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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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The Sounds of Christmas

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Sunday, December 11 ~ A.M. Service

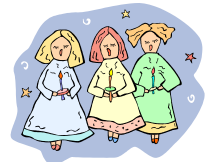
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Sunday, December 11 ~ 6:00 p.m. in
the sanctuary

Monday, December 12 ~ 7:00 p.m.
in the sanctuary

RINGIN' AT THE RITZ

Thursday, December 15 ~ 7:00 p.m. at the Ritz Theater



CHBC Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Goal — \$17,000

Given to Date — \$3,734.00

Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Tommy J. Culwell



My Dear Friends in Christ,

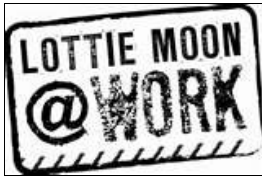
As you read this, you are probably in the midst of a hurried season of Christmas activities. I hope that the season is everything you want it to be and that the lights truly reflect a luminous presence in your life.

As you are probably aware, our church is entering into a very important ministry. M.O.P.S. is an acronym for Mothers of Pre-Schoolers. This ministry is a vital step in affirming the presence and significance of the young adults in our congregation. I know I sound like a broken record, but the future of our church depends on their presence and development. Every day I hear about churches that ignored the importance of young adults and now they

are dying. I do not believe that is the future of Colonial Hill, but a ministry to this age group is a great opportunity to affirm that future. I said all of that because this ministry is labor intensive. This group will meet for two hours every other Friday, and we desperately need folks who will help babysit during those hours. Babies are a lot of trouble, and churches that don't want to be bothered by them have written their own death notice. I don't believe that is how Colonial Hill works. This church has historically been the visionary congregation, and I believe we still are. Call the church office and tell them you want to get your hands dirty in the work to which Christ has called us. This mission field is right here, and missionaries are needed now.

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

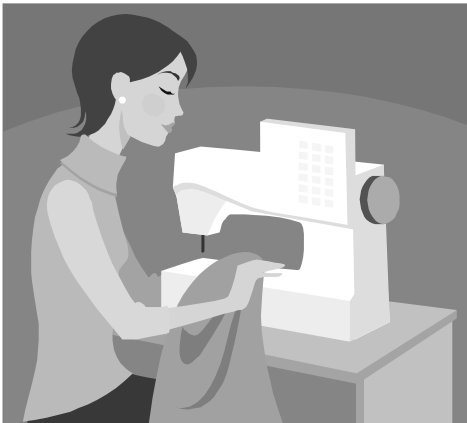
In Him,
Tommy



Week of Prayer

December 4 thru December 11

Sew & Sew Friends
Saturday, December 10
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



CHRISTMAS PARTY SCHEDULE

Adult 5 — Thursday, December 8,
7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Love Class — Friday, December 9,
7:00 p.m.
Sandra Robinson's home
3002 33rd St.

Adult 8 — Saturday, December
10, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Kinney and Ronda Robinson's
home
4017 Houston Ave.
(nursery provided)

Choir — Monday, December 12, following the Cantata
Fellowship Hall

All-Church — Sunday, December 18, after the evening service
Family Life Center



TeamKid, Mission Friends and
Children's Choir will have their
last meetings of the semester
on Wednesday, December 14.
They will resume meeting on
January 11, 2012.



Welcome New Members

By Letter
Christian Aleman

By Statement
Holly Morse
Jim Morse



Lord's Supper Sunday, December 18 Evening Service

Reid... ALL ABOUT YOUTH

Minister of Youth and Young Adults —
Reid Johnson

Mark your calendars now: on February 10-11, Colonial Hill is hosting the "Love Notes Marriage Conference" with speaker Ryan Dalglish and worship leader Micah Mariano. This event is open to all married or engaged couples as well as curious singles in our community, and the cost is \$25 per couple or \$15 per individual. For some reason, most people equate attending a marriage conference with having a poor or struggling relationship. My wife and I have a healthy, thriving marriage, but we look forward to opportunities such as this to learn or re-learn what God has taught us about that which He has created. This is a great opportunity for all church members to grow closer to one another and to their spouses. I do hope our adults will make every effort to attend and invite others. Until we meet again, I will leave you with this thought: of all the causes of astronaut insanity, getting a fly caught inside your space helmet is likely in the top three.

Reid

Speegle's Catalog

David Speegle
Minister of Music

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

I was totally surprised Sunday morning with the recognition of our years of service with Colonial Hill. Jeri and I love being part of such a caring and thoughtful congregation. These eight and a half years have been a real blessing. It is such an honor to work with our staff and with all the talented men, women, boys and girls of CHBC. God has truly blessed us with gifted musicians. I look forward to many more years of making music with you that honors and glorifies our Lord and Savior. Thank you for the gift and for your continued love and support.

THANK YOU HALLELUJAH CHORUS

I want to thank the Hallelujah Chorus for leading us in worship this past Sunday. You did a great job getting us started in our Christmas celebrations. Thank you for the time you give to learn the music and for being willing to share your talent with the church. Thanks to Lynn for the beautiful accompaniment and to Cy for joining us on the drums.

THIS SUNDAY

Don't miss this Sunday as the celebration of Christmas continues. In the morning service, the Children's Choir will sing. Children are always a joy to see and hear during the holidays and these kids are sounding great. You won't want to miss it.

Sunday night at 6:00 p.m., the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra will present "Heaven on Earth". After three years of doing our Christmas music in the FLC, we are singing in the sanctuary this year. I hope you will come and invite someone to come with you. This is some good music which features some traditional carols and some new music, too. The orchestra adds a lot of excitement with the texture and color of sound they bring. The program will also be presented Monday night at 7:00 p.m. So if you enjoy it once, come back to hear it again, and bring a guest.

RINGIN' AT THE RITZ

For the third year, the handbell choirs will present "Ringin' at the Ritz". The program is Thursday night, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ritz Theatre. It is designed to be a gift of Christmas music to the community, but we hope you will be there, too. You will hear holiday favorites as well as traditional carols and Christmas songs that celebrate the birth of Jesus. Help us pass the word, and come and join us.

David

BUSINESS MEETING — Sunday, December 18,
following the evening service

Clay's Column

Clay Giddens
Minister of Education

Sunday Morning Bible Study

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.

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.

Computer Donations

If you are getting a new computer—please donate your old one to us (XP or higher). We would like to provide more options in our classrooms.

Special Training Opportunities in 2012

We are looking at new ways to provide you with teaching helps and background material as well as the finest articles and videos in the area of teacher training. Most of these are available on the web - - so watch for some new ways to keep you informed. We are, also, looking for ways to get your classrooms "plugged in" to this information technology that is available. Plan to be more visual in your teaching in the coming year.

Merry Christmas

I have been reminded lately that the spirit of Christmas is not that touchy-feely emotion we get after watching a Hallmark movie. The Spirit of Christ comes from a decision that we choose to make. This Christmas, I choose to be joyful, whatever my circumstances. Joy to you and yours!

Clay

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

A new Ladies' Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, January 10, at 1:15 p.m. in Adult 9. It will be "James: Mercy Triumphs" by Beth Moore. Janet Halbert will be the facilitator. Book orders must be prepaid and are \$15.00. If you would like one, please drop your money off at the church office.

Sunday Summary

Sunday School Report

	<u>11/27</u>	<u>12/4</u>
Enrolled:	835	837
Attended:	206	270

Budget Offering

	<u>11/27</u>	<u>12/04</u>
	\$8,470.80	\$29,114.38

Designated Offering

	<u>11/27</u>	<u>12/04</u>
	\$5,981.57	\$10,595.34

THANK YOU

Dear Colonial Hill Church Family (Bro. Tommy, Love Sunday School Class, Kitchen Committee, Billie Adams, all of Colonial Hill Church members),

These last few weeks have been very hard for me. Every day I wake up, it's hard to believe Albert is gone. There are no words for how much all of you have helped me with your prayers, visits, cards, food, support and flowers. For that I could never thank you enough.

All my Love,
Daisy Lewis and Family
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