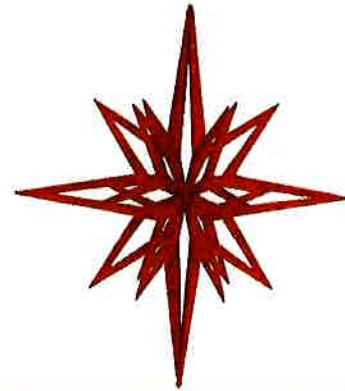


December 7, 2025  
Hillside Park Baptist Church  
Thomasville, NC 27360

*Merry Christmas*



*Hillside Park*  
BAPTIST CHURCH



### *A Christmas Prayer*

Lord, we pause here in the midst of  
the busyness and excitement of  
Christmas to thank You for coming  
low as a baby in a Bethlehem  
manger to rescue us from sin and to  
offer us salvation.

Your gift to us is greater than any  
present wrapped and placed under  
a tree.

We thank You and worship You and  
commit to seeking You first

*this day,*

*this season,*

*this year.*

*In Jesus' name, Amen.*

*Happy  
Birthdays  
Jesus*

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## *FIRST CHRISTMAS*

*Never could man have imagined the plan –  
it came straight from The Father's heart;  
on that special night in Bethlehem  
Christmas was given the strangest start!*

*No stockings hung on the fireplace –  
no tapers bore candle-light . . .  
no baubles nor cute decorations  
created a colorful sight.*

*The first Christmas wasn't a holiday  
with elaborate parties and "shows",  
but it began in a hay-lined manger  
with an Infant's birth long ago.*

*A virgin gave birth to this Baby  
destined to die on a criminal's cross  
where His sinless blood on Mount Calvary  
paid in full sin's terrible cost.*

*This wonderful plan of salvation  
for those who by faith would believe  
would gain peace with God forever –  
a plan no mere man could conceive!*

*For wrapped in the flesh of a Baby  
Jesus came to this sin-darkened world . . .  
and on that very First Christmas became the Gift  
that brought light and hope to the world!*

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

# From The Pastor

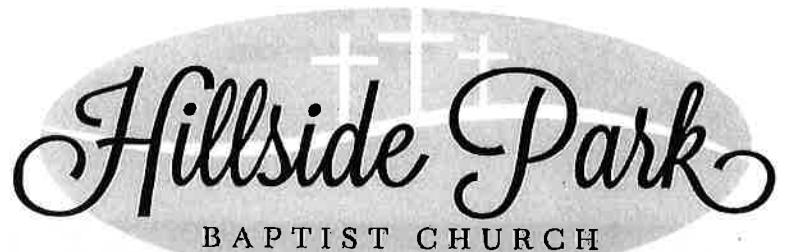
At the time of Christ's birth, there hadn't been a king in Israel for 600 years. The Nation was under the most powerful empire in the world, the Roman Empire. And now the womb of a poor, peasant girl was going to become a palace that would give birth to the Savior.

From the time that He lit the sun in the sky and created the first man and woman, God had a plan. He had a plan to bring the Messiah, the Savior and Lord, and He would do it through a virgin girl.

It is only natural that Mary questioned the angel in **Luke 1:34**, "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" Physiologically, we don't understand how this could happen. From a doctor's point of view there is no explanation, but the angel's answer was enough to satisfy Mary...and it should be enough to satisfy anyone. "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of Christ." Then in **verse 37** it says "For with God nothing shall be impossible." That one statement is what Christmas is all about. God can take nothing and create everything. He can take an old man and woman in their nineties, like Zechariah and Elizabeth and give them a child. God can take a virgin like Mary and give her the Messiah that the world had been waiting for. God can even take on human flesh and come into the world as a man just like us. God can rise from the dead. God can forgive any sin, because nothing is impossible with God.

Christmas is a great example that when you are waiting, not matter how long the wait has been, never give up. You keep waiting because God is always moving. You keep serving because God is listening. You keep watching because God is coming.

What a privilege it is to be the pastor of the most wooooooooooooooooonderful church in the world!!! Pastor Steve  
Phil 1:3





# Hillside Park Baptist Youth NEWSLETTER

December, 2025

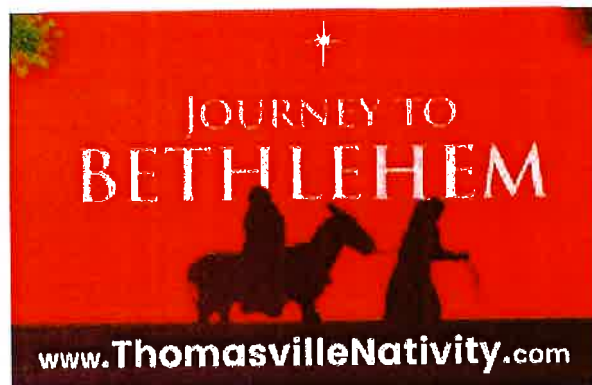


## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

December 17th will be our Christmas Celebration. Following a devotion, everyone will create a gingerbread nativity to take home.



We have a private Facebook page. Visit "Hillside Park Baptist Youth" and request to join.



*December 3rd, all youth classes will be riding the trolley for Journey to Bethlehem. Buses will leave HPBC at 5:10 and should arrive back around 7:30.*



## YOUTH WORKER MEETING

December 7th

4:45-5:30

Choir Room

# Senior News

Well we finally got to make our trip to West Jefferson. It was a fun day and a long day and everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. This month we will be having our Christmas party in the Family Life Center on Saturday, December 6th. at 12:00 noon. Please bring a \$10.00 wrapped gift for our gift exchange and some finger food or a dessert. We hope a lot of you that still work can come and join us on a Saturday.

Holidays come equipped with a lot of stress for a lot of us and it can be a time of sadness also remembering those no longer with us. Try to focus on the wonderful relaxed future Jesus has promised us when we will live in Heaven in peace with Him and there will be no more stress or pain.

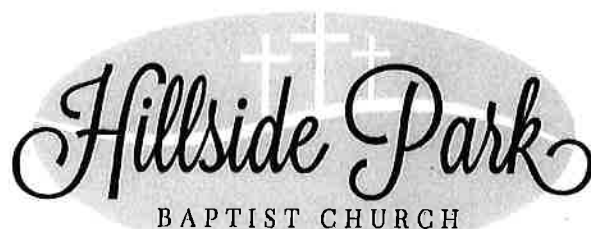
Can it be an accident that "STRESSED" is "DESSERTS" spelled backwards? So have a bowl of ice cream and relax for a while.

No matter when you do it, take time each day during this hectic season to honor the 'reason' for the season, who may have been born in the early hours of the morning.

We want to wish ALL of you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Patsy and Audrey

You will never truly enjoy Christmas until you look into the face of the Father and tell Him you have received His CHRISTMAS GIFT!



# Pastor's Humor

Why was Santa's little helper so depressed? He had very low elf-esteem.

What do you call a broke Santa Claus? Saint-nickel-less.

What do you get if you cross a snowman and a vampire?  
Frostbite!

Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber? It needed a trim!

What do you call an elf who sings? A wrapper!

Why did Santa go to music school? To improve his wrap skills!

What do you call a reindeer that tells jokes? A comedi-deer!

What do you get when you cross Santa with a detective? Santa Clues!

Why don't you ever see Santa in the hospital? Because he has private elf care.

What do you call a cat on the beach during Christmas time?  
Sandy Claws!



# Hillside Park Newsletter



## Happy Birthday



Chasity Ramey	December	4	Don Starrett	December	15
Buck Russell	December	5	Sandy Harris	December	16
Kayla Hanks	December	6	Vickie Yountz	December	23
Richard Batson	December	7	Mike Bartlett	December	31
Barbara Croker	December	7	Patrick Williams	December	31
Gracie Truitt	December	13			

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### New Members

Robin Hill

Bryan Sink

# Hillside Park

BAPTIST CHURCH

## Happy Anniversary



Richard & Teresa Batson	December 5, 1992	33 years
Donald & Sharon Loflin	December 7, 1968	57 years
Vann Jr. & Misty Owens	December 9, 1995	30 years
Frank & Amy Reed	December 20, 2007	18 years
Adam & Meredith Rollins	December 20, 2008	17 years
Darrell & Laura Grubb	December 21, 1995	30 years