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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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HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!

Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Tommy J. Culwell



My Dear Friends in Christ,

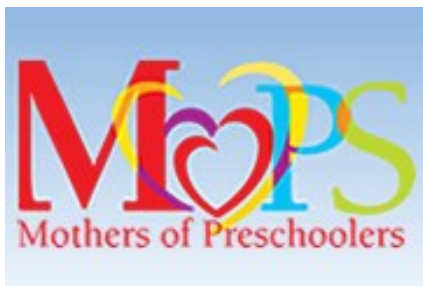
The new year has started with an intense period of ministry for our church. The staff has officiated at five funerals since Christmas. Our hostess committee was here during the holidays preparing meals for the families, and the janitorial staff was trying to keep the place functioning during this challenging time. Many of our families are in mourning and in need of a word of encouragement. I hope you will hear the call to be involved in that caring ministry and that you will pick up the phone, or write a card, or make a visit to one of the many families that are in pain as this year kicks off.

The beginning of a new year also brings us the opportunity for new beginnings. I hope that one of the aspects of your new year will be a commitment to be in God's Word. The Read-Through-The-Bible schedules are on the desk outside the office. Let me encourage you to

try something that I heard about from Ryan Dalgliesh. Bro. Ryan spoke to our youth at camp this summer and challenged them to buy a new Bible and read it like they had never read the Bible before. I have a Bible I have used for many years, but when I bought a new Bible, I found myself reading the unmarked page with no predilections about what I was going to discover there. It has given me a fresh look at a book I have given my life to study. I think you might find that a helpful new way to approach God's Word. Try a version you have never read before, or try to approach it differently. I have found that if you read the Old Testament and the New Testament at the same time, you will discover that when you are in some of the more challenging sections of the Old Testament that is when you are in the truly exciting parts of the New Testament. I believe that God's Word will speak with power any time you open its pages. I hope you will give it a try.

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

In Him,
Tommy



Our new Mothers of Preschoolers (M.O.P.S.) organization will begin meeting on Friday, January 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Registration is \$23.95. If you plan on using childcare, there is a \$2.00 fee per mom per meeting or \$20.00 per semester. All mothers and grandmothers of preschoolers are invited to attend. M.O.P.S. is a place to find friendship, community, resources and support for you as a woman and mother so that you know you're not alone. The early years of being a mom are just as foundational to the mothers as they are to the babies, and those years are filled with unique needs that other moms instinctively understand. So, come join us as we begin this new ministry.

MEETINGS ~ ~

Sunday, January 15 —

Finance Committee, 4:30 p.m., Library

Deacons, 6:45 p.m., Adult 5

Tuesday, January 17 —

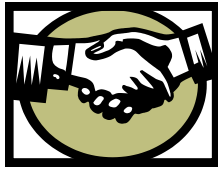
Love Class, 6:30 p.m., Sandra Robinson's home, 3002 33rd

Saturday, January 21 —

Sew & Sew Friends, 9:00 a.m., fellowship hall

Sunday, January 22 —

Business Meeting, during the evening service



Welcome New Members

By Letter
Mike & Kay Jones

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

**CHBC GOAL – \$17,000.00
GIVEN TO DATE – \$11,859.00**



Reid... ALL ABOUT YOUTH

Minister of Youth and Young Adults —
Reid Johnson

Community 40 sign-ups have begun, and we are anticipating 250+ participants. Students may pick up registration forms at the church office or register with a credit/debit card online at www.community40.com. The price is \$35 per student, and each student is asked to bring a new or slightly used towel and new package of socks for donation to area shelters. As a reminder, Community 40 is January 27-29 inside Colonial Hill's FLC and features speaker Ryan Dalgliesh, worship leaders Kristian Stanfill and Ben Crist, and comedy team 321 Improv.

On February 10-11, Colonial Hill is hosting the Love Notes Marriage Conference, and the entire church/community is invited to attend. The cost is \$25 per couple and \$15 per individual. If you are married, engaged, or curious about what God's word says on the subject, I hope you'll clear your calendar for this marriage enrichment retreat.

Until we meet again, I will leave you with this thought: the dog is nature's paper shredder.

Reid

Speegle's Catalog

David Speegle
Minister of Music

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

It's good to be back on regular schedule again. The children's choirs begin Wednesday the 11th at the regular times — Pre-School Choir at 5:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. and Children's Choir (1st-5th grade) at 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. The Hallelujah Chorus will begin rehearsing on Sunday, January 22, at 4:30 p.m. in the choir room, and the Handbell Choirs will start on Monday, January 23, and The Sanctuary Choir has already begun their regular Wednesday schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the choir loft of the sanctuary. If you are interested in any of these musical opportunities, please let me know. You don't have to be a super musician for any of them, just willing to let God use whatever talent you do have to honor Him. It just takes a commitment of time and making the rehearsals a priority to be a member of these ensembles.

David

~THANK YOU NOTES~

Colonial Hill Baptist Church:

Many thanks to all who either baked, brought or bought to support the Annual Children's Bake Sale. I am always left without words to express the Christian love shared by this family of believers. Reid's words to love the Lord more than ourselves are revealed each time a need arises. Whenever someone asks where we attend church, I am so proud to answer, "Colonial Hill!" Thank you for sharing your love for the Children's Ministry.

Luann Grice

Colonial Hill Baptist Church:

On behalf of Gateway Family Services, Inc., I want to thank you for your recent donation. We appreciate you thinking of our organization and for your support as we work to end the cycle of family violence and sexual assault in this area of West Texas.

Thank you for the wonderful food. We appreciate it! May each of you have a blessed, healthy New Year!

Sincerely,
Lyndia Allen

Colonial Hill Baptist Church:

Thank you for opening the church doors to our family. The beautiful Family Life Center was a welcoming place for us to gather and remember the life of Jerry Don. We want to thank those who provided the wonderful meal and those who served it. Your outpouring of love touched us deeply. Thank you. It's so good to be part of God's family.

Jack Greene, Jackie Greene, Larry Greene, Karen Herrley

Clay's Column

Clay Giddens
Minister of Education

A New Year in Ministry!!

In the last newsletter I spoke about a new year in Bible Study, and now I want to encourage you to see the potential for a New Year in ministry through your Bible Study classes.

Here are some ideas for our leaders and workers in Sunday School.

1. Get to know the people in your class. Plan activities outside the walls of the church where people can let their hair down and be "themselves". You may find out that you really like them.
2. Teachers, get to know your class members personally. It is easier to look them in the eye and encourage them with the central truths of the Bible Study lesson each week when you know what they are experiencing.
3. Class members are hurting, struggling, rejoicing and sometimes searching their way through life. There are no step-by-step instructions. A caring, sensitive teacher can help them feel that they are not alone in the journey. Point them to the presence of God.
4. Create an atmosphere of transparency and acceptance in your class. Don't be afraid to be real, and encourage others to do the same.
5. Actively seek out ways to minister to those in your class that are hurting. Minister to each one in your class in some way. Everyone needs to see God's touch in a different way.
6. 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.

Read Thru the Bible

Once again, I have printed RTTB Calendars for this new year (2012). They are 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.

Sunday Summary

Sunday School Report

	<u>12/25</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/8</u>
Enrolled:	840	840	840
Attended:	N/A	201	286

Budget Offering

<u>12/25</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/8</u>
\$25,088.78	\$15,781.50	\$15,233.99

Designated Offering

<u>12/25</u>	<u>1/1</u>	<u>1/8</u>
\$8,298.00	\$381.35	\$5,654.06

MORE THANK YOU NOTES —

Colonial Hill Baptist Church,

How can our family say thanks to our church family for all the prayers, cards, visits, calls, flowers, food and donations to CHBC? Appreciation goes to Bro. Tommy, David, Laurie, Reba and the choir. The service was a tribute to how God worked through Miller and also an honor to him in a special way. Thanks to those in the church office for their extra work and for those who furnished and served the meal. CHBC has always been special to Miller and our family.

**In Christian Love,
Sandra, John Lloyd,
Kinney and Ronda**

Colonial Hill Baptist Church Members —

I wanted to say thank you for all of your love and support throughout these past years in college. Thank you for your encouraging words and love as well. I love serving you and our youth and look forward to continuing to do so.

**Love,
Casey Arnold**