

December 2018



December Memory Verse:

“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Matthew 1:21-23

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Birthdays

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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, December 14th**, 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:

- December 12th** @ 6pm — Youth Pack Christmas Food Boxes
- December 12th** @ 6:30pm — AWANA “Silent Night”
- December 19th** @ 6pm — Youth Christmas Party
- December 19th** @ 6:30pm — AWANA Store Night
- December 20th** @ 6pm — **Ladies Christmas Party @ Laura’s**
- December 23rd** @ 6pm — **Candlelight Communion**
- December 24th** — **CHRISTMAS EVE** — Office closed
- December 25th** — **CHRISTMAS** — Office closed
- December 31st** @ 6pm — Youth New Year’s Lock-in

Fall Festival



The church gym exploded with the energy of more than 250 kids and their parents at the annual Fall Festival. With rainy weather promised, the vehicles for Trunk or Treat pulled in under the overhang and the other Trunk or Treats set up in the gym with their decorations & games. Trunk or Treat included "Alice in Wonder Land" by



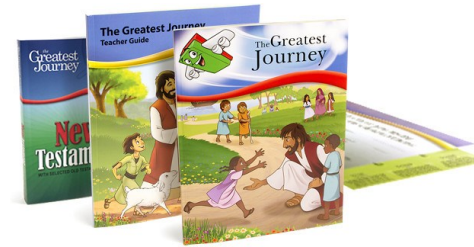
Amanda Cooley (which was voted by attendees -1st Place & received a \$25 Walmart gift card), Noah's Ark by Lynda & Kenneth Sinyard, The BIG SPIDER by Kathy & Paul Sandifer, Monster Car by Dee Dee Harrison, Pound Puppy by Rachel Arnold, Ring Toss by Darlene Atkinson, and washer toss by Lynette & Bro Ben Wasson. The competition with Trunk or Treats has really been heating up the last few years & they're getting better each year. Thank you for your creativity & time!



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Did You Know?

Your donation of \$9 per Operation Christmas Child (OCC) box for "shipping" pays for more than shipping. Per Samaritan's Purse, "Your \$9 donation to Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, helps us train and equip local churches to use our Ministry Partner Guide. This resource shows churches how to share the Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ in a child-friendly way. Your donation also provides *The Greatest Gift Gospel Booklets*, which are written in the children's language (over 80 languages) and distributed along with shoebox gifts." For more information on the \$9 shipping, go to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/9-dollar-donation/>.



Millions of boys and girls in more than 100 countries around the world are participating in "The Greatest Journey"—the follow-up discipleship program for children who receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Samaritan's Purse also has it available to use for discipleship in the U.S. It might be a great way for Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) to follow-up in discipling children after Victory Bible Camp or evangelistic events like Fall Festival. For \$6/child, MHC can take a child through a 12-week course that will teach them how to live for Christ after salvation. The child pack comes with a New Testament, 12-week discipleship workbook, and a graduation certificate. A leader's pack can be purchased for \$3 that teaches how to use the materials to disciple children.

Why are toothpaste and candy prohibited from boxes?

The reason that toothpaste and candy cannot be included in OCC boxes is due to increasing customs regulations.

Right Now Conference By Joan Hershberger

In November, four attended the Right Now Conference in the Dallas area: Kay Johnston, Natalie Butcher and Joseph and Joan Hershberger. A few brief impressions of the three day event.

Very organized. Guides directed the 3,200 guests into the large foyer to the tables set up with our packet of books and lanyards. With several registration tables the flow of people then and later for food went quickly. Everything had been thought through and prepared to reduce traffic snarls. While we waited for the event to begin we were welcome to explore the facility and to check out the free coffee offered by an organization that promotes buying coffee beans from plantations where just wages are practiced.



The young worship team lead us in praise and worship songs. Huge screens on the stage allowed even those in the back the ability to see the folks on stage. Plus, the service was shown on screens in the atrium for the few who chose to not go into the auditorium.

Speakers touched on a variety of topics emphasizing faith, prayer and the impact of even the smallest effort.



“What's your first domino?” asked Chip Ingram to illustrate that a little bit can topple a great thing. He referred to an actual experiment where increasingly large dominoes were set up in the usual chain. Each domino was 60 percent larger than the previous. In about 15 to 20 steps, the largest domino could be 20 feet high and weigh 1/2 ton and it would topple from the chain reaction of just nudging the little, normal

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The November Golden Heirs gathered on the second Friday night with a selection of great food carried in and an even better selection of folks to visit. Joe and Nadine Williams arranged the program.



According to Eula Cottrell: “We had a great time at Golden Heirs Friday night. We had a special guest, Mary Jo Warren. Also her daughter Kathy Sligh and her husband Glen. Mary Jo’s granddaughter Katie and husband Whit, entertained us with beautiful hymns. Blake Dailey, our new youth and camp director, gave his testimony. Thanks Blake, it was a blessing. Of course our ladies brought some great food.”



Mary Jo, who has retired to Hudson Senior Center, came. After Eula posted several pictures on Facebook, Mary Jo commented, “Thank you, Eula! I can't tell you how special it was for me!! I was so thrilled to be "back home." And hearing Katie was icing on the cake.”

The next Golden Heirs will be held Dec. 14. Anyone over 50 is welcome to plan to set aside time that evening to enjoy the food and fellowship.



Recycle Ink Cartridges



**INK CARTRIDGE
RECYCLING**

Marrable Hill Chapel (MHC) provides recycling drop off boxes for ink cartridges in the foyer of sanctuary and the copy room in the office so that we, the body of Christ, can be good stewards of our resources and also raise funds. The recycling money is used to take our church families with kids to the movies once a year.

Not only is family movie night a great time for families to spend time together to enjoy a good movie and snacks, but it is also a time for the different families in our church to fellowship and get to know each other outside of the church building. This year we had 25 adults/children attend the movie night. Each year we also reach out and invite a family that does not attend our church. We are thankful to Matt & Ashley Nash for inviting another family to join us at the movies. We would also like to thank our parents for taking the time out of their busy schedules to join us at this church event. While at the movie theater, we also got to see Blake Goff working at his new job. Great job, Blake!



Because of your donations of ink cartridges, we are able to hold this event. Thank you for helping the Children's Ministry! We couldn't do it without your support!



Church-wide Thanksgiving Meal

On the Sunday afternoon before Thanksgiving, Marrable Hill Chapel held their annual church-wide Thanksgiving meal. Even though it was on the first Sunday of Thanksgiving Break for schools and we really missed several families due to vacations, we had a great turnout. There was plenty of food and fellowship!



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We had approximately 40 volunteers with games and face painting inside the gym in addition to the Trunk or Treats. The ages working the games ranged from Joe & Nadine Williams to Ashton Bailey, a 6th grader. Everyone did an excellent job & we couldn't have done it without the youth. Some of the youth that helped setup worked 3 evenings after school & did a super job preparing for the event: Avery McGoogan, Krista & Kelsi Glancey. A big thanks to Leigh Ann McGoogan for decorating & Michael Noone for all his help in setting up & tearing down.



Donna Allen, our Child Evangelism Missionary, again shared the Gospel of Christ in the Razorback Room along with her assistant Kathy Hartman, Jerry Wayne Guinn's niece. Five professions of faith were made that night including one of our kids from Marrable Hill Chapel. A 37-year old mother and her 10-year old son who attended different sessions with Donna were also saved. Praise the Lord! Let's pray for these as their churches follow-up with them.



Our new Youth Pastor, Blake Dailey, and his assistant, Micaela Martinez, kept the cake walk going and under control. He directed different groups to participate such as: men, women,

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children, under 18, between 20 and 40, or over 35. He also held up the cakewalk at times announcing, "We need 10 more in the Razorback room before we do another cakewalk."

There was a drawing for a girl's bike and a boy's bike. The stipulation to participate in the drawing for a bike was to complete their tag with games, food, and, most importantly, the Gospel. We also held a Walmart gift card drawing for adults. This helps us reach out to people that don't attend a church.

There are too many people to list that helped make the Fall Festival a successful event! The registration, kitchen, snack bar, security, and clean-up crews did an awesome job and keep getting better each year! For those who baked cakes/cookies, provided food, candy and drinks, thank you so much for your generosity.



Thank you everyone that helped with this outreach with our church and community! Some had to step out of their comfort zone to help! Because of everyone's willingness to help in many different ways, there will be 5 more people joining us in heaven where Jesus is preparing a place for all believers.



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sized domino. The point being that our actions and words have an impact on those around us that we can not measure from our viewpoint. Trust God to show you your domino, set it up and serve.



David Platt spoke on the importance of prayer preceding every aspect of ministry programs. He referred to the church in Korea. Before the Korean War the capital of what is now North Korea was considered the Jerusalem of the East. The war shifted the Christian population to the south. In the early 1900s, 1 percent of the population was Christian in Korea. Now more than 10 million are Christians. And these are not nominal Christians. Korea now is the second largest sending country for missionaries. Second only to the United States, but Korea has only the population of California and Florida.

Platt said that a visitor at a hotel heard noise from the nearby sports stadium and wondered what kind of sport was played at 4 a.m. He asked. Not a sport but hundreds of Christians come together to pray aloud. That kind of commitment has made a difference in Korea. Platt urged the attendees to hear "Prayer must come first and foremost. We must die to self and live for Christ and begin that with prayer."

"Prayer must come first and foremost." Then Platt went off his topic and said, "Now we are going to pray. You can come down front, stand and pray or sit." For the next 10-15 minutes the auditorium of 3,000 folks prayed. Some at the front, some calling out loud to God. Platt knelt down on the stage, his face to the ground and he prayed. It really felt like we could have continued for a long time, but Platt brought his time slot to a close. A prayer room was designated for those who wished to continue.

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In a break-out session, a young man named Grant Skeldon, addressed how to reach Millennials. He said, “Millennials (those under 30) want to see the Christian faith in action. They want to see that it is real. He said that it is not small groups or even mentoring that is needed but discipling. Invite the person to join your life, talk about what you are doing and let them ask questions. It is not about going to church and sitting, but about living and speaking the message in everyday settings and showing how being a follower of Christ makes a difference.

It is about our relationship with the triune God and how we live it before others that makes a difference, not getting them into church, but take the church to them. Meeting at a designated spot to sit and listen is not enough. The Gospel has to have feet and be lived before the world.

The individual churches are not in competition with each other. Join together where there is duplication and make a greater impact was the message of the last speaker who shared the following example. Three different mission organizations came to the same organization to ask for funds to help with the translation and printing of the Bible. Each one was asking for funds to do the same thing for the same people group and language. Realizing that a more efficient approach would cut down the time for translating, has resulted in a projected goal of completing the translation of the Bible into every language in the next 20-30 years, 117 years less than the previous projection.

In the same way, area churches can work together and support each other rather than compete against each other on similar programs to achieve the main goal of spreading the Gospel of Christ to all.

If you would like to see a video of any of the main speakers, go to [RightNowMedia.org](https://www.righnowmedia.org) and search for “RIGHTNOW CONFERENCE 2018 (DALLAS)”. If you don’t have access to RightNow Media, let Natalie in the office know and she will provide access.

Shoes That Grow

While on a trip to Nairobi in 2007, Kenton Lee noticed that the little girl in a white dress next to him had shoes that were way too small for her feet. That led him to an idea: “What if there was a shoe that could adjust and expand—so kids always had a pair of shoes that fit?” From this idea with 5 years of design and testing, “The Shoe That Grows” was born.



This year we purchased 24 “The Shoe That Grows” shoes as the mission project for Vacation Bible School. Twelve of the pairs of shoes were placed in Operation Christmas Child boxes and twelve are being held for mission trips like the medical mission trip in Nicaragua.

We recently received a huge THANK YOU from Operation Christmas Child for supporting The Shoe That Grows. In the e-mail, they stated that **14,815** pairs of shoes were in Operation Christmas Child boxes this year! They were excited to announce that next year we will have 5 sizes to choose from including a toddler size that has been long awaited!

For more information on “The Shoe That Grows”, go to <https://theshoethatgrows.org/>.

I was hungry and you fed me,
I was thirsty and you gave me a drink,
I was homeless and you gave me a room,
I was shivering and you gave me clothes,
I was sick and you stopped to visit,
I was in prison and you came to me.
—Matthew 25:35-36