# Arthe Hill

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DECEMBER 2023



#### PREPARE FOR CHRIST

<u>December 3</u> "Heaven Came to Zechariah and God Was Up to Something" <u>December 17</u> "Heaven Came to the Magi and They Chose a New Road"

<u>December 10</u> "Heaven Came to Joseph and His Prospective Changed" <u>December 24 - Morning</u> "Heaven Came to Mary and the Impossible Became Possible"

<u>December 24 - Evening</u> "Heaven Came to Earth and Nothing's Been the Same"



#### A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

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Christmas & Advent are upon us :) Advent means coming & is a time to recognize the coming of the Lord Jesus as a babe, to grow into the man who would die for our sins & rise from that death. As we read the Scriptures related to Christ's coming, it was no common event. God the Father ensured the message of God the Son coming was planned & announced with great detail & fashion. There are several encounters in Scripture concerning the coming of Christ in which angels of heaven are involved. Each Sunday in December we will recognize Here Comes Heaven and see the encounters God had with everyday people, like you & me. My prayer is that we understand that heaven is still coming to us today through salvation in Christ & the power of the Holy Spirit, & that we will recognize Him @ work. Will you allow heaven to come upon you in a real way that brings glory to God?

We continue to press on toward the dream we have as Christ's church in our community: "Our dream is for our community to see Holiday Hill Church as a <u>first option</u> when seeking a church home where they can grow in spiritual maturity, raise & influence their families for Christ, and minister to their neighbors." Throughout the fall we have moved forward in each area to see the dream continue into reality. As God leads us to our community, our community to us, & provides opportunities to intentionally engage them with the love of Christ, we will be amazed at what we see Him do to change lives & eternities. Please continue to pray for God to lead us forward & for your role in serving as He does.

In Christ, Pastor Albert

#### 2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the lobby on Wednesday, December 6. If you have questions please contact a member of the Stewardship Team: Michelle Miller, Doris Rodriguez, Kathy Shay, Danny Shelton, Debbie Ingram, Ray Wallace

#### APPROVE 2024 BUDGET

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 6:30 PM No Discussion

DEACONS MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 6:30 PM

PRAYER WALK SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

STEWARDSHIP MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 6:30 PM



### JOSH'S WORLD

Merry Christmas, Holiday Hill Fam! What's on everyone's wish list this year? A hippopotamus? Your two front teeth? A PS5? Whatever it is, I hope you get it. Ya'll are wonderful!



Remember that just over three years ago a terrible pandemic was supposed to wipe us off the planets and change our way of life? That's right, we're now on the verge of 2024. We're heading towards the middle of the 2020's! Time does not wait or slow down. God has kept you around for a reason. Pursue that reason with fervor. I cannot wait to see what He has in store for us all next year. Hopefully it's better than a hippo or a PS5. Take care, God bless, and have wonderful New Year.

year!

In Him, Josh | Micah 6:8

#### Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Team Rehearsal 9:00 am

> **Community Groups** 9:45 am

Morning Worship 11:00 am

**Embers Ministry** 5:00 pm

Wednesday Services

All Ministries Begin at 6:30 pm

Adult Bible Study Embers Bible Study

Youth Bible Study 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Children's Ministry Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Preschool Ministry Birth through Pre-K



We are finishing our series called: Candy! A Second Helping of Bible Lessons Based on Kids' Favorite Candy! Candy is sweet. In this series, kids are learning that God's love is even sweeter. They're also learning how God wants them to show His love to others.

12/3	Gummy Bears
12/10	Laffy Taffy
12/17	Lights of Christmas
12/24	No Kidz Church
12/31	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Funday!

We will get ready for the new year and watch a fun episode of "Superbook".

#### WOW (Worship on Wednesday) 6:30 pm

North Pole News began on 11/15. In this series, kids are learning about the good news of Christmas and why we celebrate this holiday each year. They will also learn how to share this good news with others!

12/6 ..... ......God Sent His Son to be the Savior of the World!

12/13.....We Should Tell Others About Jesus

12/20 .....Christmas Pajama Party! Wear your Christmas PJ's, bring a pillow or a blanket and come have fun as we celebrate Jesus' birthday!

12/28.....No Church - See you next

Help a struggling family this holiday season!

We will be accepting monetary donations until December 10 to purchase presents and Christmas dinner for a family of 2 adults and four children at Holiday Hill Elementary School.

## ADOPT A FAMILY HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

We are also accepting diapers/wipes and new or gently used clothing for boys in the following sizes: Diapers: Size 2 and 3 Infant clothing: Sizes 3 months and 12-18 months Shirts & pants: Size 5 or 6 Shoe size: 9 Shirts and pants: Size 10 or 11 Shoe size: 4

#### Holiday Market Saturday, December 2, 9am-2pm VENDORS | GAMES BOUNCE HOUSE | FREE ACTIVITIES

We are collecting food for the Jacksonville Humane Society!

Presented by Youth to Champions Hosted by Holiday Hill Church Wild Hogs BBQ will be serving BBQ Sandwiches and Nachos at the Movie Night, so come hungry!

Come back later in the evening for a Holiday Movie Night

Grounds open at 6pm, movie begins at 7pm. There will be fun and games before the movie. Remember to bring your chairs/ blankets to watch the movie.







CITY RESCUE MISSION

# Christmas Meal

Wednesday, December 20

Our church has been invited to participate in this annual banquet by helping to serve the Christmas meal.

All volunteers must register for the event by signing up in the lobby. We will meet at the church at 9:00 a.m.



Everyone is invited to enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship!

Please sign up in the lobby or scan the QR code.







# REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER.

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Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

to enable gospel transformation



INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

PLEASE GIVE DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



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Pantry Needs at Arlington Community Services

Canned pasta Chili Canned meat Vienna sausage Canned vegetables Canned fruit Pasta sauce Mac & cheese Instant potatoes Jelly Crackers Oatmeal Peanut butter crackers Cereal/breakfast bars Snacks Clean t-shirts Gently used Bibles

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE.

**ROMANS** 15:13









GRATEFUL



BLESSED



14 Families at Holiday Hill Elementary were blessed with Thanksgiving Dinner!



Operation Santa's Heroes 4th Annual Ghr<u>is</u>tmas

Collecting New Toys to Donate to JSO Officers to Deliver to Children in need

WE'RE ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL

For Sponsorship Opportunities email OperationSantasHeroes@gmail.com

Operation Santa's Heroes is a local non profit organizaiton