



A MEANINGFUL LIFE IN A MEANINGLESS WORLD
"It's a Wonderful Life"
Ecclesiastes 11:1-10 - Message #11

1. Be _____

2. Be _____

3. Be _____

4. Be _____

TAKE HOME TRUTH

*The life I have is a _____ from God;
treat it with _____.*

Coming Up ...

December 17—"This Old House"
Eccl 12:1-14

December 24—Children & Adult Choir Presentation

December 31—Special Guest
Pastor Keith Sova

"The Church on a Mission"
An Expository Series through the Book of Acts
Beginning January 14

Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

With the Christmas season upon us we often hear the phrase "*peace on earth.*" However, this statement made by the angels refers not to worldwide disarmament but to the blessing of being secure in God, literally "*peace on earth to men on whom his favor rests.*"

I saw a bumper sticker with a cross that read "*War is Not the Answer.*" The message conveyed that Christianity teaches pacifism. Now let me say upfront that I knew a godly man who was a classic pacifist. He believed war was a necessary evil but that as a Christian he could not take someone's life (that job was for unbelievers). I greatly respected this man for his conviction (he's now in glory). Classic pacifism differs from modern pacifism which naively believes if you talk to your enemy long enough a peaceful solution can be achieved. That premise is biblically wrong denying the total depravity of mankind. Terrorists could care less about talking. They just want you dead.

Augustine was first to use the phrase "just war." Two of his criteria involved wicked aggression and just defense. I believe there are times when believers, citizens of a secular nation, can fight in war. To say that war is always right makes one guilty of patriotic idolatry ("my country right or wrong"), but to say war is always wrong denies that evil at times must be stopped. The question of war is easy to discuss but very difficult at times to implement.

We ultimately know that no war will bring about a lasting truce for only King Jesus will bring about world peace by His Second Coming. *Even so come, Lord Jesus.*



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Of Christ for God's glory.

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL
COUNSELOR

MIGHTY GOD

EVERLASTING FATHER

Prince of Peace

ISAIAH 9:6

Prelude
Call to Worship

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
The First Noel

Advent Reading

God Made Low
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

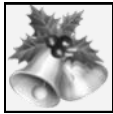
Scripture Reading & Prayer

Heaven Has Come to Us
Susan and David Froman

"It's a Wonderful Life"
Pastor Fred Froman

O Come All You Unfaithful

Benediction
Special Prayer



THE LORD'S DAY December 10. 2023

Corporate worship is
meant to remind us that the
One who sits on the throne is the
definition of power, glory, holiness, wisdom and love.

Loving God, Loving People

Infant/Toddler Nursery

Sunday School / ABF: Sue Froman, Mary Ann Krepps
Worship Service: Amy DeMass, Colleen Peck, Ava Elliott

This Week

Today

9:00am	Coffee & Fellowship
9:30am	Sunday School / ABF
10:30am	Worship Service
5:00pm	Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 11

6:00pm Finance Team Mtg

Tuesday, December 12

6:30pm Ladies' & Men's Bible Studies

Wednesday, December 13

10:30am	Senior Saints
7:00pm	Praise Team

Saturday, December 16

9:00am Christmas Program Rehearsal

Announcements

Christmas Caroling will be to-night beginning at 5 pm. We will visit several of our shut-ins. Dress warm. We will return to the church for hot chocolate.

Congratulations to Jared and Michelle Clark on the birth of Maxton Jay William, December 3, 6lbs 13 oz. 20 inches long.

Adult Christmas Choir Practice will be held this Saturday at 9am. See David Froman for more information.

HBC Family Pictures. If you missed the opportunity to have your picture taken stop in the office next Sunday. Susan Elliott will be available to take pictures after the business meeting.

Special Business Meeting

December 17 after morning worship to affirm the proposed strategic plan for 2024-2027. Copies are on the kiosk. Also, we will vote on changing our quorum count from 50% to 40%.



The Proclamation of Christmas will be an adult and children's

choir presentation on December 24 at 10:30 am. Invitation cards are on the kiosk to invite others. No Sunday School or Adult Bible Fellowships that day.

Senior Saints Christmas Luncheon will be December 20, 11:30am at Buddies in Holt. Questions? See Ron Gerard.

Special Opportunity for Bells

The Josh & Carissa Bell Family serve Christ in West Africa. The missions team recently asked the Bells for a "wish list" of items. Included below is a link to that list. You can order directly from this link. Local friends, Jeff & Melanie Wyman will visit the Bells in January and have agreed to take these gifts to them for us. The items on the list will be shipped directly to the Wyman's home. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann Krepps or Cindy Price for assistance.
<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2AGQ38HOXV9ZC>

Are you interested in knowing more about HBC? Come to Discovering God's People, Sunday, **January 14** from 5-7 pm. This class is the first step in church membership.

HBC Men's Laser Tag, Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 pm. Cost \$32. See Joe Cecil for more information.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Julie Rizzardi	Dec 11
Cindy Thomas	Dec 13



Greeters for December 10

Bill & Carol Gillam
Jim Durling

Prayer Requests

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.
Colossians 4:2

General Requests & Praise

- Josh & Carissa Bell in Senegal
- Our other missionaries at this time of the year
- Katherine Moore - residency program
- Those seeking certification with ACBC
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually and reach out to others
- Business Meeting next Sunday

Physical Needs

- Bob Helmuth - cancer, palliative care
- Cecil twins, Susan & Naomi — continued growth
- Cherie VanValkenburgh - anemia
- Cheryl Woodruff (Melissa Hurley's step-mom) - lung cancer
- Ethan and Israel Cecil - recovering from RSV
- Karla Ruest—back surgery Friday
- Mary Hayes - recovering from surgery
- Myra Fuehring (Kelly Troxell's mom) - cardio ablation Dec 21
- Joanne Croy—fractured arm
- Josh Bell - back pain management
- Sherry Back (former member) - palliative care
- Stef Bolthouse (Froman's daughter) - endometriosis, appt Dec 22

Praying Biblically—Hebrews 13:1

Heavenly Father, thank You that while we were yet sinners You loved us and gave Christ to be the propitiation for our sins. Help us in word and deed to increase and abound in brotherly love for one another, just as we also do for You. Give us wisdom as we minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ and may we speak the truth in love to Your praise and glory. This we ask in Jesus name, AMEN.

Prayer For Our Government

State Senators & Representatives

Prayer Individual of the Week

Pam Leu

Shut in of the Week

Dave & Sue Murray