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TAKE HOME TRUTH

God demands \_\_\_\_\_.

Three quick lessons from our text.

- \_\_\_\_\_ *is aggressive.*
- \_\_\_\_\_ *is serious.*
- *God is* \_\_\_\_\_.



Coming Up ...

December 21, "Mary's Christmas Carol" – Luke 1:46-55

December 28, Pat Quinn, Special Speaker

January 4, "What Does a Pastor Do?" – 1 Timothy 4:11-16

January 11, "A Lamp in Jerusalem" – 1 Kings 14:21 – 15:24

Just a Moment

with Pastor Fred

Susan and I noticed a church sign that read – *Comparison Ruins Contentment.*

Warning: What will you get for Christmas this year? Not what you want? Others will get more? *Comparison ruins contentment.* Scripture speaks about contentment. Phil 4:11 ... *for I have learned to be content in whatever the circumstances.* A friend asked Abraham Lincoln, "What's wrong with your boys?" The children and Mr. Lincoln were taking a walk down a street in Springfield one day. Obviously, the boys were having an argument – one was crying. Lincoln, known for his quick wit said, "The same thing that is wrong with the whole world! I have three walnuts in my pocket and each boy wants two."

How can we be content? First, contentment is learned. Paul says this again in Phil 2:12, *I have learned the secret of being content.* Contentment doesn't come naturally. We have to learn it. We don't learn it in days of prosperity but in life's trials. Paul was in prison writing to those who were free about being content! Contentment is independent of circumstances – it's independent of wealth or poverty; good circumstances or bad circumstances; happiness or sadness. *How can this be?* Because contentment only comes through Christ. We are sufficient in Christ's sufficiency; a reliance on him to meet our needs.

This coming year may each of us seek such biblical contentment. Let us reject unmet expectations – resist comparison and rest in the sufficiency found only in Jesus.



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HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED  
WONDERFUL  
COUNSELOR  
MIGHTY GOD  
EVERLASTING FATHER  
*Prince of Peace*

ISAIAH 9:6

Prelude  
Call to Worship

*Angels From The Realms of Glory  
He Shall Reign Forevermore*

Missions Moment  
Advent Reading

*All My Heart This Night Rejoices*

Scripture Reading & Pastoral Prayer

*O Come All You Unfaithful*

*Clean Sweep*  
Pastor Fred Froman

*Emmanuel*

Benediction  
Prayer Team

HOLT BAPTIST CHURCH

## THE LORD'S DAY December 14, 2025

Corporate worship is designed to devastate our self-righteousness while entralling us with the righteousness given through Jesus Christ.

*Loving God  
Loving People*

### Nursery Schedule

No Nurseries during Family Chat

### Worship Service

Nursery: Claira Cecil & Amy DeMass  
Toddler: Colleen Peck & Ava Elliott

### Today

9:00am Coffee & Fellowship  
9:30am Family Chat  
10:30am Worship Service  
12:30pm Christmas Caroling  
5:00pm Christmas Caroling

### Wednesday, December 17

Noon Senior Saints Luncheon at Buddy's  
7:00pm Praise Team

## Announcements

**Congratulations** to Asa Rowntree on his graduation from Grand Valley State University, December 6 – and to his delighted parents, Jason and Cara.

**Christmas Caroling Tonight!** Come and meet at 5pm to visit several of our shut-ins bringing some holiday cheer to them. We should be finished around 6:30pm.

**Sunday Snow.** We need volunteers to help snow blow the sidewalks when it snows on Sunday. Please sign up at the foyer table.

**Library Sale.** Books are still available in the foyer from Pastor Fred's library. \$1 paperback; \$2 hardback.

**Understanding Liberal Protestantism** will be taught next Sunday downstairs in our recently painted "gathering space" at 9:30am by Pastor Fred. Our children will be using the auditorium to rehearse a song to be sung later in the morning service.

**Christmas Eve Service** will be from 5-6pm, Wednesday, December 24. Favorite Christmas hymns and a brief message from Joe Hart will encourage your heart. We guarantee you to be on your way by 6pm to enjoy family traditions at home.



**Dear Church Family,** On behalf of my entire family, thank you for the gift made to Hospice in memory of my dad, Tom Bishop. We truly appreciate the many kindnesses shown to us, as well as your prayers during these past few months. Love in Christ, Paul & Mary Ann Krepps

**The Welcome Service** for the Langes on January 4 will involve a potluck luncheon. Please sign up on the foyer table to bring a dish to share.

**Biblical Foundations for Evangelism** will be an auditorium ABF class taught by Pastor Anthony beginning January 11.

### Save the Dates

- Sunday, February 1 – Annual Business Meeting and Potluck
- Friday-Saturday, April 10-11 – Mid Michigan Biblical Counseling Conference

**When God calls, we listen. When He promises, we trust and talk back to Him in our need. When He loves, we love. When He commands, we obey. By the power of the Holy Spirit our life takes on a new direction.**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Linda Petkof December 14  
Nic Martin December 20

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Doug & Kelly Troxell December 18

## Prayer Requests

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

### General Requests

- Camp Barakel Staff on sabbatical - Tim & Alyssa Elliott
- Josh & Carissa Bell - Senegal
- The Clark family
- Counseling Ministry - certification & weekly appointments
- For HBC to grow deeper spiritually / to reach out to others
- Langes - ministry at Berean and transition to HBC

### Physical Needs

- Amanda Wilson—bariatric surgery Wednesday
- Diane Helmuth - foot surgery
- Donny Depoorter – recovering from hand surgery
- Frank Bragg (Killian Loveall's grandfather) - mental health, diabetes
- Gina Golden - kidney and heart issues
- Kara deRoos (Ryan's mother) - recovering from surgery
- Kathy Lange (Anthony's mother) - lung cancer
- Matthew Thomas - future surgery on his hip
- Nic Martin - pain management
- Richard Hardziak (friend of Chaney's) - cancer

### Praying Biblically - Psalm 119:33-37

Teach me, LORD, the meaning of your statutes, and I will always keep them. Help me understand your instruction, and I will obey it and follow it with all my heart. Help me stay on the path of your commands, for I take pleasure in it. Turn my heart to your decrees and not to dishonest profit. Turn my eyes from looking at what is worthless; give me life in your ways.

### Prayer For Our Government Officials

US Supreme Court & Local Judges

### Prayer Individual of the Week

Gina Golden

### Shut in of the Week

Herb & Rita Twichell

### Today's Greeter

Laurie Horstman  
Bill & Carol Gillam