



WELCOME 9-10-2023

Have you ever had Christmas in September? Probably not for obvious reasons. Today we are going to “Celebrate Christmas” in the month of September. Now not to be clever or anything but today as we go back to the Gospel of John, chapter 1 we have the Christmas story. John does it without Joseph, without Mary, without the baby, without the stable, without the manger, without the shepherds, without the wise men, without the star, without the angels, without all the familiar components of the Christmas story. It’s a theological look at Christmas rather than the historical facts that we find in Matthew and Luke’s account. And the key verse that we’re looking at in the first chapter of John’s gospel is verse 14, and the opening phrase, “The Word became flesh. The Word became flesh.” With an economy of words, marvelous, profound simplicity captures our minds. “The Word became flesh” says it all. When you unpack that, there’s so much in those four words no book could contain it: “The Word became flesh.” That is the theology of Christmas. John’s point is clear. God became something He had never been without ceasing to be what He had always been: “The Word became flesh”, the eternal God became a man. I hate to be the Grinch but that didn’t happen on December 25th, and it didn’t happen on the Jewish equivalent of that in their calendar. But that really doesn’t matter; it shouldn’t matter. No celebration could be too great to overstate the incarnation. No celebration could be too grand to overestimate the impact of the incarnation. I’m fine with picking a day a year. The only thing better than that would be just to be reminded of it every single day. Well today is the day, Christmas In September. Welcome to H.C.C.

SERVICE SCHEDULE & WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday Mornings

9:45 – Doughnuts

10:00 to 10:30 – Sunday School Class

All ages 0-100

10:45 – Noon - Sunday Morning Worship

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

10:45 – Noon - Children’s Church

Age 0 to Preschool in the nursery

Ages Preschool through 5th grade in the gym

There are clip boards in the foyer for those who wish to stay in the Sanctuary but would like the children’s lesson.

Sunday Evenings

6:00pm – Sunday Evening Service

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

6:00pm – Youth Slam

In the gym

Games, Food, and Devotions

Wednesday Evenings

7:00pm – Prayer & Bible Study

In the Sanctuary (In-person & Online)

7:00pm – Youth Midweek Service

Topical Lesson and Prayer followed by Open Gym

HCC Office Contact Info

Office hours: Monday - Wednesday 8:30 am – 1 pm
and Saturday 9 am – 1:30 pm.

Phone: (423)725-2541

Email: Info@hamptonchristianchurch.org

What you can do on our website:

*Tithe/Give *Submit Prayer Requests *Access Bulletins
*Access Livestream

This and more at hamptonchristian.org

****Offering last Sunday -\$3319.00**

7 Top Reasons to be at Hampton Christian Church Every Week!

Acts 2:42-47

*Study the Bible Together *Fellowship Together
*Break Bread Together *Pray Together
*Be Together *Give Together
*Worship Together

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 17 – Homecoming
Oct 13 & 14 – Church Directory
Oct 16 & 17 – Ark Encounter Trip
Oct 21 – Women’s Day Away
Nov 4 – Fall Festival
Jan 5-7 - TCTC

CHILDREN’S CHURCH ROTATION

1st Sunday: Danny and Mariah Arnett
2nd Sunday: Chad and Carla Baxter
3rd Sunday: Patsy and Gary Hurley
4th Sunday: Danny, Teresa, and Rylie McClain
5th Sunday: (Kids attend Main Service)

Sermon
“Grace & Truth”
John 1:14:16

YOUTH
ANNOUNCEMENTS

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN TEEN CONVENTION

Jan 5-7, 2024. Cost \$150. (\$75 deposit due Sunday, October 1st; remaining balance due Sunday, December 31st.) TCTC is a weekend conference for all teens with awesome preaching, God-centered worship, drama, workshops, and our own small group time and devotions. Please be in prayer for our teens and chaperones who are attending. For more info about TCTC see Kevin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNION MEDITATIONS

There is a signup sheet on the table in the foyer if you would like to be a part of our Communion Meditations.

Q & A WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Join us Wednesday for some Q & A. If you have a question we'll try our best to answer it. There is still a Box in the Foyer to drop your questions in. Remember you asked for it!

LADIES CIRCLE

September 18 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us!!

HOMECOMING

Homecoming will be September 17th with Jeremiah McClain delivering the message. Our service will begin at 10am with Gail Evans and Friends in concert. Then our Homecoming service will begin at 10:45 with Jeremiah McClain.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

In October we are planning a new Church Directory here at Hampton. Please reserve October 13 or 14 on your schedule so you can take part. More Info to Come

ILLUMINATIONS

Be a part of the illumiNations ministry translating Heart Languages for ALL peoples. See Pam Richenberg for more information.

LADIES CIRCLE COOKBOOK

The Ladies Circle can add additional recipes to the current cookbook we have been selling. If you are interested in adding any recipes to the current cookbook, or would like to purchase one, please let Charity or Paula know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

October 16th and 17th.
Please let Greg Odom know by Sunday, September 17th or earlier if you are going. Ticket prices with taxes and fee included are as follows:
60+ \$44
Adults (18-59) \$51
Youth (11-17) \$27
10 and under are free.
Room rates \$105.00
If you would like to share a room to cut cost, let me know. Additional costs would include dinner for Monday and Tuesday evening, lunch on Tuesday at the ARK and any souvenirs, etc. You can call or text Greg Odom at 423-647-2394 or email him at gsusfreak37658@gmail.

WOMEN'S DAY AWAY WITH RACHEL LAMPA

Saturday, Oct 21st from 9:30am-12:00pm at Celebration Church, 429 Shipley Ferry Road, Blountville, TN. Tickets are \$30.00

FALL FESTIVAL

The Ladies Circle will be having their annual Fall Festival on November 4. Any crafts, baked goods, or canned items would be appreciated if you would like to donate them to the Ladies Circle to sell at the festival. Also, if you would be interested in participating in a Chili cook-off during the festival, please see Charity.