

# NEW HEIGHTS

Melbourne Heights Baptist Church is an Accepting, Caring People Sharing Christ

## Weekly Stats for 11.23.14

### Attendance

Sunday School: NA  
Worship: NA

### Giving

Building Fund: NA  
Total Giving: NA

## Extended Session Volunteers

### 11.30.14

Bevie Neel  
Graham Fowler

### 12.7.14

Rachel Cloud  
Laura Marquess

## Church Staff

### Pastor

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### D-J

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### K-R

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### S-Z

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## Getting Ready for Christmas

It has been called the greatest story ever told, and it's a story that we love to hear year after year during the Christmas Season. It is of course the story of Christ's birth, one of the most familiar stories of our faith...but that may not be a good thing.

Sometimes our familiarity with the Christmas story causes us to stop paying attention as we gather for worship during the month of December. Instead we let our minds wander to shopping lists, travel plans, favorite recipes, and a visit from St. Nick. But this year, in the Sundays leading up to Christmas we want to do something different to keep you focused on the reason for this season, and to help draw you into the story of Christ's birth in a new way.

Typically, we decorated our sanctuary during an evening service the first Sunday of Advent. But many in our church miss this service, and miss out on the transformation and meaning behind these decorations. So this year, we're going to slowly decorate together, each Sunday morning, slowly transforming our church, in hopes that we are also slowly transformed this Christmas Season.

## Inclement Weather Policy and Information

Due to the inclement weather we have already encountered this year, we wanted to remind you of MHBC's Winter Weather Policy.

Monday through Friday, we follow Jefferson County Public School's policy. If JCPS is closed then all church services and activities are canceled, if JCPS is open then the church is open as well. If there is inclement weather on Sundays, we will make a decision by 8:00am that morning, and post cancellation information on WHAS 11, WDRB-TV, WAVE 3, and our church's Facebook page. If we are able to meet on Sunday morning but decide to cancel evening services, we will make that announcement during our morning worship service.

This year, we will also be communicating cancellations via text message. If you would like to receive Weather Updates via text message, text the code @57b7e to (502)265-4500 and follow the prompts to subscribe to this service.

And, as always, just because the church feels it is safe for us to have services that does not mean it is always safe for you to make it to the church. So please use your own discretion.

## Christmas Caroling

We will be Christmas Caroling as a church on Wednesday, December 10, in lieu of our regular evening service. However we cannot go caroling without carolers, so we are asking anyone who is interesting in joining us as we make a joyful noise to sign up near the Welcome Center. We are also making a list of anyone wishing to have carolers come to your home. If you'd like to have carolers this year, you can sign up near the Welcome Center or contact the Church Office.

## Christmas Banquet

Our annual Christmas Banquet - sponsored by our Senior Adults - will be held December 5 at 6:30pm. The evening begins with a delicious catered meal, and continues with live entertainment that you will not want to miss. The cost of the banquet is \$16 per person, and tickets are on sale until November 30. If you plan to attend you can purchase tickets on Sunday morning or contact the church office.

## Merry Christmas for our Staff

Each Christmas Season we like to let our staff know that we appreciate all they do by giving them a small token of our gratitude. Please consider making a contribution to this year's Christmas gift for our staff. Just place your gift in any envelope and mark it "Staff Christmas" and drop it in the offering plate.

"Twas the Birthday of a King" is one of my favorite songs at Christmas time. I love celebrating the birth of Jesus, especially with children.

Wednesday December 3rd we will have our annual Birthday Party for Jesus. Starting at 6:00 we will have pizza for dinner followed by making Christmas ornaments, telling of a Christmas story and then cake and ice cream in honor of Jesus' birthday. Come join us, young and old for a fun recognition of the real meaning of Christmas!

*Michelle*