



# The Contact

**Mission Statement: Colonial Hill is committed to loving God supremely by making disciples of Christ through loving people, witnessing, and teaching.**

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## CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Saturday,  
December 24, 2011

Memorial Service  
5:00 P.M.

Candlelight Service  
6:00 P.M.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

# Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Tommy J. Culwell



My Dear Friends in Christ,

I love the story of the church Christmas pageant that was destroyed because one boy could not say his line. This particular boy was not one that got into plays much so he was only given one line: "There is no room in the inn." All was going well in the play until the moment that he was to give his line. He opened the door of the inn on the church stage and looked into the faces of the children playing Joseph and Mary and said, "There is no room in the inn, but baby Jesus can have my room." The play was destroyed, but that boy got the message of Christmas probably better than anyone else in the place. I hope that somehow we can find room for Jesus in our lives

this season.

I pray that the hope of "peace on earth and good will toward men" might become a reality in your lives this season.

I hope you will be here Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. because this rare treat of having Christmas fall on Sunday is one that should not be missed. The joining together of a day of worship with the day set aside to recognize his birth is an opportunity to worship in a way that might not occur on any other day. I hope you will take that time this coming Lord's Day and be here for that special time.

Dr. Jimmie Nelson will be here on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, and I hope that you will not let anything keep you from hearing this great man of God and gifted proclaimer of the gospel.

Remember, I love each of you and I am glad that I am your pastor.

In Him,  
Tommy

## THANK YOU ~ ~

Dear Friends,

Our entire family would like to thank you for the phone calls, food, cards, memorials, and prayers that were given with such love after the loss of our mother and grandmother, Naomi Harris. Our church home has always been a source of comfort and empowerment. We have all felt your kindness and concern. You are wonderful people, with generous hearts, and we shall never forget your goodness to us.

In Christian Love,  
Bill and Nancy Harris  
Kyle, Stacy, Olivia and Will Haley  
Glenn, Megan, Blake, Brody, and Kellan Lewis

Colonial Hill Baptist Church,

A big THANK YOU for helping us send 17 boxes to military personnel that are connected in any way to our church. We pray this ministry will bless them and help them have a Merry Christmas.

Women's Ministry

Dear Church Family,

Sallie, our kids and I want to thank all of you of the intercessory prayer ministry and others who prayed for me during and after my surgery, and Bro. Tommy for going to Lubbock, being with us during the surgery and praying.

Everything is going great! Praise the Lord!

We also want to wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christian Love,  
Roy & Sallie Bailey and kids

### 2011 CONTRIBUTIONS

In order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2011, checks must be in the church office by **1:00 p.m. December 30**. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first worship service in 2012 **will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2011**, even if the check is predated to 2011 or was actually written in 2011. However, under the so-called "mailbox exception", checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2011 will be deductible in 2011 though they are not received by the church until 2012.

## Sunday Summary

### Sunday School Report

	<u>12/11</u>	<u>12/18</u>
Enrolled:	838	840
Attended:	297	275

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### Budget Offering

	<u>12/11</u>	<u>12/18</u>
	\$21,882.30	\$22,348.89

### Designated Offering

	<u>12/11</u>	<u>12/18</u>
	\$4,504.25	\$7,805.00

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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!!!!

There will be no Prayer Meeting, Youth Activities, or Children's Activities on Wednesday, December 28.

## *Christmas Day Service ~~*

*Sunday, December 25, there will be no Sunday School classes. We will have one worship service at 10:00 a.m. There will be no services that night so that everyone may spend the Christmas holiday with their family.*



## **Speegle's Catalog**

**David Speegle  
Minister of Music**

### CHRISTMAS 2011

It has been a wonderful Christmas season, and it is not over yet. Our Christmas Eve service is at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night, and then the Sunday morning worship service is at 10:00 a.m. Christmas day. I look forward to both of those events. What do you do differently on Christmas Day that you didn't do on Christmas Eve just a few hours earlier? Well, come and find out. They will have their own identities.

I cannot express how much I appreciate all the people involved in making this season of the year so special. The choirs (singing and ringing) begin working in September for the Christmas music and sometimes it seems like it will never get here. But the hours of rehearsal pay off and wonderful music is presented. Our instrumentalists even spend their own time outside of rehearsal to get ready. That is true dedication. And we could never do the things we do without the support of the sound and media personnel. When I do a quick count, there are about 80 people involved in the ensembles of our church. Some of them are in multiple groups. I also appreciate the support and encouragement of the staff as we schedule the rehearsals and programs for Christmas. And Lisa and the nursery staff make it possible for parents of young children to be involved by providing child care for us. Thank you so much.

God bless you all this Christmas season and every day as we sing and make melody in our hearts for Him.

David

### *Reid... ALL ABOUT YOUTH*

**Minister of Youth and Young Adults —  
Reid Johnson**

First of all, I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas this next Lord's Day. Three things I want to bring to your attention as we embark on a new year:

- 1) We are taking 15 college students and sponsors to Atlanta for Passion Conference from January 1-6. Please join me in prayer for safe travel and that these students have spiritual awakening that week.
- 2) We are still in need of host homes and co-hosts for Community 40 on January 27-29. As a host home, you would be responsible for housing 10 junior high or high school students plus one college leader. You only need a bed for the college leader, as the kids can sleep on couches or carpet if necessary. As a co-host, you would be responsible for cooking for one of the aforementioned host homes' two breakfasts and one dinner during the weekend. Please let me know if you would like to help with either opportunity.
- 3) The entire church is invited to the Love Notes Marriage Conference on February 10-11. This event is open to all married or engaged couples as well as curious singles, and the cost is \$25 per couple or \$15 per individual. Celebrate Valentine's Day weekend with your loved one by attending this marriage enrichment retreat.

Until we meet again, I will leave you with this thought: it's a little ironic that one thing a babysitter should never do is sit on a baby.

Reid

### **WOMEN'S NEWS!!!!!!**

#### **M.O.P.S.**

Registration for M.O.P.S. will be Friday, January 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the library. The registration fee is \$23.95. All mothers (and grandmothers) of pre-schoolers are invited to join.

#### **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

A Women's Conference featuring evangelist, Betty Swann, will be Friday, January 13, and Saturday, January 14, in the Family Life Center. The Friday session is from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the Saturday session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Breakfast will be served Saturday morning and childcare will be provided both days. There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the office.

## A New Year in Bible Study!!

I know most of you know how important Sunday Morning Bible Study is to our Church, but did you know that most of our new additions to the church join only after they have become part of a “caring, loving” Sunday School class?

With this in mind then, “How do we grow the size of our Sunday School classes?” Here are some ideas for our leaders for the new year for teachers and workers in Sunday School.

1. Show your class that being present is important. Of course, we all have to miss occasionally, but commit to being present every Sunday.
2. Teachers, when you can't be present, show others that your job is important enough for you to find a replacement. Do not combine your class with another class! Class members will know you take their welfare seriously when you go the extra mile to find a substitute.
3. Be prepared. Study your lesson early in the week. Try to do something new or creative each week. Need some ideas? Call Clay.
4. Show the class that they are important. Contact those who are having critical issues in their lives. Encourage those who have been absent that you miss them and that the class is not whole when they are gone.
5. Have an “Empty Chair” attitude. Always encourage your class that there is room for one more in our loving, caring group. Challenge class members to bring their friends with them to Bible Study.

Our attitude toward our class and our church should be “trickle down enthusiasm and growth”. As we show our class members our commitment and passion for Bible Study, they will pass it on to others.

**Let's have a great year in 2012 as we concentrate on excellence in everything we try to do. Are you ready?  
Let's go.**

### LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Colonial Hill Baptist Church Goal — \$17,000.00  
Given to Date — \$8,549.00

### New Tech

Look for some new ways to connect with our local fellowship of believers here at CHBC. Check out the Colonial Hill education page on Facebook. I'm still learning, so we can learn together.

### Read Thru the Bible

Once again, I will print up RTTB Calendars for this new year (2012). They will be available on the table outside the office or I will send you a file for your computer if you sign up on the sheet outside the office with your e-mail address.

*The church staff would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!*

Reminder: The church office will be closed Monday, December 26, and Tuesday, December 27, in order for the staff to spend time with their families during the Christmas holiday. It will reopen on Wednesday, December 28.

### COMING IN 2012!

**CHBC Church Directory**  
**More Info Coming Soon!**

