

BAKER HEIGHTS

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING/SONG LEADER - Lacy Loudermilk

Born to Serve the Lord

PANTRY PALS - Justin Rosenquist

Oft We Come Together

COMMUNION PRAYERS CONTRIBUTION PRAYER

I Want to Be a Worker

PRAYER - Will Claxton

To the Work

SCRIPTURE READING - David McIntire Matthew 25:14-30

#622 - Ring Out the Message

MISSION REPORT- James Sumners

SERMON - Luke Bower Serving the Master

#676 - Living for Jesus

ELDER'S PRAYER - Eric Hunt

ANNOUNCEMENTS - Randy McCoy

#705 - A Common Love

WEEK OF DECEMBER 14, 2025

SUNDAY - DECEMBER 14

- Bible Class for all ages 9 a.m.
- Worship Assembly 10 a.m.
- Worship Assembly 5 p.m.

Ed Cowart

CBC (Children's Bible Class) - Rm. 32B-5 p.m.

- University Place Services - 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY - DECEMBER 15

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

TUESDAY - DECEMBER 16

- Ladies Bible Class 10 a.m. Room 32C
- Ladies' Night Out-6 pm-Fellowship Area

WEDNESDAY - DECEMBER 17

- "Feeding the Flock" Resumes January 2026
- Short Devo-6:30 pm
- Bible Class for all ages—6:45 pm

Sam Dilbeck—"Set Apart" - Auditorium WBS—WBS Rm. 17—Ed. Bldg.

THURSDAY - DECEMBER 18

- Homebuilders' Party— 6 pm—8 pm—RSVP to Will

FRIDAY - DECEMBER 19 - Game Night cancelled

SATURDAY-DECEMBER 20

- Make and deliver Holiday Baskets- 10 am

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

BIBLE BOWL

Sunday, Rm. 16—Ed. Bldg. 3rd—12th gr.—5 p.m.

COMMUNION TO THE SHUT-INS

TODAY, December 14, 2025 After AM Worship

PANTRY PALS—TODAY

Sunday, December 14, 2025 See list on back

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Dec. 21st—class & AM/PM as usual Wednesday, Dec. 24th— Devo. in the Auditorium—6:30 pm
Sunday, Dec. 28th—class & AM/PM as usual Wednesday, Dec. 31st—Devo and New Years' Eve Fellowship—Fellowship Area—6:30 pm

ALL BHCC OFFICES CLOSED

Wednesday, Dec.24, 2025—Friday, Dec. 26, 2025 Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2025—Friday, Jan. 2, 2026

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

NO Shepherding Groups Dec. 28th. University Place—McAdams/Taylor—6:30 p.m.

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

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WINTER ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday 9 am-1,2 Peter & Jude-Auditorium-Richard Oller
Ed. Bldg.-Eric Mallet & Jesse Mullins



Wednesday - 6:45 pm— Auditorium—Sam Dilbeck—"Set Apart"



VISITORS

PRAYER REQUESTS

MEMBERS

Manuel Eastman - Waiting test results—praying for positive Evelyne Maneno - Prayers for her father and brother who are both sick in Africa. Her father is in the hospital.

Carolyn Madeley—Hip surgery—12/17/25 (in Ft. Worth) Esta Scott - Prayers

Eric Spears—Fell on Tuesday—health concerns

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Francisco Contreras - His grandfather—health issues Sherrie Eiler - Pulmonary fibrosis diagnosed— trying to qualify to be on the list for a lung transplant (Friend of Scott McGaha)

Henry Madeley - diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes (6 yrs. old) (Great-nephew of Philip & Carolyn Madeley) Maddie Stewart-serous lung disorder-Cook's Hospital

(Niece of Christopher Stewart)

SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF

Darol Bell - 12/07/25, Abilene (Father of Don Bell) Luann Rogers - 12/05/25, Merkel

(Wife of Dave Rogers)

Desree Mendoza Sanchez - 12/06/25, Abilene

(Former Student of Scott McGaha)

Nashoni Nyrenda-12/07/25, Zambia

(Elder in the Hills View Congregation—Zambia)

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Janet Bruns Jim Hays Curtis Johnson Wayland Lily Dorothy McCoy Perry & Shirley Neely Melinda Simmons Jo Potter

LONG TERM HEALTH CONCERNS

Vickie Courville Suzanne Dennis Amanda Fiske Charles Goodnight Otis & Roberta Guthrie Kevin Hall John Hanson Wayland Lilv Lewis Maness Marilyn Miller Josie Rektenwald Janet Smith Larry Sullivan Holly Tautenhahn Jesse Thomas Tammy Tiner

FRIENDS AND FAMILY LONG TERM HEALTH CONCERNS

Kristy Ancheta Marizsa Arrazola Nona Barton Zoey Courtright Doug Davidson Sherrie Eiler Debbie Floren Judy Hull Mike Layland Ben Lilly Paige Loudermilk Abby Martin Mike Northrup Melissa Palomeque

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

NEXT PANTRY PALS: TODAY 12/14/25

Items needed for the **Holiday Baskets** Monetary donations are welcomed (Baskets will be delivered on 12/20/25)

Turkey, Ham, Cream of Mushroom Soup, Turkey or Chicken Gravy, Can Corn, Can Green Beans, Stuffing, Cake Mix & Frosting, Mashed Potatoes,

Cranberry Sauce

GOOD MORNING...

We have been talking the last couple of months about the teaching of the Bible that can help quiet some of the storms that teenagers face today and how they can find the peace that passes understanding. One topic we talked about a lot was forgiveness. I was reminded of a story where a woman was bitten by a rabid dog. It looked like she was going to die from rabies. The doctor told her to put her final affairs in order. The woman took pen and paper and began writing furiously. In fact, she wrote and wrote and wrote. Finally, the doctor said, "That sure is a long will you're making." She snorted, "Will, nothing! I'm making a list of all the people I'm going to bite!"

It's a funny story, but the truth of the matter is a lot of us walk around carrying a list of all the people who have ever wronged us. We wait for the day when we might get even, or perhaps they will do something to "earn" our forgiveness. As Christians this is not the way we should act. In fact, in Matthew chapter 6. when he is teaching his disciple how to pray in his model prayer, Jesus says to God, "forgive us our debts, as we forgive or debtors." How many of us can say that to God, "Lord forgive me however much I have forgiven other people?" For many of us, that would be a very scary prayer to say.

What we don't realize is when we fail to forgive, the only one we are causing to suffer is ourselves. It's like in another story I read, about a little boy who was sitting on a park bench in obvious agony. A man walking by asked him what was wrong. The boy answered, "I'm sitting on a bumble bee." "Then why don't you get up?" the man asked. The boy replied, "Because I figure that I am hurting him more than he is hurting me!"

The healing process begins when we get up off the park bench. God will only heal our wounds when we stop inflicting pain on the one who hurt us. If you are still holding on to hurt feelings, let them go and let God's forgiveness begin to work on you.

Luke Bower

BHCC Youth & Family Minister

OUR LEADERSHIP

MINISTERS

Sam Dilbeck Luke Bower (Youth and Family)

ELDERS

Richard Bower Ed Cowart Charles Goodnight Eric Hunt* Weldon McAdams Richard Oller Larry Sullivan Larry Taylor Stuart Tiner

*Elder of the Month

DEACONS

Will Claxton Chris Fisher Marty Grav Christopher Hall John Hanson Chris Jeter Kenneth Longley Eric Mallet Scott McGaha Kerry Miller Dean Newman Rick Oller Gary Robertson Justin Rosenauist James Sumners Gregg Taylor

LAST WEEK

Bible Class - 131 AM Assembly - 222

> PM Total - 118 Auditorium - 94

CBC/Other - N/C

University Place - 24

Wednesday Devo - 114

Contribution - \$9,303 Weekly Goal - \$9,711 Average YTD - N/C

All numbers reflect In-Person attendance