

January 2020



January Memory Verse:

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

—**Jeremiah 29:11**

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JANUARY Birthdays

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



Golden Heirs
Friday, January 13th
6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall

Bring your favorite potluck food and come enjoy fellowship and fun!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 1 — New Year's Day — Office Closed

January 3rd-5th — Youth Girls Event

January 4th-5th — Youth Boys Trip to Dallas (Mavericks Game)

January 9th @ 6 pm — Ladies Night Out

January 10th @ 6:30 pm — Golden Heirs

January 17th-19th — Youth DNow

January 19th @ 4 pm — VBC Board Meeting

February 1st @ 10 am — AWANA Pine Car Workshop

February 2nd @ 5 pm — AWANA Pine Car Derby Race

(Note date change from Wednesday to Sunday)

Testify! By Natalie Butcher



It is important to share with others about your life with God — how you were saved and what He has done and is doing in your life. For the lost, your story may be the seed that leads them to salvation! For the saved, your story is an encouragement in how God is still working in the lives of His people.

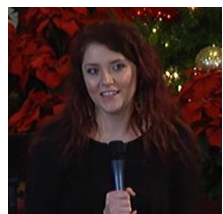
The year 2019 started with testimonies from elders and others during most of the January and February Sunday Morning Worship Services and the year ended with testimonies on the morning of December 29th.



Dagen Hix shared about his mission trip to Belize. He shared about his mission group's church and ministry, different people/ministries in the area, and the needs in the country — like water, homes, education, and technology. Due to the needs in the schools, doors are open for the preaching of the Gospel in the schools. His brother, Gage, shared that he will be working with Homer Allison's church (Servanthood Fellowship) and ministry (Battle Cry Ministries), as an intern for at least 2 years. He will be the team leader over the youth and college students.

Larry McKinnon led the testimony time as the MC — calling people to share what God is doing in their lives. He shared about coming back to help at AWANA and the blessing it has been.

Kathy Vinson shared how great God is and has been in her life. He saved her life as a small child when she landed on her head and was in a coma and He continues to protect her family. Recently, there was an attempt to bomb her son's military base in the Middle East and he was knocked out of his bed. God protected him.



Morgan Maxfield shared about growing up in our church's neighborhood and being invited to attend church — barefoot and all. As she grew into a teen and young adult, she strayed away from church and made poor choices. Even through these difficult times, people from MHC, like the Clawsons and Leigh Ann McGoogan, loved on her and encouraged her —

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Golden Heirs: December By Joan Hershberger



'Twas the season to be jolly and the December Golden Heirs looked and sounded just that way. Thanks to Kay Johnston, Joe and Nadine Williams, the tables in the fellowship hall sported colorful tablecloths and cheerful centerpieces.

Our group of 26 was smaller than previous years, but just as much fun with Vicki Evans leading the evening's activities. Four pairs of people tried to wrap packages using only one hand each and those hands were tied together. Jamie Cottrell and Mike Noone finished first — their package did not look pretty, but the tape held it shut and it had a ribbon.

Four women worked each hand down one leg of a pair of pantyhose to release the jingle bell in the bottom. Eula Cottrell won after she simply turned the hose inside out once her hands reached the toes.

Bill Evans led the devotional with a story about giving everything to those who cherished the least. Vicki followed with few carols played on bells attached to a jump suit. We all had fun with that one.

Gifts were exchanged with a game of moving presents around the room, across the room and three or four were opened on demand before anyone. We closed with prayers for those who could not be there for health or other reasons.



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letting her know the love of Christ. This love helped her decide to return to church, repent and be baptized. She later gave birth to Lyla whom she found out had Downs Syndrome and infantile spasms. During Lyla's many medical problems and hospitalizations, Morgan has felt the power of prayer and God's peace. She knows that what she has experienced in her life will help her help others (See 2 Corinthians 1:3-5).

David Murphy shared his salvation story. When he proposed to Nancy, he wasn't saved. She couldn't be "unequally yoked" — marry an unbeliever — so she said "No." Sometime after breaking up, David met with Bro. Sam Shepperson and Bro. Sam made him read 1 John 1:9.

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Ladies Night Out (Christmas Edition)

By Natalie Butcher

On December 19th, 28 ladies met for the annual Ladies Night Out Christmas Party at Laura Rogers' gorgeously decorated home. It's always fun to see all of the different ornaments and Christmas decorations in each room.



As a service project, the ladies donated Fruity Pebbles, marshmallows, and Pop Tarts for snacks at Childhood Evangelism Fellowship's (CEF) Good News Clubs in the day cares and schools. Donna Allen from CEF shared about the Good News Clubs and how the snacks are used.

The house was filled with sounds of laughter and talking as soup, sandwich wraps, and Christmas desserts were enjoyed in the living room, on a staircase and in the dining room.



After eating, games were played — BINGO with titles of Christmas carols and a game with Christmas items (stockings, elf, etc.).

Throughout the evening, Phoebe would ask some ladies to share with the group the answer to questions related to Christmas (“What is your favorite

Christmas cookie/movie/ornament/memory/etc.?”) that were handed out earlier in the evening. Beth Cook shared how she loves fruit cake. Laura shared about the cheap ornaments that she created early in her marriage that she still hangs on the tree.



Door prizes were drawn throughout the evening and parting gifts were handed out. The evening was a fun time for the ladies to get together and know each other better. Thank you, Laura, for hosting us again. Ladies Night Out — Christmas Edition is in the books!

Candlelight Communion 2019

By Natalie Butcher

Each year Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) celebrates the birth of our Lord and Savior by holding a Candlelight Communion. This year it was held on December 22nd — the Sunday before Christmas.

The evening was an incredible night of worship. The service started with a prelude performed by talented musicians Nadine Williams, Nancy Murphy, Jan Cooksey, and Vicki Evans. Last year, Jan was sick, so it was a blessing that she was able to perform this year. Janett Luker told the Christmas Story in her reading of Luke 2:1-14 and Matthew 2:1-12.



This year's praise team (Mike Diffie, Beth Endel, Danny Endel, Blake Goff, Deanna Hopson, Hannah Hopson, Adam Morgan, John Morgan, Randall Primm, Elise Sanchez, Luis Sanchez, and Jeannie White) and praise band (Scott Cooley, Jan Cooksey, Gary Danley, Vicki Evans, Rodney Hopson, Nancy Murphy, and Nadine Williams) led the congregational singing of “Joy to the World!”, “O Come, All Ye Faithful!”, “Your Name (Christmas Version)”, and “Silent Night, Holy



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Bob Holmes (“Beat Bob”)

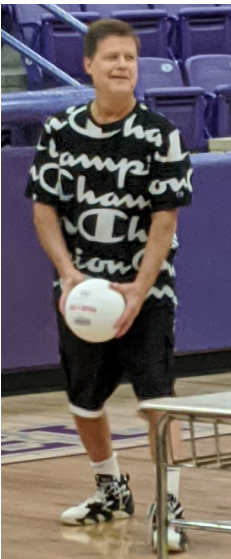
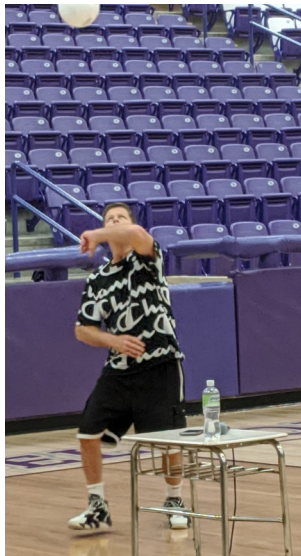
By Joan Hershberger



The One Man Volleyball team Bob Holmes whirled into town on December 8th to speak at three area schools and Marrable Hill Chapel. Holmes began playing volleyball to deal with physical issues. In time he had friends increase his action on the court by all playing against him. From that seed thought/action and a concern for the youth of the nation, his ministry began.

On Sunday he filled the pulpit in the morning and in the evening met in fellowship hall to share testimony of times he saw God do incredible things in his life: arranging meetings, stopping water from flooding his house, providing desperately needed funds.

Holmes talked with high school students at Parkers Chapel, Strong and Smackover about suicide and bullying. He told of one student simply saying “hi” or helping pick up spilled books. Those single acts of kindness kept two students from taking their lives. “How many here can do one thing like that?” he asked. On Monday, Holmes played three games at each of three schools: Parkers Chapel, Smackover and Strong. In the evening, the public was invited to El Dorado High School to watch their volleyball team play and hear an evangelistic message and invitation to accept Christ. Many indicated a commitment.



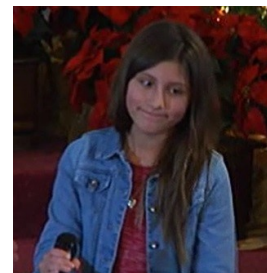
Marion Joseph Hershberger worked for several months to coordinate Holmes coming to play and play in the community. He was thankful for the many people from the church who came the night of the public game to help with the many details of the night.

If you want more information about Bob Holmes and his ministry, go to <https://www.beatbob.com/>.

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Night”.

Several specials were sung throughout the service. The first song was a medley sung a cappella by Pure Heart. The medley combined “Tell Me the Story of Jesus”, “Adoration”, and “O Come, All Ye Faithful” telling us about worshipping God. It was beautiful how they blended their voices without instruments. Later in the evening, they sang “I Call Him Lord” with instrumental background.



The next special was sung by the youngest vocalist, Stella Martinez, as she debuted her talent during this service. She powerfully sang “Mary, Did You Know?” Prior to her practicing the song earlier in the month, I didn’t know that she could sing. What a treat it was to hear her sing about wondering if Mary understood what all her baby, Jesus, would do for the world.

Two of our youth, Rebekah Cooley and Ethan Faith, performed a cello and bass duet of “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”. It was their debut performance at Marrable Hill Chapel. I enjoyed listening to the sounds of two instruments that I normally don’t have



a chance to hear. They did a great job! I can’t wait to hear them play more!

Blake Goff belted out his special, “This Baby”. I loved his “air guitar” performance in the beginning as he prepared to sing the song. He has an

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incredible voice and is developing a stage presence as he uses motions along with his voice. His talent, enthusiasm and love of singing shines through every performance.

Macaela Seabolt beautifully sang “Breath of Heaven”. The song is subtitled “Mary’s Song”, because it is about her thinking about her role in bearing the Son of God — her need for God to help her and her willingness to follow God’s plan. Macaela recently started singing on our praise team during Sunday morning services. It is amazing to me the level of talent that we have in our congregation and their willingness to share it with us.



Elise Sanchez blessed us by singing “When Hope Came Down”. The song talks about how redemption began in a stable and that we should join in the heavenly chorus proclaiming redemption and the hope that Jesus brings.

The Cheshier family (Bonnie, Jacob, Kelly, and Joel) sang “O Holy Night”. What a talented family they are! Bonnie and her kids don’t get very many opportunities to sing together so it was an extra special treat for

them and us. We missed hearing Hannah, because she was out with an illness.



Candlelight Communion is not Candlelight Communion without “communion” — the Lord’s Supper. This year, Blake Dailey, MHC Youth Pastor, spoke about the Lord’s Supper — how it is a reminder to us of the sacrifice for us of Jesus years after his birth. Elders, Deacons, and other church leaders served the bread and juice.

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The evening ended by the traditional lighting of candles and singing “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 throughout the year — not just at Candlelight Communion.



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

This night was a night of worshipping Jesus and giving Him all the glory for His sacrifice for us and the gifts He has given us. Many people were involved in this service — planning, decorating/setting up, singing, playing instruments, serving the Lord’s Supper, preparing food, running the sound/recording system, running the computer, cleaning up, etc. Thank you for helping us worship our Lord and Savior during the Christmas season!

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>.

Missionary Briefs

By Joan Hershberger

Missionary briefs from letters sent to the church by Marrable Hill supported missionaries:

Curt Talley wrote that at one Awana store, the children have the option to “buy” lunch with one of the staff members at their school. The kids love it. A T&T girl chose that option. So during the lunch the girl asked about salvation and became a believer that day. She was baptized at the church. This “Child Discipleship” option allows for more one on one time with club members.

Bill Parker reported that two websites have been revamped to include Spanish speakers and new policies implemented with Avant.

No new mentees at this point, but he and Linda continue to be active with mentoring couples of the past. They have been encouraging them over the miles.

One couple sent them specialty foods from Honduras. Another reported on their activities. They have spent time with supporting churches and supporters.

Linda helped plan/organize the local Hispanic outreach on December 7. The regulars and their friends came. They shared the gospel with them.

- Prayer is requested for the upcoming March Avant candidate orientation in Guatemala. They will participate.
- Prayer for Marielos, a staff member, who has been diagnosed with breast and lung cancer.
- Prayer for the Parkers health. Both have been dealing with “walking pneumonia”.

Dan and Paula Flynn minister to college students in Indiana.

Dan spoke to 65 international students from 14 nations at a Thanksgiving meal. He reminded them that Jesus was the ultimate International Student. He left his home to come to earth and was not treated with hospitality. The students did and Flynn explained the Gospel. Afterward 10 students said they received Christ that night.

Due to a change of sending ministries, the Flynns finances have fallen. One reason being a change in their health insurance coverage. Please

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pray for their situation. And that we at Marrable Hill Chapel would renew our commitment to give to missions over and above our regular tithes.

Christmas Gifts to Missionaries — The Mission Committee sent a small monetary gift to each missionary's child under 18. Kevin and Barbara Roscoe sent a thank you for being remembered.

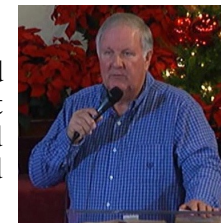
The Faith Promise ministry asks that each individual pray and seek God's will for a specific amount they will give. Then by believing God will provide or stretch their budget to meet that promise, the funds are given. Please prayerfully consider what God wants you to trust Him to provide.

Those who have made Faith Promises have found that God provides the funds through necessities that cost less, extra income, an unexpected gift, or just having healthy family avoiding medical bills.

Faith Promise cards are being made and will be placed around the church. Please take one, pray and anonymously hand it in to the office so a budget can be made on the basis of the commitments made.

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David believed that it didn't apply to him — he had sinned too much. After Bro. Sam had him reread it MANY times, David finally heard the call of God and became saved. His life has never been the same. God can redeem ANYONE!



Janett Luker talked about last year being a year of milestones: 50th year anniversary, 50th high school graduation, 16th birthday for a granddaughter, and 50th birthday of a son-in-law. While looking for pictures and items for the celebrations in 2019, she had times of reflection — thinking about the past. Sometimes to see the new things in life you have to dig into the old things of the past to see how God was there. He was faithful then and is faithful now. His faithfulness is new every morning!

What has God done in your life? What is He doing now? What is your story? Share it with someone. You have the answer that will give hope to someone. **Psalm 107:2 commands us to “Let the redeemed of the LORD tell their story — those He redeemed from the hand of the foe.”**