



HIGHLAND COLONY HOME CONNECTION

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From the
Pastor

The Spirit of the Christmas season is unlike any other time of the year. We will be celebrating the Savior with a wonderful seasonal kickoff on December 4, a traditional Christmas carol sing on Wednesday, December 14, our annual Christmas Eve service and this year, Christmas on Sunday! Of course, all of our Sundays in December will be Christmas themed with a special missions emphasis on December 11.

This is also the time we receive our annual Christmas Offering. You should have gotten a letter from me regarding this special offering that is designated 100% to missions. I encourage you to give generously, over and above your tithes and offerings to HCBC, as we reach out around the world with the life-giving news of Jesus!

Speaking of spirit, our church has such a great spirit these days. God is doing a new work and He invites us to be involved. Thank you for all of the encouraging notes, comments and calls regarding the C.O.R.E. series of sermons. God is building a group of core people at Highland Colony who are going to impact our community and world!

Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Because of Him,

JR

2011 Christmas Offering Highland Colony Goal: \$50,000

What will be funded through this offering?
75% of what is received through our annual missions offering will go to support mission efforts through SBC organizations - specifically, Lottie Moon (Global), Annie Armstrong (National), and Margaret Lackey (State).

Lottie Moon Offering goes to support missionaries around the world. Currently, the International Mission Board has 5,344 missionaries, 24,650 new churches, has baptized 506,019 people, and is discipling 505,297 new believers. It costs \$43,846 per year to support a missionary. Our goal is to give at least \$19,000 to Lottie Moon.

Annie Armstrong Offering supports missionaries in the United States and Canada to reach an estimated 255 million lost people. Through the 2010 Christmas Offering we will be helping start new churches, engage in student evangelism on college campuses, provide training and ministry in apologetics (interfaith witness) evangelism, and minister to resort settings. Our goal is to give at least \$10,000 to Annie Armstrong.

Margaret Lackey Offering supports efforts within our state and sending assistance to other states and countries. Through the Margaret Lackey Offering we support the MS Disaster Relief team that responds to crisis. We also support our state mission camps like Camp Garaywa and Central Hills as well as help start new churches in the state and outside the state. Our goal is to give at least \$8000 to Margaret Lackey.

25% of the offering will go to start our newest mission partnership: **Hispaniola Mountain Ministries (HMM)**. Located on the island of Hispaniola, HMM serves people in both the Dominican Republic and Haiti. HMM builds homes for those in need, plants churches, provides medical and dental clinics, and is providing water wells for thousands of people. You can learn more about HMM at www.hmmdr.com. Our goal is give at least enough to build two homes (\$3,500 per home) and to support HMM financially for one year (\$6,000). Highland Colony will also be sending teams in 2012 to build these homes. Our goal is to give at least \$13,000 to support HMM.

How to give to HCBC Christmas Offering:
Simply take an Offering Envelope, find the blanks marked 'other', and write in the amount of your contribution with 'CHRISTMAS' as the explanation. Place it in an offering bucket or drop box or bring it by the church office.

Christmas 2011

THE GIFT
CHRISTMAS
AT HIGHLAND COLONY

Sunday, December 4 - 10:30 A.M.
Our choir's Christmas CD will be available for \$10. All proceeds will go to the 2011 Christmas Offering.

MidWeek Worship
Wednesday, December 14 - 6:15 P.M.
Come and celebrate Christmas by singing some of your favorite carols at Highland Colony!

Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 24 - 5:30 P.M.
Family gathering celebrating the Lord's Supper and ushering in the birth of Christ.

Christmas Morning
The SAVIOR
Has Been Born Today

Sunday, December 25
Worship at 10:30 A.M.
(No LifeGroups)



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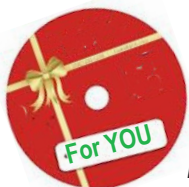
Just a Reminder...

Any contribution you intend to claim on your 2011 tax return must be received by December 31. According to the IRS, a contribution is considered 'received' if it is dated in 2011 and one of the following actions occurs:

- (a) it is placed in the church offering by Sunday, December 25
- (b) it is delivered in person to the church office before closing time on December 31*
- (c) it is mailed and postmarked on or before Saturday, December 31, 2011

Also, if you have stocks that have appreciated, there is a substantial tax value in donating them as a gift. Contact Bill Hawks for more information.

*Please note: Church offices will be closed December 26-30; please consider mail or Electronic Funds Transfer. **ONLINE GIVING** is now available at www.hcbc.net! Your transactions are safe, secure, and password-protected. Access your personal records any time, anywhere. Log in to our website and click on the **GIVE** button to get started!



HCBC Choir
THE GIFT
CDs - \$10
Proceeds go to
2011 Christmas Offering



**December
Staff Anniversary**
Sarah Kirby - 11 years
(Office Manager)

Holiday Schedule

December 4	THE GIFT (Highland Colony Choir's Christmas presentation during morning worship at 10:30)
December 14	MidWeek Worship at 6:15 - Christmas Carols!
December 21	No MidWeek activities
December 24	Christmas Eve Service at 5:30
December 25	CHRISTMAS MORNING Worship only (no LifeGroups)
December 26-30	Church offices closed - Christmas Holidays
December 28	No MidWeek activities
January 1	NEW YEAR'S DAY Worship only (no LifeGroups)



**December 4
@ 5:30**

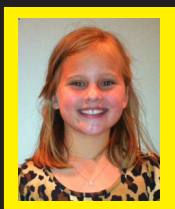
Our virtue for November is **GENEROSITY** – making someone's day by giving something away.

Bottom Line: People are always more important than stuff.
Read Luke 12: 13-21.

Can you say fruitcake??

Welcome!

Recent additions to our
Highland Colony family include...



**Grace
McQuirter**



**Kristi and Kendale
Durham**



**The Dubard Family
Sarah and Landon
Lily Panquin, Colton**

Tithes and Offerings	
Projected November Budget Needs	\$ 148,760.00
November Receipts	\$ 91,370.70
November Difference	\$ -57,389.30
Projected Oct-Nov Budget Needs	\$ 280,320.00
Receipts Oct-Nov	\$ 232,868.70
Fiscal Year-to-Date Difference	\$ -47,451.30
"The Vision" Commitments	\$ 2,519,844.48
"The Vision" Receipts	\$ 2,105,053.15



Adult meal entrées
Kids: Chicken Nuggets

Dec 7 Chili & Baked Potato
Dec 14 Fried Chicken
Dec 21 and 28: No Meal Served