

Haddock Highlights



Haddock Baptist Church

December 2017



First Sunday of Advent-Hope- December 3

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m.* Worship: Children's Christmas play

Wednesday, December 6

- 5:30 p.m. Regular Wednesday evening schedule

Saturday, December 9

- 9:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal followed by lunch

Second Sunday of Advent-Peace- December 10

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m.* Cantata *The Song Heard Round the World*
Sanctuary Choir and Children's Choir,
String Quartet, Piano, and Flute

Wednesday, December 13

- 5:30 p.m. Regular Wednesday evening schedule
6:30 p.m. Church Conference - vote on proposed 2018
Church Budget

Third Sunday of Advent - Joy - December 17

- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship - Handbell Choir

Wednesday, December 20

No evening services

Sunday, December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

- 10:30 a.m. Worship only
5:00 p.m.** Christmas Eve Worship Service

Wednesday, December 27

No evening services.

Sunday, December 31

- 10:30 a.m. Worship only

* No Kidz Praise

** No child care in this service. Children are welcome.

From the Pastor's Pen

How you celebrate Christmas all depends upon your perspective. If you are a five year old child your view is different than that of the 80+ year old resident waiting for family to visit in the nursing home. A mom who works outside the home who is trying to prepare meals, decorate the house, and buy gifts for everyone will see it differently than a soldier thousands of miles away from home at the holiday. The man who parks his shiny car in the CEO designated space at the office sees things differently from the man leaving the homeless shelter after breakfast. We are notoriously capable of accepting our reality or our perspective as the way things are- maybe we need to look a bit more carefully.

The Gospel stories recounting the birth of the Savior entering our world at this season of the year do an amazing job of offering us some different perspectives to view the story of that first Christmas. Even the about-to-be parents - Joseph and Mary view the unfolding events in Nazareth and Bethlehem in alarmingly different ways. The aunt and uncle who are at-long last themselves celebrating their own new baby boy must have looked upon this newborn babe with curiosity and expectant hope. The local shepherds-unknown and unnamed- become honored guests getting a front row seat to see something no one else has ever seen. Stay with the story and you'll also find a political ruler who becomes nervous and downright paranoid at the events unfolding in a small town in Palestine. And of course, we have the camel riding caravan of foreigners searching the landscape far and wide to follow a star to find a newborn King.

Christmas invites us to try on a different perspective- to walk in the shoes of someone else and as a result become more compassionate and caring. Set aside judging others- and try to see their perspective. Christmas will become more meaningful and we might become more Christ-like in the process.

Peace,
Bro. Ron



Dear church family,

The Sanctuary Choir, accompanied by piano and string quartet, will present *The Song Heard 'Round the World* during worship on Sunday, December 10th. This Christmas cantata expresses the many varieties of song and worship found throughout the world, while celebrating the unity we have in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Preschool Choir will also be singing on the 10th. On December 17th, the Handbell Choir will play twice during the worship service. You don't want to miss these special services.

The story of *Stille Nacht (Silent Night)* is one of the most endearing in Christian hymnody. As a boy, Joseph Mohr (1792-1848) was an Austrian cathedral chorister in Salzburg. He was ordained into the Catholic priesthood in 1815 and spent most of his life ministering in parishes near Salzburg. Living a simple life, he died in poverty after giving away what little he had to the poor.

In 1816, Mohr penned the poem that would make him famous around the world. He was serving as an assistant priest in Oberndorf, now a skiing area in the Austrian Alps. Franz Xaver Gruber (1787-1863), an Austrian cantor and school teacher, holding church positions near Salzburg including Oberndorf, composed the tune. The music was written mere hours before the Christmas Eve service in 1818. It was first accompanied on guitar because the organ was not in working order. Joseph Mohr's guitar is housed at the Hallein's Franz Gruber Museum.

May you all feel the warmth of Jesus this December. Merry Christmas!

In His love,
Ami



Merry Christmas HBC Families!!
As the year draws to a close, I want you all to know how much we love and appreciate all of you! Your support and kind words to the children's ministry and Rex and me is still overwhelming.

Recently someone asked, "Do you know you're blessed?" I said without hesitation "YES"!! I am blessed in so many ways and HBC is a big part of that, so thank you!!

This is a busy month with HBC Kidz:

Dec. 1st: Kidz Christmas Party, 6-10pm, \$5 per for Pizza & Crafts

Dec. 3rd: Kidz Christmas Play during Worship

Dec. 10th: Preschool Choir & (Christmas Cantata)

Dec. 20th: No Mission Friends, GA's, RA's (no evening service)

Dec. 27th: No Mission Friends, GA's, RA's (no evening service)

Much love,
Lisa Lee



Ski slopes here we come!

On December 29th we will be heading to Massanutten, Virginia to begin our winter retreat. The winter retreat will be filled with worship, small groups, skiing, and great food! Please begin to pray for safe travels and for God to transform our hearts. Thank you to all the youth who participated in youth Sunday. I am so proud of the youth group for leading our church in such a beautiful service. Thank you to all the adults who helped make youth Sunday and the luncheon a success. We were able to raise a little over \$1700 which will help pay for summer camps.

To stay connected with all of the youth events txt @haddockbap to 81010 or contact Tori at 478-258-1431.

Shalom,
Tori



December



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January 2018						
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11:30 a.m.
Haddock Ramblers' Christmas luncheon—fellowship hall

6:00—10:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas party

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9
9:30 a.m.—Noon
Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

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First Sunday of Advent: *Hope*

10:30 a.m.
Faith Village Presentation—Christmas Play

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8:00 a.m.
Haddock Ramblers' thrift store ramble—Warner Robins

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6:00 p.m.
Tony Martin's SS class party—Trish Ann's Tea Room, Haddock

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10:30 a.m.
Second Sunday of Advent: *Peace*

Preschool Choir Christmas Cantata: *The Song Heard Round*

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13
9:30 a.m.
JOY Nursing Home Ministry—Milledgeville

6:30 p.m.
Church Conference

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15
8:30 a.m.
Haddock Ramblers' shopping trip

6:30 p.m.
Youth Progressive Dinner

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17
10:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of Advent: *Joy*

Angel Tree Gift Parade

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10:30 a.m.
JOY Nursing Home Ministry—Gray

No evening services

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24
10:30 a.m.
Fourth Sunday of Advent: *Love*

Worship Only

5:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service

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Merry Christmas

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No evening services

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Church office closed.

Youth Winter

31
10:30 a.m.
Worship Only

Retreat

All end of the year contributions must be turned into the church office by Thursday, December 28 or postmarked by Saturday, December 30.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal

MONDAY SCHEDULE

6:45 a.m. Youth breakfast
DQ, Gray

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5:30 p.m. Family Night Supper
6:30 p.m. Preschool Missions and Music, Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study & Adult Prayer Meeting
6:50 p.m. Children RA's & GA's
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

6:45 a.m. Youth breakfast - Chick-fil - M'ville
10:00 a.m. Ladies' Bible Study - fellowship hall

Welcome Our New Member



Victoria Cauley

Mission Offerings

As we celebrate God's Christmas gift of His Son during this season, please be reminded of the many ways you can be a blessing to others. We invite you to give an offering to missions this month. You may wish to give to Global Missions Offering (CBF), Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (SBC), and/or the Balama Development Alliance in Liberia. Your gifts will help others experience the light of the world, Jesus Christ this season.

Haddock Baptist Church Legacy Endowment Fund

Copies of the policies and procedures of the Legacy Endowment Fund are available for your review in the church foyer. This will be discussed in the upcoming December church conference. This fund would provide the church another avenue to fulfill its mission by providing financial support and resources for its continued ministry.

End-of-Year Giving Guidelines

The IRS requires all contributions credited to the 2017 contribution statement be made no later than Sunday, December 31. If mailed, they must be postmarked by Saturday, December 30. We kindly request that all contributions that will be dropped off at the church be done by noon on Thursday, December 28, 2017. Your generous giving is appreciated!

Stewardship Report



*Store up your treasures in heaven,
where thieves can't steal and moths
cannot destroy them.*

November 2017 Report

Sunday School Monthly Average	131
Sunday School Yearly Average	135
Total Number of Contacts Reported	167

November 2017 Financial Totals

Budget Offering received this month	\$ 27,297.81
Weekly Budget needs YTD	\$ 370,416.00
Budget Offerings received YTD	\$ 324,742.33
Year to Date under budget	\$ 45,673.67
Building Fund received this month	\$ 8,275.00
Loan Balance—Sanctuary	\$ 60,903.60

You May Reach Us

Church	478-932-5470
Pastor	cell: 478-986-7477 home: 478-932-5897
Associate Pastor: Music	cell: 478-318-9638
Minister of Youth	cell: 478-258-1431
Minister of Children	cell: 678-618-5243
E-Mail address	haddockbc@gmail.com
Church web site	haddockbaptistchurch.com
Office hours	Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Church Staff

Pastor	Dr. Ron McClung
Associate Pastor: Music	Rev. Amedeo Tritto
Minister of Youth	Ms. Tori Cauley
Minister of Children	Mrs. Lisa Lee

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