



# BAKER HEIGHTS CHURCH *of* CHRIST

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**GREETING/SONG LEADER** - Scott McGaha  
**PANTRY PALS** - Justin Rosenquist

Born to Serve  
Scars

**COMMUNION PRAYERS** - Larry Bailey  
**CONTRIBUTION PRAYER** - Larry Bailey

**#18** - Faithful Love  
Be Still and Know

**PRAYER** - John Harper

**#415** - Each Step I Take

**SCRIPTURE READING** - Jesse McGaha  
Revelation 3:7-13

**SERMON** - Larry Sullivan  
The church With the Open Door

**#452** - Standing on the Promises

**ELDER'S PRAYER** - Larry Taylor

**#42** - How Majestic is Your Name

## WEEK OF DECEMBER 10, 2023

### SUNDAY - DECEMBER 10

- Bible Class for all ages - 9 a.m.
- Worship Assembly - 10 a.m.
- Worship Assembly/Bible Class - 5 p.m.
  - Class Topic - Galatians 5
- Children's Bible Class - Fellowship Room
- University Place Services - 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY - DECEMBER 11

- Seniors in Motion - 11 am - 2 pm - Fellowship Area
  - Meeting/M meal (Hamburgers)/Games
  - John Riggins, CEO of BBB
- Prayer Conference Call with Floyd Miller - 8-9 p.m.
  - Call (605) 313-5695 - Passcode is 718815

### TUESDAY - DECEMBER 12

- Ladies Bible Class - 10 a.m. - Room 35

### WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 13

- "Feeding the Flock" Resume January 10, 2024
- Short Devotional - 6:30 p.m.
- Bible Class for all ages - 6:45 p.m.
  - Lacy Loudermilk

### THURSDAY - DECEMBER 14

- Men's Brown Bag - Noon - Room 10

### FRIDAY - DECEMBER 15

- Family Game Night - 6 p.m. - Fellowship Area

### SATURDAY - DECEMBER 16

- Assemble Holiday Baskets - 10 a.m. - Room 10

## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

### BIBLE BOWL

Sunday, 5 pm - Rm. 17/19 - 3rd-12th grade

### LTC PRACTICE

See your coach for details

### COMMUNION TO THE SHUT - INS

**TODAY**- December 10, 2023  
After AM Service

### YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, December 17, 2023 @ Halls  
After AM Worship  
6th - 12th grade

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### HOLIDAY BASKETS

Forms due **TODAY**  
Assemble baskets - Saturday, December 16

### HOME BUILDERS/YOUNG FAMILIES

Christmas Party - Monday, December 18, 2023  
6-8 pm @ Power Up Inflatables

### SENIORS IN MOTION EXERCISE

Tuesday, December 19, 2023  
1 pm - Fellowship Area

### CHEER ON CLACK STUDENTS

Thursday, December 21, 2023  
7:40 am - meet @ BHCC

## 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/Bible Class

### WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

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

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2ND ANNUAL KIDS

#### BAKE-OFF - PIES

1st - Keeley Claxton  
2nd - Easton Tholl  
3rd - Mattie Oller

### WELCOME TO THE

#### BHCC FAMILY!

Shaylah Conley -  
Baptized, Thursday,  
12/07/23.

### ASSEMBLY TIMES DURING HOLIDAY BREAK

**Sunday, Dec. 24th - NO Classes, No PM Service - Just 10 am Worship**

**Wednesday, Dec. 27th - NO Classes/NO Devo.**

**Sunday, Dec. 31st - NO Classes, NO PM Service - Just 10 am Worship**

**Wednesday, Jan. 3rd - NO Classes/NO Devo.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### MEMBERS

**Charles Goodnight** - Neck surgery 12/12/23  
**Patsy Hood** - Knee surgery 11/27/23  
**Mary Mason** - Health concerns  
**Danny Myrick** - Health concerns  
**Dean Newman** - Surgery - 12/18/23

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Troy Graham - Died in house fire  
*(Friend of **Gary & Joyce Robertson**)*  
 Dick Lemons - Health concerns  
*(Friend of **Charlotte Longley**)*  
 Sherry Miller - recovering from 1st & 2nd degree burns  
*(Mother of **Kerry Miller**)*  
 Rebecca Powers - Health concerns  
*(Daughter of **Maxine Spears**)*  
 Daylee White - Leg infection  
*(Granddaughter of **Hank & Sylvia Davis**)*

### SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF

Martin Gohlke - 12/01/23, Abilene  
*(Former Member of BHCC)*  
*(Husband of Carla Gohlke)*

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

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

### CANCER FIGHTERS

Judy Clifton	Jena Madeley
Lewis Maness	Larry Sullivan
Jesse Thomas	

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

#### CANCER FIGHTERS

Faith Barnes	Zoey Courtright
Ann Guy	Stacy Ferris
Curtis Lynd	Abby Martin
Edna West	Fred Wooten

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

### NEXT PANTRY PALS SUNDAY TODAY

Holiday Basket Items  
 Needed:  
 Canned Sweet  
 Potatoes,

Carrots, Green  
 Beans, Instant  
 Potatoes (box),  
 Instant  
 Potatoes (Packet),  
 Stuffing, Gravy,  
 Cranberry Sauce

## THE TRAGEDY OF THE UNOPENED GIFT....

There it sits up on the very top shelf. Yes, it's that gift that you received last Christmas. It's well wrapped in glossy red paper and the bow is white satin. It's the picture of Christmas cheer, the epitome of the gift-giving season. You have taken it down from the shelf several times during the year. It's heavy and it rattles when shaken.

Yes, I know, the questions arise: Who would leave an un-opened gift on the shelf? What kept us from opening it? Was it the giver? Was it the color? Did we lack the typical joy from receiving such a gift? Somehow it just doesn't make sense. Who would leave such a beautiful gift unopened on the shelf?

In this season of "gift-giving", I hope we will focus more on the gifts we have from God, the creator. The fact is our God loves giving gifts and he has given innumerable ones to each of us! The New Testament tells us that Christ Jesus, the greatest gift of all, has himself been a generous gift-giver. He has given us gifts that he hopes we will use in our lives to bring us closer to him and to serve those around us. Does it make any sense to receive a gift from the creator of the world and to leave it unwrapped on the top shelf of our life? Discovering your gifts, opening them, is part of the growth process as a Christian. But it goes beyond that.

Here at Baker Heights, we are surrounded by brothers and sisters who are gifted by the Spirit of God. We are rich in that regard! Let's focus this season on praising God for the greatest gift of all, and by bringing Him glory by using the gifts he has given us to better the world around us!

**"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Pet. 4:10 (ESV)**

*Larry Sullivan*

*BHCC Preaching Minister*

## OUR LEADERSHIP

### MINISTERS

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

### ELDERS

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

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**  
 Larry Taylor

### DEACONS

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

## LAST WEEK

All numbers reflect  
 In-Person attendance

**Bible Class - 127**  
**AM Assembly - 183**  
**PM Total - N/C**  
*Assembly - N/C*  
*CBC/Other - N/C*  
*University Place - 26*  
**Wednesday Devo - 114**

**Contribution - \$7,779**  
**Weekly Goal - \$8,951**  
**Average YTD - \$8,562**