
before services: 75



What an awesome response!

There is still time for you to help make a difference in a local child's life.

Adopt an Angel for Christmas!

Stop by the church during office hours  
(8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), or on Sunday  
morning, and choose an Angel.

Please return gifts by Sunday, December 9th.

Sunday, 11/18,  
after services: 23



### ANGEL TREE

The Children's Department is sponsoring an Angel Tree for the Christmas Season. This program is administered by the Salvation Army. The concept is for church members to take the name of a child from the tree and get the gifts suggested for that child. We ask that you use the information on the angel tag as a guide for your shopping, however you are not obligated to purchase any specific item from that list. It is recommended that you purchase 3-4 items per child with some assortment of toys and clothing, but there is no limit. The tags will be available in the narthex on the tree. Chapel Hill has 22 children left for which to buy gifts. Take a name, do your shopping early, make a better Christmas for a local child. Gifts need to be returned to the church by Sunday, December 9th. All you have to do is buy the gifts. We will take them to the Salvation Army where the parents will be able to pick them up, wrap them, and slip them under their Christmas tree. Contact Carol Odom at 270-869-4468 if you have any questions. Please help us make a local child's Christmas brighter by showing the love we have for Christ in this way.



### THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT... SCRIP CARDS

Orders are due every Monday by noon and orders are rec'd on Friday via Fed Ex. Simply go to the Scrip website: [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and register your family. Enter Chapel Hill's enrollment code:

**CD24A19C362L8**

*Lots of NEW Scrip Cards available.*

***CHECK THE WEBSITE OUT FOR  
SPECIAL DEALS!***

*The scrip store is open every Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall before and after the 9:30 a.m. service*

#### NOVEMBER DRIVING MINISTRY

Number of transports	12
Miles driven	574
Volunteer hours	25.5

#### CHAPEL HILL BUDGET FOR NOVEMBER

Debt on Children's Wing	\$615,884.70
Average Attendance for November	374

## TO REMIND THE WORLD OF THE LOVE JESUS GAVE

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house,  
not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.  
And on goes the story about Christmas Eve and the  
jolly old man in who we believe.

Have you ever wondered how Santa came to be?  
So important to Christmas and to you and to me?  
Well it all began a long time ago, the night before  
Christ to earth was to go.

All prepared to make Christ's birth well announced,  
with angels and music and anthems pronounced. But  
alas, all had forgotten in the final rush how to make  
Christ's birthday remembered to us.

The kingdom was searched for the most excellent plan  
that would help us remember God's gift to man. A  
saintly old fellow so jolly and gay came up with the  
best plan that was offered that day.

He said, send a fellow each year at this time who  
would help people be happy and comfort their minds;  
he could help man remember that God loves us so, by  
bringing presents to both friend and foe.

"He would show by example that true love and joy  
come only when shared with each girl and each boy."  
Heaven decided that Santa's plan would be just right.  
Santa was asked to play the part that very first night.  
So from the first Christmas right down to today, when  
one heard the bells jingling and saw the big sleigh, they  
knew it was Santa making his way to remind the world  
of the love Jesus gave.

So, this night before  
Christmas when you  
hear Santa come,  
remember he's doing it  
for the love of God's  
son.

Remember that he  
teaches as Christ did of  
old, that to give of  
one's self is more  
precious than gold.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Chapel Hill's policy regarding cancellations due to inclement weather:

- ✧ Sunday morning service will be called by Pastor Mike via One Call, Facebook, Channel 14 and WSON.
- ✧ Youth and Children's programming will follow the school system. If school is cancelled, the programs are cancelled. The Chapel Hill Family Ministries Facebook page will be updated with the cancellation notices.
- ✧ Celebrate Recovery will also be cancelled if the schools are cancelled.

### COMING IN JANUARY...

- ✧ Family Fun Night—Join us on Wednesday, January 9, 2018 for our Family FUN Night!!! A meal will be served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. We invite EVERYONE in the church to join us in the Sanctuary for a game night to remember. We will begin at 6pm.



- ✧ Reading the Bible In A Year—The Christian Growth and Development Team would like to invite the whole congregation to join us in reading the whole Bible in a year beginning in January. Be watching for more information in the upcoming bulletins and the January Newsletter!

## DATES TO REMEMBER FOR DECEMBER 2018

### ☑ TEAM/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 4th — 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish Relations (Conf. Rm)  
6:30 p.m. Worship Team  
10th—6:00 p.m. Christian Growth & Development  
11th—6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting (RM 109)  
17th—6:30 p.m. Finance Team (Conf. Rm)  
18th—6:30 p.m. Administrative Council ( Rm 109)  
✳ Lay Leadership (To Be Announced)

### ☑ SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2nd & 9th—2:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Musical Practice  
2nd—First Sunday of Advent  
5th—12:00 p.m. S.I.S.S. Christmas Party  
7th & 8th — 8p.m. —8a.m. Youth Lock-In  
9th— 9:30 and 11:00 Service Adult Choir Christmas Cantata  
6:00 p.m.—Praise Band Christmas Concert  
12th—12:30 p.m. Ministerial Association Meeting  
14th—6-9p.m. PNO (Parent's Night Out)  
15th—9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Musical Dress Rehearsal  
16th—5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Musical  
24th—Christmas Eve  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
Church Office Closed  
25th—Christmas Day  
Church Office Closed  
26th—No Children's Programming  
31st—New Year's Eve

### ☑ SMALL GROUP CONNECTIONS

#### SUNDAYS

- 8:15 a.m. Making Disciples
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Son Small Group (Rm 303)
- 9:30 a.m. Children's Small Groups
- 9:30 a.m. Koinonia Sunday School (Rm 204)
- 10:45 a.m. Guys-n-Dolls (Rm 109)
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. Middle/High School Girls Small Group (Rm 109)
- 7:00 p.m. Artie's Army
- Tone Your Temple will not be meeting in Dec.

#### MONDAYS

- The Grief support group will not meet in Dec. or Jan.
- 5:00 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Meal
- 5:45 p.m. Celebrate Recovery Small Groups Nursery (Rm 102)  
Celebration Station—Kindergarten (Rm 105)  
Celebration Station—1st-5th Grade (Rm 104)  
The Landing for Teens—Middle School (Rm B-2)  
Teen Recovery—High School (Rm 303)

Family Group—(Rm 204)

Hurts of Life—(Rm 303)

- 6:00 p.m. BSA Troop 280
- 6:00 p.m. Various BSA Dens (1st and 3rd Mon.)  
Tigers (Rm 106), Webelos 1 and 2 (Rm 107),  
Lions (Rm B-1), Bears (Rm 205), Wolves (Rm 301)

#### Tuesdays

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Kids (T-W-Th)
- Hilltoppers will not be meeting in December.

#### Wednesdays

- 5th—10:00 a.m. Nellie Group—Meet at Denny's (1st Wednesday)
- 10:00 a.m. S.I.S.S. (Rm 109)
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship In Christ (2nd and 4th Wednesday) (Rm 204)
- Family Ministries  
5:30 p.m. Meal  
6:00 p.m. Children's/Youth Groups  
Grow! (Preschool) (Rm 102)  
Go! (1st-5th grade) (Rm FH)  
S.T.A.T.I.C. (Youth) (SH) Small Group for Youth led by Pastor Amy Call: "Bearing Each Other Up In Love." This is a six week study on the book of Ephesians.
- 6:00 p.m. Open Door Small Group (Rm 303)
- 6:30 p.m. Choir
- 7:45 p.m. Praise Band Practice

#### THURSDAYS

- 1st—2:00 p.m. Care Giver's Group (Meet first Thurs.) (Rm 204)
- 6:30 p.m. BSA Parent's Meeting (Meet 1st Thurs.) (Rm SH)
- 6:30 p.m. BSA Meeting (Meet 3rd Thurs.) (SH)
- 6:30 p.m. True Face
- Cursillo will not meet in December

#### FRIDAYS

- 10:00 a.m. Sisters In Christ (Meet 1st and 3rd Fri.) (Rm 204) They will not be meeting Friday, Dec. 21st.

#### SATURDAYS

- 6:30 a.m. Band of Brothers (Rm 109 or FH)
- 6:30 a.m. Live on Purpose (Rm 303)





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***Celebrating Our 57th Year***

Lots of updates on all the activities going on at  
the Chapel on the Hill at [www.chchurch.org](http://www.chchurch.org)



**SO MANY WAYS**

**TO CONNECT!**

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***Facebook Pages***

***and Groups today!***

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**COME WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY**

**8:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)**

**9:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**11:00 a.m. New Traditions Worship Service (Sanctuary)**

**9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

**Office Hours 8:30- a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**



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