



God's word says...

This time of year we speak of "*Advent*", which means *coming*, the coming of Christ Jesus, for us as Christians Christ has arrived. The Old Testament passages speaks of the arrival of a special king, our King of kings. He came as a babe born in a manger, born a human being, being fully God and fully man. Son of man and son of God. He came for us. Immanuel, God with us, the Word became flesh for our hope and atonement, to bring us our deliverance. We expect, anticipate and prepare our hearts and lives as we seek to commemorate and celebrate the coming of the Christ into our lives and hearts.

Isaiah 7:14

"Therefore the Lord himself will give a sign: the virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel, which means God with us. Jeremiah 33:14,15 "the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfil the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land."

Matthew 1:18-25—The Birth of Jesus Christ

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

God's richest blessing on those celebrating a birthday or an anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Birthdays

Kendyll Solomon 18/11 Merlyn Brittow 20/11
David Jason 25/11 Leo De Kock 26/11

Douglas Wagenstroom 05/12 Ezra Yorke 15/12
Stacy Lamb 19/12 Garth Lamb 28/12
Mike Lamb 29/12

Kita Chanquin 04/01 Paul Lamb 07/01
Lorna Mentor 13/01

Anniversaries

John & Charmaine Mortlock 03/12
Mark & Carla De Kock 07/12
Douglas & Julia Wagenstroom 09/12
Kyle & Dominique October 12/12
Chris & Carol Leo 17/12
Gilbert & Felicia Lamb 18/12
Gerald & Jean Malan 22/12
James and Portia October 03/01

Prayer & Fasting

Please remember that every Wednesday is our prayer & fasting day.

Trust God for answers to the special needs that you may have. Intercede for those who are sick and trust God to also meet your daily needs: personal, family, financial, work or any other.

Please forward any praise or prayer items to Vanessa.

Pastor James and Portia will be doing home visitation every Wednesday night.

"My house will be called a house of prayer" Matthew 21:13

Thanksgiving 2016

Encourage grateful hearts

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. Psalm 106:1

Tithes: A tenth 10%, part of one's income set aside for a specific use, to the church.

Biblical examples:

Abraham tithed to Melchizedek (*Gen 14:20, Heb 7:2,6*)

Jacob promised tithes to God (*Gen 28:22*)

Bring the whole tithe into then storehouse. (*Malachi 3:10*)

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver (*2 Co 9:7*)

We offer unto God of our time, talent, finances and resources for the extension of His Kingdom.

We offer and give over and above what scripture compels us to give, therefore if we are grateful to what God has done for us and we will give what we have joyfully decided in our hearts to give.

Weekly Church Activities

November 2016

Wed 02/11 Home Visit
 Sun 06/11 Church Anniversary Celebration
 (Communion Service)
 Wed 09/11 Home Visit
 Sat 12/11 Prayer at 08h00
 Women's World Day of Prayer at
 Southern Hills Baptist at 14h00
 Sun 13/11 Combined Service at Strandfontein
 Baptist Church at 07H45
 Wed 16/11 Home Visit
 Sun 20/11 09h00 Service
 Wed 23/11 Home Visit
 Sat 26/11 Prayer at 08h00
 Sun 27/11 09h00 Service and Communion
 Mon 28/11 Yeshua Christmas Jigsaw Musical
 Tue 29/11 Yeshua Christmas Jigsaw Musical

December 2016

Sun 04/12 "A Christmas to remember"
 at 18h30 (NO morning service)
 Sat 10/12 Prayer at 08h00
 Sun 11/12 Communion Service at 09h00
 Sun 18/12 Eco park outing
 Sun 25/12 09h00 Christmas Day Service
 Sat 31/12 New Years Eve Service at 19h00
 (Communion)

January 2017

Sun 01/01 No Service
 Sun 08/01 09h00 Service (Communion)
 Sun 15/01 09h00 Service
 Thur 19/01 Prayer night
 Fri 20/01 Prayer night
 Sat 21/01 Prayer morning
 Sun 22/01 Church and School Dedication Service
 Sun 29/01 09h00 Service

Kitchen Duty Teams:

The congregation of HBC volunteers to participate on Kitchen Duty Teams to serve at church functions as needed on a rotating basis. Each of the team captains will notify their team about their availability for the setup, serving and cleanup. It is a wonderful blessing to serve our church family and guests in this capacity, with willing hearts and working hands.

ZaydeeCarol Tanya Vanessa

Julia OFelicia Pauline Bernie
 Carla Lorna MerlynJulia W
 Jodi Yvonne Colleen Charmaine P
 Dominique Suzanne Charmaine M Sheena

Ryan Kendyll Gerard Shane

Kyle Ezra Eugene Michael
 TyroneJared Chris Vincent
 John Ethan GilbertHershell
 Mark Jade David Keith
 Nicala

Please Diarise important dates.

*Pray for the meetings.
SUPPORT.*

Door Duty

November 2016

13 - (Strandfontein Baptist)
 20 Douglas & Julia Wagenstroom
 27 Michael & Charmaine Petersen

December 2016

04 (PM) Colleen van der Poll & Vanessa Visagie
 11 Shane & Paulene Solomon
 25 Gilbert & Felicia Lamb
 31 Vincent & Sheena Hendricks

January 2017

15 Tyronne & Zaydee Herbert
 22 Merlyn Brittow & Felicia Lamb
 29 Chris & Carol Leo

Description of Door Duties

(Arrive 15 minutes before church service starts.
 Welcome/Greet members/visitors as they arrive.
 Ask visitors to fill out visitor cards.
 Collect cards & give it to Vanessa Visagie.
 Hand out notices/bulletins/pamphlets



From the Pastor's desk

Thanks be to God the father of our Lord Jesus Christ for His abundant Grace He has extended to us as the Heathfield Baptist congregation. Jesus through the Holy Spirit has been our strong and mighty deliverer, counsellor and prince of peace through the many challenges we have faced as individuals, families and a nation.

God's promise of " I will never leave you, nor forsake you." has been our strength. He has truly been Jehovah Jireh, our provider, Jehovah Rapha, our healer. As a God who answers prayers, we can attest to the many miracles He made possible as we sought His face in prayer.

Please accept our humble thanks to you our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, fellow-servants in God's vineyard at Heathfield Baptist Church. Your love and support to us as a pastoral couple and family have been a great blessing to us.

The year is at an end and many will be away over the Christmas period, therefore I would like to wish all of us God's richest and abundant blessings as we travel, paint, shop, and rest over this period. May we remember the reason for the season, Jesus came to us as Immanuel, God with us. Let us make the most of the time we spend with family and friends as life is just a brief sojourn here on earth. Share LOVE in words and not just things. Pray for Peace to come to the many troubled areas around the world.

God bless.

Ps. James , Portia and October family

Contact Details

Pastoral couple: James & Portia October

Tel No: 021 712 3348 (Church)

021 7612009 (Home)

072 282 0768 (James)

072 4206621 (Portia)

E-mail: joctober85@gmail.com /hbcadmin@telkomsa.net

Church Office Secretary

Vanessa Visagie

Tel: 082 417 2859

Church Bank Details

Acc. Name: Heathfield Baptist Church

Type: Cheque

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Plumstead

Branch code: 250655

Acc. No: 50110279269