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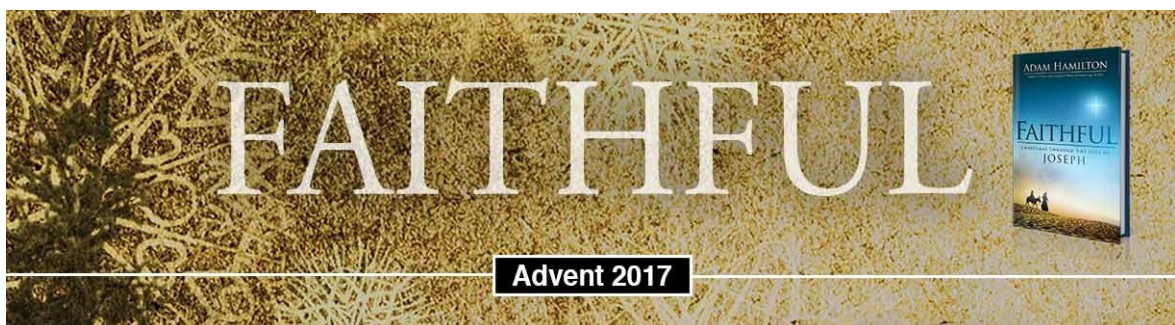
Rev. James Graham

Greetings in the name of the Christ Child!

This Saturday I learned of the passing of my cousin into the company of all the saints. Early this morning I received a message informing me that my best friend’s wife had died. As we expectantly wait for the revelation of the Christ child to break into our lives this advent season, I am reminded that even in the midst of death and mourning, the light of Christ comes shining through.

As we gather in a little Baptist church tomorrow to celebrate the life my cousin lived and pay our last respects, the love of Christ is surely present. It is present in the food provided by the community, it is present in the flowers and cards expressing their sympathy, and it is present in the gathering of the family to support one another in a time of grief. Just as surely as the coming of Christmas morning, healing and comfort will come to those who mourn. Slowly, slowly, ever so slowly, God replaces the pain with comfort, fond memories, and opportunities for joy. A baby is born, and somewhere in the midst of cutting teeth, changing diapers, baby’s first steps, and learning to live, we rediscover the hope and joy the angels promised us so many years ago.

For us, as Christian people of faith, death is only a fleeting step on the road to eternity. We all must walk this road and sooner or later dance with the reaper, but for us there is the promise of the resurrection! Where O death is the victory, where O death is your sting? Today I have my eyes on a star, shining in the darkness, and like the magi of old, I journey on the road to find the promise of the angels. “Do not be afraid; for see— I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord!”



Christmas Party

NEW HAVEN CHRISTMAS DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

6:00 PM

Come and gather with your church family for a celebration of the Christmas season!

We'll gather in the fellowship hall at 6:00 for a POT LUCK DINNER and enjoy jazz music provided by our own Stephen Merrick and the Jazz Reindeer! You'll love it. . they will sleigh you!



New Haven Youth
6th-12th Grades

Cookout at Pastor James' Property
Ft. Gibson, OK

Hot Dogs
S'mores
Games



Leave New Haven Church at 2:00 PM
Return at 8:00 PM
Youth Families are invited to join us

RSVP Church Office 918-743-6491 or
Patrick Grafton at patrick.grafton@newhavenumc.org

UMW NEWS!

UMW Susanna Circle will shop for gifts for Cookson Hills Christmas Store on December 7th. We will meet at 10 am at New Haven.

Jean Roberts will host a Christmas Brunch for UMW ladies at 10am on December 14th at her home. All ladies are welcome to learn about UMW!! Please RSVP to Susan Lamkin by December 8th. (susanlamkin@cox.net or 918-557-9148)

We now have Sooner Pecans for \$12 a pound!

DINNER AT THE DAY CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

We are looking for cooks and servers to help with the last meal of the year. It's a Monday night, but stew and brownies made on Sunday taste great on Monday!

For the cooks, please bring beef stew and/or brownies or rice crispy treats to the gym by 4:30 pm. For the servers, please arrive at gym at 4:45 pm to help load up. We will leave church at 5:15 PM and be back by 7:00 PM.

UMPTENAGERS TO VISIT MARLAND MANSION

Join us on Tuesday, December 12th as we journey to Ponca City to visit the palatial Marland Mansion built in 1925-1928 at a cost of 5.5 million dollars! We will leave the parking lot at 9:00 a.m. In Ponca City we will have lunch at the Brick House Grill, tour the mansion, and be home by 4:30-5:00 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$6.00 and head count is important. Let's fill up the bus and have a great day!!!

Shirley Nelson ~ 918-615-6247



FOXY ARM CANDY BENEFITTING THE NEW HAVEN DAY SCHOOL

1 Bracelet \$15.00

2 Bracelets \$25.00

3 Bracelets \$35.00

Gift Certificates are Available!

You may shop the school fundraiser and pick up some fun Christmas/Holiday gifts for friends, family, and teachers!!!

80% of sales will be donated to our school!

The jewelry fundraiser will be open from 2:00 - 2:45 pm on Mondays and Tuesdays and Sunday (after Connection Groups) in the gym until Christmas Break!!!

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DECEMBER 17th 8:45 & 11:00

Come and enjoy the sounds of Christmas with all our church musicians and Jubilation Bells.

It will be a wonderful morning of Christmas music!



Opportunities of the Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
4:00 pm Footprints
5:00 pm Advent Study/Parlor
6:00 pm All Church Christmas Dinner/Gym

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 pm Writer's Group/185
6:15 pm Bluegrass Band

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:00 am Umpteenagers Trip to Ponca City
7:00 pm Boy Scouts
7:30 pm AA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

3:00 pm Christmas Adventure (Day School)
6:00 pm One Spirit Choir
6:00 pm Youth Group
6:30 pm Trustees/Parlor
7:00 pm ACOA
7:00 pm Bell Choir

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

10:00 am Grief Recovery Group/Parlor
10:00 am Susanna Circle/Jean Roberts Home
6:00 pm Praise Band
7:15 pm Yoga

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:00 pm AA/Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 pm New Haven Staff Christmas Dinner/Parlor

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:45 am Contemporary Worship
9:45 am Connection Groups
11:00 am Traditional Worship
1:30 pm Finance Committee/Parlor
4:00 pm Footprints
5:00 pm Advent Study/Parlor
5:00 pm Jr. High Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Dinner
7:00 pm Sr. High Bible Study

New Haven Staff Members

Rev. James B. Graham	Senior Pastor
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Brittany Fox	Nursery Director
Teresa Roberts	Organist
Rev. Suzanne Davis	Retired Deacon
Rev. Jeanette Boyd	Retired Deacon
Joan West	After School Care
Oscar Sturgeon	Custodian

December Birthdays

7. Jim Harris
8. Seth Amos
Evan Stevenson
13. Tammye Johnson
Jennifer Lawrence
Michael Foster
Emmalena Russell
16. Linda Blackford
Susan Lamkin
17. Kathryn Stevenson
Dee Kemp
20. Matthew Maxey
21. Cathy Amos
Kelly Sartain
22. Tiffany Maxey
Timothy Maxey
24. Mark Williams
Linda Joyce
25. JESUS
26. Peppa Smith
30. Meghan Lamkin



PLEASE PRAY FOR. . . .

Jim Harris
Claretha Gotcher
Ovella Followell
Laurel Duncan
Liz Dewitt
Diana Horn

Friends & Family of New Haven

Mark Nicholson; Peppa Smith; Linda Gregory's daughter-in-law, Lea; Joe Sanders; Jerry Fisher's sister, Melissa; Rowley family, in the death of Pam; the homeless; our world, city, country, public servants and leaders.

Covenant Care (prayers and visits appreciated)

Ovella Followell
Dot and Kelly Haynes
Dorothy Koons
Max Nightingale
Carson and Helen Russell
Betty Barton

ATTENDANCE December 3, 2017

WORSHIP SERVICE

8:45 am: 60

11:00 am: 90

Total: 150

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults: 55

Youth: 10

Children: 15

ADULT CONNECTION GROUPS

Come join us at 9:45 am!

Room 185: Discovery Class

"What Does the Bible Say About. . . .?"

Parlor: Fellowship Class

Adult Bible Study Curriculum

Room 209: New Friendship Class

"The Story of God" film series with Morgan Freeman narrating.

Room 103: Interlude Class

"Journey" Advent Series videos

Room 206: New Haven 206

Connection Group "The Wired Word"

Room 161: Roundtable "The First

Christmas" by M.J. Borg & J.D. Crossan

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