

PHBC CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 7 **MIDWEEK**
 4:00 p.m. Library is Open
 5:15 p.m. Serving Line Opens
 5:30 p.m. Called Business Meeting - *Hicks Hall*
 6:00 p.m. Young Musicians/Tone Chime Choir - *Room 100*
 Angel Choir - *Room 106*
 Wednesday Youth - *Rec Hall*
 Worship - *Hicks Hall*
 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - *Room 310*

7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 8
 9:00 a.m. YAH depart for Branson - *Cedar Street Parking Lot*
 4:30 p.m. Dayschool Open House - *Hicks Hall*
 7:00 p.m. Reunion Swing Band Rehearsal - *Hicks Hall*

Third Sunday in Advent, December 11
 8:30 a.m. Missions/Ministry Team Meeting - *Canceled*
 8:45 a.m. Library is Open
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - *Room 310*
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 12-Noon Disciples SS Class Party - *Vieux Carre*
 3:00 p.m. Woodland Hills Service

Monday, December 12
 12-Noon Staff Christmas Luncheon
 5:30 p.m. Brownies - *Rec Hall*

Tuesday, December 13
 11:30 a.m. Faith SS Class Party - *depart Cedar Street Parking Lot*
 2:00 p.m. Staff Meeting and Worship Planning - *Pastor's Office*

Wednesday, December 14 **MIDWEEK**
 4:00 p.m. Library is Open
 5:15 p.m. Serving Line Opens
 6:00 p.m. Young Musicians/Tone Chime Choir - *Room 100*
 Angel Choir - *Room 106*
 Wednesday Youth - *Rec Hall*
 Worship - *Hicks Hall*

Thursday, December 15
 6:00 p.m. Flock of Ages SS Class Party - *Ted Snider's Residence*
 7:00 p.m. Reunion Swing Band Rehearsal - *Hicks Hall*

Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18
 9:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting - *Room 328*
 8:45 a.m. Library is Open
 9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages
 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - *Room 310*
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 5:30 p.m. Christmas Feast - *Hicks Hall*

Monday, December 19
 5:30 p.m. Brownies - *Rec Hall*

Tuesday, December 20
 6:00 p.m. Whosoever SS Class Party - *Garrison's Residence*

Saturday, December 24
 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service



Sunday, December 25
 10:00 a.m. Christmas Coffee
 10:30 a.m. Worship
Wednesday, December 28, no evening activities

Sunday - December 4, 2011

Sunday School Attendance	98
Worship Attendance	214

Our Year-To-Date Stewardship

YTD General Fund Expenses	\$615,429
YTD General Fund Receipts	\$648,117
Balance	\$32,688
December 4, 2011 Receipts	\$30,487

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**Wednesday Menu
December 14**

Lasagna
 Steamed Broccoli and Cheese
 Salad Bar
 French Bread
 Fruit Cobbler

Pulaski Heights Baptist Church
 2200 Kavanaugh Blvd.
 Little Rock, AR 72205

Publishing Schedule

Friday
 - *The Tidings - The Call - The Worship Guide*
Information due by 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday
 - *The Tidings*
Printed at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday
 - *The Call*
Printed at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday
 - *The Worship Guide*
Printed at 10:00 a.m.
 - *The Sunday Call*
Printed at 2:00 p.m.



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Tuesday, December 6, 2011

Sunday, December 18
 Fourth Sunday in Advent



Christmas Feast
 5:30 p.m., Hicks Hall

Saturday, December 24
 Christmas Eve Service
 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25
 Christmas Coffee
 10:00 a.m., Parlor
 Christmas Service
 10:45 a.m.





Dr. Randy L. Hyde

What are you searching for this Advent/Christmas season? The latest gadget that promises to make your life simpler? I have found that such things, as much as I enjoy them, don't make life simpler; quite the contrary, they complicate more than ever before. I mean, have you ever tried to master the latest thing to come down the pike?

I'm an amateur photographer, emphasis on the word *amateur*. But every once in awhile, I bring home the picture I'm really looking for... every once in awhile. I enjoy reading an online photography blog called "Ugly Hedgehog." Don't ask me where the name comes from; I do not know. Participants write in with questions about how you do this, how you do that. What do you think of this? Does someone have my model of camera, and can you help me? Is this the right lens for me? These kinds of questions fill the blog... every day! The more advanced the industry becomes, the more questions and conundrums there are.

It's the same with life, especially at this time of year. May I offer a suggestion for your Christmas search this year? Rather than the latest thing, how about asking for spiritual discernment? My friend Bill Wilson writes about it, and in doing so quotes his friend Steve Scoggin. Evidently, there are blogs about spiritual discernment too!

Bill/Steve say that true spiritual discernment begins with **disorientation**. Not very encouraging, is it? But think about it. When were the times you were most sensitive to God's leading in your life? Chances are, it was when you were knocked off your feet. Some event or series of events came along to turn your world upside down. It might be the death of a loved one or friend, but generally the context for such upheaval is a loss of some kind. Throughout scripture, Bill says, "disorientation is the portal God uses to break into ordinary lives and do extraordinary things."

The next phase of spiritual discernment is **reorientation**. In a time of upheaval, we look around for something, anything, to grab hold of and give us meaning. We want, we need, to make sense of our shaken world. It is generally at this time that we find culture, politics, money, possessions, etc., to be false gods that promise much and deliver nothing. What does provide meaning when we are disoriented? Relationships... our relationship with God and other believers. This is the only eternal reality that means anything... ever.

Finally, spiritual discernment leads us to **reorientation**. Eternal realities help us to reorder and reprioritize our lives and we find ourselves on mission to be Christ's presence in our part of the world. "We find a depth of meaning," Bill says, "and fulfillment that has been missing. We sense passion and engagement rather than lethargy and apathy."

I hope this insight is helpful to you in this early part of the season. Otherwise, we might just get through the holidays, wonder where it all went, and still feel empty and hollow inside. That is not what we as children of God are called to be or do. If anyone in this world is to make a difference, it should be those who have cast their lot with the One who has come into our world to redeem it. Such redemption begins with discerning where we are and then having the spiritual courage to be more than we have been before. Why not start that now, as we celebrate and anticipate Christ's coming into our world?

*Our Worship,
the Third Sunday of Advent,
December 11, 2011*



"Joseph's Lullaby"
SonPower Choir

Children's Sermon
Beth Nutt

"God Is With Us"
Whitney Broadway

Acolyte - Micheal Hall

"Glory to the Newborn King"
The Sanctuary Choir

Deacons of the Week -
Kelly Newberg
Chuck Gardner

When God Came Down...
"Nots, Neithers and Noes"
Psalm 126:1-6; John 1:19-28
Dr. Randy L. Hyde

Greeters of the Week -
Leesa Ferguson, Harriett Phillips,
Judy Moses, Janet McGhee,
and Kelly Newberg

Food Pantry



Our church partners with First Christian's Food Pantry. Margaret Kelly, Carolyn Oswald, Janet Hyde, and Susan Bujol volunteer weekly in helping to supply food for poor families in our area. Once again, we solicit your help for Christmas. While food goods are accepted gratefully, monetary gifts are preferred. As buyers for the pantry, Margaret and Janet can purchase from the Food Bank at significant savings. Turkeys will be provided two weeks prior Christmas so any help you can give NOW would be greatly appreciated. Please indicate *Food Pantry* on your check or envelope. Thank you.

December 2011

Mission Offering



Church Goal: \$ 5,000
Given to date: \$870

The sympathy of our church family is extended to Clyde Karnes and family in the death of Betty Karnes.

Congratulations...

to Paige Lee for being selected as a recipient of the C. R. Bates Spiritual Aims Award, sponsored by the Pulaski Heights Kiwanis Club. Mr. Bates was an active member of our church for many years. Paige was honored Monday night, December 5, along with youth from other congregations represented in the Kiwanis Club.



On Wednesday, November 30, the church honored newlyweds Joan (Lucas) and Don Shipley on their recent marriage.

Leann's Lines

The PHBC Children went to Garvan Gardens Saturday night and had a wonderful time. The lights are absolutely awesome. If you have not been, you should make it a family trip to Hot Springs to see the lights. We had dinner at CiCi's Pizza in Hot Springs and just had a great time.

I just want to say a big Thank you to Jim Munns for working so hard with the Adult Choir to present the Cantata Sunday. I think that may be the best by far!

The Christmas Feast is December 18 at 5:30. We will have dinner and special music by the Swing Band. Tickets can be purchased from Leann Broadway or call the church office. Adults - \$6 Children - \$4

MUSIC NOTES

Thanks to all of the Sanctuary Choir members, Hosanna Ringers, Melanie Martin, Linda Bruns, and Jim Cox for a terrific presentation of our Lord through Christmas music. SonPower will be singing for the morning worship service this Sunday and again at 3:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon for the residents at Woodland Hills. Our Young Musicians Choir will be singing and Tone Chimes Choir playing on December 18 for the morning worship service. Our Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will include the Lord's Supper. December 25 there will be no 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes. Join us at 10:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship in the Church Parlor with coffee, juice, and pastries. We will celebrate our Lord's birthday at 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



just a note to let you know...

PHBC,

Good to get your sweet letter and all signatures. We love you all! We are in special care. I'm in an assisted living, set of 50 apartments, and Virginia is in a special memory care unit on the same campus. She has lost a lot of short term memory, but still has fond memories of Little Rock and PHBC. We are happy to have Cindy close by and Dan in Austin. We thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Please keep us close to your hearts and prayers.

Love,
Dallas and Virginia

Carolyn's Corner

WONDERFUL! Our PHBC children are enjoying helping us celebrate Advent this season. The preschool children assisted with the lighting of the second candle of Advent, and we thank them and teacher Ms. Becky Cornett for this special time.

On Sunday evening we had a wonderful turnout for our Community Children's Christmas Party, formerly known as Share the Story. We invite the parents and children in the Single Parent Scholarship Program, plus Dayschool families and our PHBC children as well.

Thanks to the volunteers who made the party a huge success: Beci and Arral Austin, Becky Cornett, Joni Lee, Sandy Thomas, Debbie Rogers, Angie Greer, Beth Nutt, Ruth Ann Harvey, Janet Hyde, Emo Johnson, Ginny and Steve Peyton, and Jerry Staley. Thanks to the YOUTH who were wonderful helpers in so many ways. Thanks to all who donated sandwiches for the party. We had a great time and served many families. Most of all, we shared the story of Jesus' birth.

OUTSTANDING! Our Community Gym program is growing! We had four new class members last week from the Hillcrest community, and enjoyed a great time together in yoga/stretching. Our Community Gym Classes are taking a break during December. The fencing classes continue through the month.

WARM! That's what our children in Helena hope to be this winter. We can help by bringing new or gently used coats to donate to the Together for Hope program which will distribute to the most in need. Please bring coats, hats, gloves by Sunday, December 11.

BLING! The Delta Jewels from Together for Hope will be with us this Sunday, December 11, to showcase their jewelry creations just in time for Christmas giving. Please support these young women who work to help families and to save for college.

Blessings and thanks,
Carolyn