



# BAKER HEIGHTS CHURCH *of* CHRIST

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**GREETING/SONG LEADER** - Scott McGaha

**KIDS' TIME** - Luke Bower

**#1018** - Joy to the World!

**#353** - One Day

**COMMUNION PRAYERS** - John Harper

**CONTRIBUTION PRAYER** - John Harper

**#266** - Majesty

**#213** - He Is Able

**PRAYER** - Gary Robertson

**#387** - Tell Me the Story of Jesus

**#96** - I Stand in Awe

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Jesse McGaha

Romans 8:32-39

**SERMON** - Larry Sullivan

Born in the Shadow of a Cross

**#379** - If That Isn't Love

**ELDER'S PRAYER** - Richard Bower

**#103** - God Has Made Me Glad

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 25

- Bible Class for all ages - 9 a.m. - **NO** Classes
- Worship Assembly - 10 a.m.
- Worship Assembly - 5 p.m. - **NO** PM Service
- NO Children's Bible Class - Resumes Jan. 8, 2023**
- University Place Services - 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY - DECEMBER 26

- BHCC Offices Closed
- Prayer Conference Call with Floyd Miller - 8-9 p.m.
- Call (605) 313-5695 - Passcode is 718815

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 27

- Ladies Bible Class - 10 a.m. - Resumes Jan. 3, 2023

### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 28

- "Feeding the Flock" Meal - Resumes Jan. 2023
- Short Devotional - 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Class for all ages - 6:45 p.m.

### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 29

- Men's Brown Bag - Resumes Jan. 12, 2023

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 31

- Congregation-Wide New Years' Eve Get-Together
- 6 p.m. - Fellowship Area
- Bring finger foods & games

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

### BIBLE BOWL/MATTHEW STUDY

5 p.m. - Rm. 17/19 - 3rd-12th grade  
Open to all

### DETAILS COMING SOON

Lock-in  
Game Night

### LTC SIGN-UP

Now in progress  
LTC- April 7th & 8th, 2023

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### BHCC OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, December 26, 2022

### NEW YEARS' EVE

#### CONGREGATION FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, December 31, 2022 - 6 p.m.  
Fellowship Area - bring finger foods & games

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023

**NO** Classes & **NO** PM Worship

### BHCC OFFICES CLOSED

Monday, January 2, 2023  
Monday, January 16, 2023

## MEETING TIMES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS

9 a.m. - Bible Class for all ages  
10 a.m. - Worship Assembly

### SUNDAY EVENINGS

5 p.m. - Children's Bible Class  
5 p.m. - Worship Assembly

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5:30 p.m. - Fellowship Meal -Resume Jan.  
6:30 p.m. - Short Devotional  
6:45 p.m. - Bible Class for all ages

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2023 Adult Sunday Classes **ROMANS**

Teachers: Larry Sullivan - Ed. Bldg.  
Scott McGaha - Auditorium  
(Continues January 8, 2023)

### 2023 Ladies Wednesday Class **REFLECTIONS IN ROMANS**

Teachers: Kit Mullins & Pam Sullivan  
Rm. 10 - Ed. Bldg.  
( Starts January 4, 2023)

### 2023 Adult Wednesday Class **BOUND**

The God & People Who Make Covenants  
Teachers: James Sumners & Larry Bailey  
(Starts January 4, 2023)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### MEMBERS

Jane Beebe - Health  
Curtis Johnson - Health concerns  
Troy & Taye Moore - Traveling

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Kambri Ellis - Tumor on neck  
(Great-granddaughter of  
**Ian & Nancy MacTavish**)  
Purcell Family - lost home in fire  
2/20/22  
(Friends of **Janet Newman**)  
Paul Vinson - Thyroid cancer treatments  
(Brother of **David Vinson**)

### SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF

Charles Caldwell - 12/13/22, Athens, TX  
(Former Member of BHCC)

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Pauline Baskett  
Phyllis Bonner  
Billie Brown  
Janet Bruns  
Johnnie Feaster  
Jim & Connye Hays  
Curtis Johnson  
Leroy and Mary Mason  
Perry & Shirley Neely  
Jo Potter  
Frances Pruett  
Melinda Simmons  
Laveta Youngquist

### CANCER FIGHTERS

Paola Abdullah      Jena Madeley  
Lewis Maness      Jesse Thomas  
Minnie Woody

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

### NEXT PANTRY PALS SUNDAY

January 1, 2023  
Canned beef stew

Instant  
Potatoes (Box),  
Instant Potatoes  
(Packet),  
Peanut butter,  
Jelly

## JOY TO THE WORLD!

*Joy to the world, the Lord is come - Let earth receive her King.*

*Let every heart prepare Him room - And Heaven and Nature sing!*

As we all know, today is the day that the vast majority of the world celebrates the birth of Jesus. This hymn is very popular at this time of the year... however, if you notice the words carefully, it is not so much about the incarnation of Jesus as it is the second coming of Jesus. "The Lord IS come", not the Lord has come. The first time Christ came, the world did not receive Him, rather, the world rejected Him, and hung Him on a cross. Read **Isa. 53:3** - "**He was despised and rejected by mankind; a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their face; he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.**"

Stanza 3 talks about sins and sorrows being no more: "**No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the ground; He comes to make his blessings flow, Far as the curse is found.**" The world is not sin-free. The world is not void of sorrow. WE should not be alarmed at this world's brokenness. But we surely rejoice that Christ came to take away the brokenness.

The Hymn continues with the words - "**He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove, The glories of his righteousness, And wonders of his love**".

We certainly recognize that all the nations of the earth are ultimately subject to God's ever-sovereign hand. He is the one who gives authority, and he's the one who takes it away. He uses every mistake, every poor decision, every war, every calamity, and every season of prosperity, all for His glory. And...as we have read, He is coming in judgment. We certainly rejoice in the coming of the Messiah! But the Messiah would want us to remember that He died and rose from the grave, victorious over sin and death. The manger is not the end of the story... but the beginning. The Savior reigns! The fields, floods, rock, hills, and plains continually repeat the sounding joy of the gospel, the glorious birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. May we never stop repeating that Joy! May we ever hold His banner high! May we never forget that the greatest gift of God is the marvelous, amazing grace of Jesus Christ. To Him be glory forever and ever!

*Charles Goodnight*

BHCC Elder

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### MINISTERS

Larry Sullivan  
(Preaching)  
Luke Bower  
(Youth and Family)

### DEACONS

Hank Davis  
Marty Gray  
Christopher Hall  
John Hanson  
Eric Hunt  
Chris Jeter  
Kenneth Longley  
Scott McGaha  
Dean Newman  
Justin Rosenquist  
James Sumners  
Gregg Taylor

### ELDERS

Richard Bower  
Ed Cowart  
Robert Dennis  
Charles Goodnight  
Richard Oller  
Larry Taylor  
Stuart Tiner

ELDER OF THE MONTH  
Richard Bower

## LAST WEEK

All numbers reflect  
In-Person attendance

**Bible Class - 126**

**AM Assembly - 198**

**PM Total - 136**

Assembly - 42

CBC/Other - 43

University Place - 51

**Wednesday Devo - 75**

**Contribution - \$15,456**

**Weekly Goal - \$9,600**