



The High Street Baptist Church Gazette

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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

December Dates To Remember



December 4
Valley Baptist Christmas
Concert
at High Street
5 p.m.

December 10
Pastors Aid Dinner
6 p.m.

December 11
Sunday School Christmas
Program
9-10 a.m.

December 18
Men's Union, 3 p.m.

December 20
Quarterly Church Conference
6 p.m.

The Pastor's Corner

It's December already, the last of the fall leaves should be ready to bag, the robins have disappeared to the South and there is talk of snow in the air.



A new year is about 31 days away as I pen this message to you. Thanksgiving Day (not the giving of thanks) is a memory and holiday sales are up and running. Pepper spray seems to be the weapon of choice this season, so be aware when you reach for that special sales item, you might find yourself grabbing your eyes while balled up on the floor wondering what hit you.

All kidding aside, what a wonderful and adventurous time of the year of which we find ourselves a part.

Most important to those of us who are disciples of the Christ, this is Advent. We are to pay special attention to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ to this earth. Our tendency is to focus on His first coming, His birth, the trip to Bethlehem, the stable, manger, shepherds and even some non-biblical characters such as the little drummer boy. With the exception of the little drummer boy, it's important that we remember His first coming.

Advent is also a reminder to watch for His second coming. The word "watch" as used in this context means to live each day as if that day is the day of His coming.

"Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh."

Matthew 25: 13

My family and I wish each of you a very

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR!**

***Blessings and Love,
Pastor David L. Chapman and family***

December 21
Family Night
5:30 p.m.

December 25
Christmas Day

December 26
Church offices closed

December 31
Fellowship Meal
8 p.m.

December 31
Watch Night Service
10 p.m.

Anniversaries

Deacon Billie and
Deaconess Janet Stockton
20th Anniversary
Dec. 28



With special thanks to all
of you,

“To know you is to know
people who are kind,
considerate, and
thoughtful. To know you is
to be grateful for the
special things you do.”
For everything you’ve
done...for being the special
people that you are...thank
you so very much.

Thank you for your
thoughts and prayers.

*The Lacy and James
Family*

High Street News

Women's Conference



Because of the Lord's great Love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail, they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

The Women's Ministry of High Street Baptist Church have truly seen God's faithfulness in everything that we set our hearts and minds to do for His kingdom. As we stepped out in faith, we were able to see God's faithfulness in the planning and implementation of the first Women's Conference in the history of our church!

The theme from our Women's Day – “Women Secure in The Lord” – was carried over for the Women's Conference, along with the Scripture from Isaiah 41:10. The conference began on Friday, Oct. 28 and ended on Saturday, Oct. 29 with Deaconess Teresa Parsons presiding.

On Friday, we were blessed with an awesome dinner prepared by Dotty Chapman and her staff. Leading us in worship was the Ministry in Motion Praise Team and our very own Praise and Worship Team led by Minister Gregory Cooper. Prior to the guest speaker, we were blessed in song by Sister Krystal Ramsey. Elder LaVerne Norman of Jesus is Lord Assembly of Love blessed each of us as she delivered the message for the evening, which touched everyone's heart and spirit. As the evening concluded with an individual one-on-one prayer, we could still feel the presence of the Holy Spirit. Oh how we longed to stay in the presence of the Lord.

In the stillness of the early Saturday morning hours, ladies met at the church to begin our day with a prayer of togetherness led by Deacon Melva Belcher. We were truly blessed as Deacon Belcher led us through prayer, Scriptures and verses from the hymn “There's not a Friend like the lowly Jesus.”

After a wonderful continental breakfast by Sister Tina Allredd, we were once again ushered into the presence of the Lord by praise dancer, Scharron Gray, of Pilgrim Baptist Church and our Praise Team lead by Minister Gregory Cooper. Sister Stephanie Chapman blessed us with her solo leading up to our guest speaker, Dr. Mildred Thompson of Collinsville, Va. Through Dr. Thompson's dynamic illustrations and application, we were able to see the importance of being secure in our Lord during trying times.

Workshops were held throughout the day on Saturday which focused on “Intercessory Prayer,” led by Evangelist Yvetta Gueste, “Components of a Wise Steward” led by Sister Artice Ledbetter, and “How to be Secure in the Lord as a

Rev. Chapman, High Street Family and Hospitality Ministry,

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks for all you have shown during the homegoing of our mother, Lennie Patterson. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all acts of kindness during this difficult time.

A very special thank you to the hospitality ministry for the beautiful repass.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Audrey Luck, Robert (Bobby) and Evangeline Patterson

Dear Pastor Chapman and my High Street Family,

Thank you so much for your beautiful card and monetary gifts during my recent surgery. Your thoughts and prayers have speeded my recovery. I surely missed attending the services and other activities at High Street.

I pray that God continues to bless each and every one of you.

Sister Patricia Dunlap

Praise the Lord Church!

The Youth in the Sunday School Department and the Ladies of the Senior

Single Lady," led by Sister Brenda Taylor. The workshops were well attended and well received by the ladies. Lunch was prepared by Sister Dotty Chapman and staff.

The conference concluded with a congregational hymn lead by Deaconess Teresa Parson and one on one prayer time which proved to be a blessing to all that participated.

We give praise to our Heavenly Father for the great things He has done throughout the conference. Comments from the ladies such as, "I was divinely inspired and my needs were met," "I got my breakthrough," and "Very encouraging, powerful, and life-changing" exemplify the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit at the conference. Every now and then we need a "Mountain Top" experience as Christian women to carry us when we are in the valleys.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the success of our conference because everything we do for the Lord matters. Special thanks are extended to our chairperson, Sister Anita Franklin, and the Women's Conference Committee for their diligence and hard work. We would also like to acknowledge Steven Board and Angelo Hardy for their graciousness in assisting us at the registration table. Your comments of how refreshing it was to see such warm fellowship among the ladies and our uplifted spirits were encouraging. Deep appreciation is extended to Pastor Chapman for allowing us the opportunity to come together and host our first Women's Conference.

*Sister Brenda Taylor
Women's Ministry President*

WomenHeart of Roanoke Valley

Did you know that heart disease is the leading cause of death in women in the United States and that more women than men have died from heart disease every year since 1984?

In response to this staggering statistic, the Anchor of Hope Community Center launched a WomenHeart Support Network for women living with heart disease on Tuesday, Nov.29, 2011 at the Center.

The Anchor of Hope Community Center's Support Network is open to women heart patients who are interested in empowering themselves and other women living with heart disease through support, education and advocacy. The WomenHeart Support Network of Roanoke Valley plans to meet monthly and occasionally will feature guest speakers and special group activities.

WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease is the only national organization providing support services for women living with heart disease.

Questions? Please contact **Sandi Davis**, WomenHeart Champion, at 540-904-7979 (home) or 201-788-8212 (cell).



League would like to THANK the members of our Church Family for contributing a total of 136 gallons of canned food for the Samaritan Inn! Praise the Lord, again and again.

May the Lord continue to bless your lives. Thank you!

Peggy Sue Mason

Rev. Chapman, Officers and Members,

Thank you all for your visits, phone calls, cards, monetary gifts and prayers shown to me during my hospital stay.

God bless you all,

Toni Keeling

Pastor Chapman, Rev. Broady, and my church family:

Thank you for your prayers, cards and for the love shown me during the homegoing of my brother.

I am blessed to have a family like High Street.

Love,

Dove Ann Burns



Announcements

Fourth Annual Christmas Card Drive

Sunday, Dec. 4, is the deadline for the donation of Christmas cards for our sick and shut-in members and non-member friends who have requested prayer.

If you remembered to bring your cards, may the Lord bless you for your thoughtfulness. If you forgot, IT IS NOT TOO LATE. Please drop your cards off in the designated box located in the Fellowship Hall by Wednesday, Dec. 7.

We hope that every High Street family contributes to this project of love. Yours in Service for Christ,

The Ladies of the Senior League

Soup for Seniors

The annual Soup for Seniors project has been moved from October 2011 to January 2012.

We are asking that each church family donate to this wonderful cause. (Let the number of cans you give be a subject of prayer.) Please place your donations on the stage in the Fellowship Hall.

We appreciate your love and kindness in assisting those in need.

The Ladies of the Senior League

"Christmas Cookies"

Micah Price Hughson is performing in "Christmas Cookies," a family holiday musical at the Roanoke Children's Theatre, located at the Taubman Museum of Art. This is Micah's second production at the Taubman, as she appeared last month in "Wrecked." All are encouraged to attend. This is a family treat and we wish much success to Micah!

Information about the musical – created in collaboration and sharing in benefits with the Roanoke Rescue Mission – is as follows:

Dates: Dec. 7-23

Times: 7 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Special matinee at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23. Senior Day performance at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22. Tickets are \$15 and \$20.

Special event: A Cookie Sharing Party will be held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Taubman. Share something sweet with someone special. All supplies and cookies provided! Tickets are \$25 for this special event.

Contact: (540) 309-6802 or roanokechildrenstheatre.org

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How to submit news to The Gazette

The newsletter will highlight activities at High Street Baptist Church, as well as community affairs. News items should focus on the following: human interest stories, organizations/auxiliaries of the church, youth department events, Anchor of Hope news, photographs (keep in mind quality of the photos), new members, birthdays, anniversaries, births and community events. Consideration should be given to the following:

- The newsletter will be published monthly, and distributed in hard copy and on the church's website the first week of the month.
- Each church organization/auxiliary should identify one person as reporter.
- New items may be submitted by e-mail at newsletter@highstreetbaptistchurch.org, or a typewritten (please use upper and lower-case; no all caps) hard copy can be put in the two boxes located in the lower hall outside the Fellowship Hall or at the usher's station upstairs.
- Articles for publication must be submitted in complete, written form. Members are welcome to submit birthdays, anniversaries, births and special family events.
- Deadline for news articles is the 15th of every month.