

January 2019



January Memory Verse:

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Colossians 3:1-2 (ESV)

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Birthdays January 2019

To protect from identity theft, birthdays are not listed in the on-line version of the Chapel Communique. Thank you for understanding!



This month **Golden Heirs** will meet on **Friday, January 11th, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall** for their monthly fellowship meal. It should be a lot of fun! There will be lots of good food and fellowship so bring your favorite “potluck” dish! If you need a ride, please call the office by Thursday.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- January 1st -- Office closed** — New Year’s Day Holiday
- January 6th @ 6pm** — Young adult study starts at Blake’s
- January 6th @ 6pm** — New growth group starts
- January 8th @ 6pm** — New Tuesday night study starts
- January 9th @ 6pm** — Men’s study starts
- January 18th-20th** — **Youth D-Now (Disciple Now)**

Ladies Night Out — Christmas Style

By Joan Hershberger

Thanks to Phoebe Sellers and Laura Rogers, 29 ladies from the church gathered in the Rogers home off Mount Holly Road for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Laura, as always, filled her home with holiday décor: a huge tree, long stockings by the fireplace, folding chairs wearing stocking cap covers, and her impressive display of Santa Claus figures.



As we waited for folks to arrive, Beth Endel played the piano and her daughter Elise Sanchez led us in singing Christmas carols. Everyone sang out clear and confidently ... except that song where we sang verses 2, 3, and 4 all at the same time. It was hilarious and caused a lot of laughter!

The ladies brought ramen noodles for SAFA clients. Then sat down to enjoy a delicious supper of homemade soups, sandwiches and desserts.

Phoebe had us totally puzzled with her true-false quiz about Christmas. Are you really sure that the Coca Cola Company was not the one that created the picture of the fat Santa in a red suit?

Laura read a poignant story about giving rather than receiving. Then a few of the ladies shared their memories of Christmases without as much money, but lots of love for others. Such as Kathy Vinson's tale of having to take underwear out of the drawer to wrap up as a gift when her children said their father needed



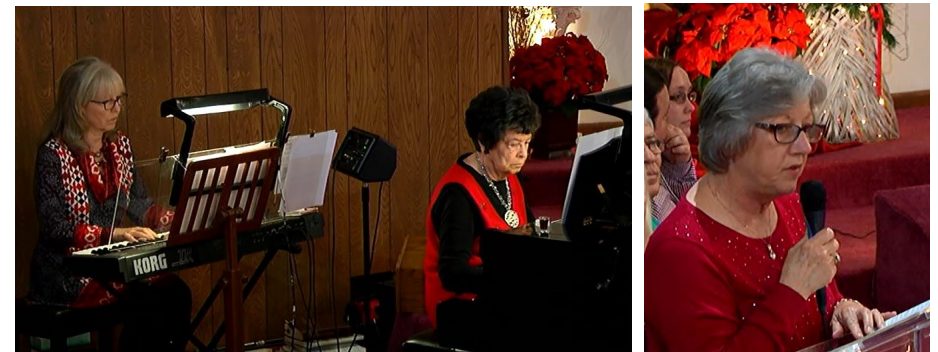
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Candlelight Communion



Each year Marrable Hill Chapel celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior by holding a Candlelight Communion. This year it was held on December 23rd — the Sunday before Christmas.

The service was an incredible night of worship. It started with a beautiful prelude performed by some of our church's praise team — Nadine Williams, Nancy Murphy, and Vicki Evans. Unfortunately, Jan Cooksey wasn't able to perform, because she was sick. Janett Luker read different scriptures about the Christmas Story — helping us focus on what happened so many years ago.



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Missionary Board

By Joan Hershberger



In December, the Missionary Board voted to spend ~\$1,000 on purchasing Proclaimers to ship to Vidal and Cathy Perez in Guatemala. A Proclaimer has the recorded Word of God in the native language, so that non-readers can hear the translated Word of God. It can be recharged by hand crank, solar, and plug in. Eula and Jamie Cottrell worked at length to get these items ordered. Ultimately, the church purchased 20 at \$47 each plus \$65 shipping and \$30 for luggage fees using Faith Promise funds. Because of mail issues within the area that the Perez family serves, the boxes had to be shipped to Louisiana where fellow Guatemalan missionaries were spending Christmas Break. It was a rush order and it was only through God that the timing worked. The missionaries flew back to Guatemala on 1/3/19 — carrying this precious cargo of God's Word. The Proclaimers will provide the folks in the Tectitan language community the opportunity to hear about God's love and plan of salvation in a way they can easily understand. For more information, go to <https://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/>.

This year as in the past, the Missionary Board also sent out monetary Christmas gifts to each of the children of our missionaries listed on the pink prayer slip each week. Funds for this come from donations designated to the Faith-Promise category on the giving envelopes.

The Faith Promise funds were also used to provide scholarships to students from Louisiana Tech who attended the winter Christmas retreat called Vision Conference with Bridges International, the international student branch of Campus Crusade for Christ, where Elise Sanchez serves. It is a conference for Christians and those of other beliefs to learn more about Jesus. This year was the first time that Muslim students from Tech decided to attend. An update on this conference should be provided in the next Chapel Communique.

For more information on the Vision Conference, go to <http://www.visionconf.com/>.



Golden Heirs

By Joan Hershberger

The Golden Heirs held their annual Christmas party with 21 in attendance. Joe and Nadine Williams asked several people to come prepared to lead in songs, games, readings or present distribution. After the usual good spread of food, the fun began. As Eula Cottrell said on her Facebook page, “We were surprised to see so many with the weather being so horrible.”

Beth Cook directed us in the alphabet game of Christmas words and finding the person humming the same Christmas carol.

Jamie Cottrell did a reading about a Christmas auction of valuable art — an analogy to God's gift of His son.



Steve Casey and his wife, Nita, lead the singing of one carol and then Mary Alice Nelson and Mac led another. Patty Walker read the Luke 2 passage about Christ's birth.

Nadine read a right and left story to mix up the presents. When she finished, each person opened their gift and showed what they had received.

The evening closed with prayers for many personal concerns and the singing of “Silent Night, Holy Night”

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Clothes Closet Update

By Kay Johnston



Two houses down on the left of the gym is a white house — Marrable Hill Chapel’s Clothes Closet. It helps people in the neighborhood and the community with needs such as clothing, blankets, towels, hygiene bags, Bibles, and some food. It is open on the first Thursday of every month.

Last year from January to December, 273 people (men, women, and children) were ministered to. Some of the people that were helped were victims of home fires. Others were families that struggled financially. Not only were these people helped with material items, but they were also loved on, prayed over, and encouraged. The MHC ladies spent time getting to know the people they served and their needs. Many times during prayer, those being helped prayed along with those that served.

Towards the end of last year, the Clothes Closet temporarily quit accepting donations so that it could be cleaned up and reorganized. It is now able to take donations. However, it currently cannot take furniture even though there are always requests for such items. If you have furniture that you want to rehome, please let us know and we will try to help you find someone who is in need.

Throughout the years many people have worked in the Clothes Closet. It is currently being run by Carolyn Hayley, Kay Johnston, and Kathy Vinson. Please let them know how much you appreciate them being the hands and feet of our church in this ministry.

Thank you for all of your donations to this ministry! Without your donations, the Clothes Closet could not exist.

Kids Handbells



At the beginning of the Sunday Morning Worship Service on 12/23/18, children of Marrable Hill Chapel played two handbell songs — “Amazing Grace” and “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”. They also shared what they enjoyed about Christmas caroling the weekend before. They loved the handbells the most!



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If you would like to see the video, you can go to the Marrable Hill Chapel Facebook page or the website:

<https://www.marrablehillchapel.com/special>



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(Pictures by Eula Cottrell)

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to have a gift under the tree.

Phoebe read a list of last year's focus on the material and this year's focus on the eternal and relational. As we walked out the door she had a basket of holiday towels for each to choose one and a little reindeer clip she had made.



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There was a praise team made up of Stephanie Butcher, Hannah Cheshier, Mike Diffie, Beth Endel, Danny Endel, Blake Goff, John Morgan, Elise Sanchez & Jeannie White that led the congregational singing of songs like “Your Name (Christmas Version)”, “O Come All Ye Faithful”, “Joy to the World”, and “Silent Night, Holy Night”.

Several specials were sung throughout the service. The first special was “What Child Is This?” by Stephanie Butcher. It was a version that Sidewalk Prophets recorded. The song contemplates who this sleeping baby is — Jesus, Son of God, Mary’s child, King of kings!



Scott Cooley was going to sing and play the guitar to “Precious Promise”. Unfortunately, his family was hit with sickness during the holidays and he wasn’t able to come. Hopefully, he will be able to sing it as a special in the future.

Prior to singing the next special of “New Star Shining”, Mike Diffie read us

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Matthew 2:9-10. It talks about the star leading the wise men to Jesus and how they were overjoyed to find Him. The song reminds us that we can still find the Savior that the star proclaimed — “If we want to find it, I know we always will. For that new star is shining for us still.”

Blake Goff sang “O Holy Night”. He reminded us how holy that night was — “Fall on your knees! Oh hear the angel voices! Oh night divine! Oh night when Christ was born!”



Hannah Cheshier sang “Here With Us”. She reminded us what a mystery that this baby with tiny fingers and infant eyes was also God — creator of the universe — and that He came down to earth to be physically here with us.



The final vocal special of the evening was sung by Wanda Endel and her granddaughter, Elise Endel Sanchez. What a blessing it was to hear two generations of talented singers share the reason behind Jesus’ birth, death, and resurrection by singing “We Are the Reason”.

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Brian Lassiter played “The Lord’s Prayer” on his trumpet. It was beautiful hearing a trumpet version of this song.

Candlelight Communion could not be Candlelight Communion without “communion” — the Lord’s Supper. Bro. Ben explained the Lord’s Supper — how the bread represents Christ’s body that was broken for us and the juice represents the blood that He shed for us. The Elders served the congregation the bread and juice.



The evening ended by the traditional lighting of candles and singing of “Silent Night, Holy Night”. The lit candles in the dark reminds us that we are the light of the world and that we need to let our light shine.

After the service, there was a time of fellowship and food in the Fellowship Hall. There were all kinds of finger foods and desserts.

It takes a lot of work to successfully present a program like Candlelight Communion. I would like to thank those that participated in this service. Beth and Danny Endel spent a lot of time and effort creating this program and coordinating all of the talents. The performers, from narrator to musicians to singers, did an incredible job of learning their parts and performing which made this program a

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special night. Bro. Ben and the Elders helped us celebrate the Lord's Supper. The video crew (Randy Snider and Sam Bailey) worked hard recording and editing the video of this night. Joey McGoogan worked the sound board and Natalie Butcher ran the computer display. The sanctuary looked outstanding due to the decorations that Leigh Ann McGoogan setup for December and the candles setup by Michael Noone. Kathy Sandifer and crew organized the fellowship afterwards. I am also thankful for the congregation and their participation in this program. Thank you! Last, but definitely not least, I would like to thank God. It is from Him all blessings flow! He provided the talents and abilities of everyone that was involved in this program. He also kept almost everyone healthy at a time that illnesses are raging in our area.

If you would like to watch the videos of the specials or the entire program, you can go to Marrable Hill's Facebook page or website: <https://www.marrablehillchapel.com/specials>.



Marrable Hill Chapel Supported Missionaries (Vidal & Cathy Perez — Guatemala)

In the December newsletter from the Perez family, the desperate need for Proclaimers, devices by Faith Comes By Hearing that has New Testament audio recordings in native languages, was pleaded. The "Missionary Board" article of this newsletter shows how the Missionary Board heard the need and promptly acted to send 20 devices to Guatemala using Faith Promise funds.

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In the missionaries' newsletter, Vidal and Cathy provided two testimonies of how Proclaimers have impacted people in the area. A couple of examples are listed below:

"Bartolo shares that in the afternoons after the work day is finished he and his family listen to God's word in Tektitek on the Proclaimer. After listening they spend time talking together about what they have learned. He shares that it helps him understand the Bible being able to hear it in his own language. That there are times when he hears a message in Spanish and can't understand what is being taught. That whenever he shares in church he always shares in Tektiteko and notices that everyone pays attention. He shares that when he looks at people's faces as they hear a message in Spanish it is evident that the message is not reaching their hearts because they don't understand everything that is being said."

"Jamie shares that before he started listening to God's word in Tektiteko on the Proclaimer he drank a lot. Every Sunday he would go to town and get drunk. He shares that he had problems with his children and his wife because he didn't make sense when he was drunk and he couldn't remember what he would do. Now as he thinks about it he realizes how dangerous it is for his health and also that it is a sin to continue drinking. He believes that because he is listening to God's Word it helps him have strength not to drink and do bad things. He shares that his relationship with his family is getting better."

As Isaiah 55:11 (AMP) says, "So will My word be which goes out of My mouth; It will not return to Me void (useless, without result), Without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." Thank you for Faith Promise donations!