



# 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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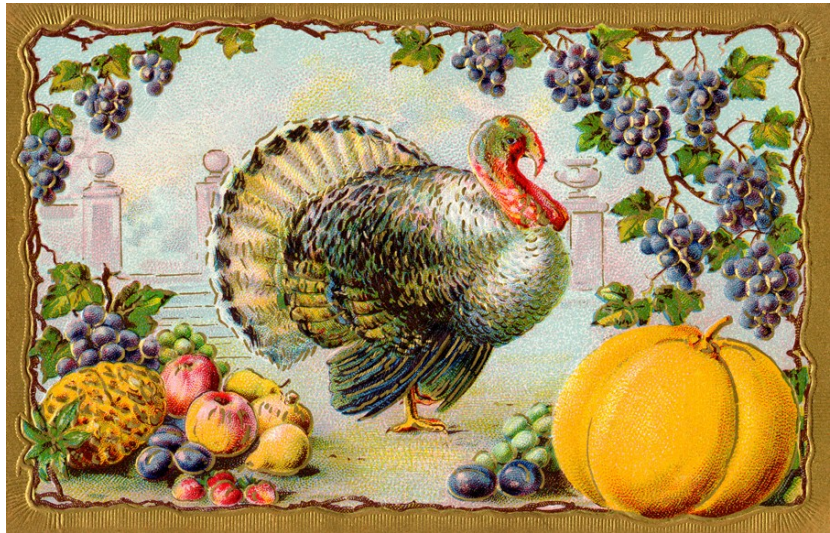
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# HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE CHBC STAFF



# GIVE THANKS

# Pastor's Perspective

Dr. Tommy J. Culwell



My Dear Friends in Christ,

What a glorious day we shared together this past Lord's Day! A full house for worship and a new family that united with our fellowship all helped to make the day truly meaningful. I want to say a special thanks to all of you for the recognition of my 15 years here with you. The gift of books was just the right thing to give as well. Thank you for letting me be a part of this wonderful family of faith.

Let me ask you for your help with something vitally important. Our church is a member of the Rolling Plains Baptist Network. The Executive Director of that Network is Bro. Darold Baldwin. Bro. Darold has been a part of this church for the last several years and has meant a great deal to this fellowship. Darold's health has taken a turn for the worse in the last several months, and he has asked the Network to give him a 3 month leave of absence. That is where you come in. At the present time, the money coming in from our churches and from our denomination are not enough to meet the payroll for our Network. That is the reason that we are asking for your help. It will take approximately \$5,000 above and beyond our

present level of support to be able to pay salaries for the next three months. We believe that keeping this work going is vital. Our BSM work, led by Reid Johnson, is a part of the Network. We are seeing great things done in that arena, and we believe that our churches working together can make sure that the vital ministries of our Network will continue. We are not sure what will happen when the 3 months are up, but we believe that God will show us what that next step should be. If you can help with this ministry, please write a check to CHBC to support our Network, and make sure that you put on the check that it is for the Network.

I know this request comes at a time when other special offerings are being taken, but I believe that we should honor the commitment that we made to the Network. Join with me in supporting this vital work.

As I write this, we are entering into the Thanksgiving season. I believe that we have much for which to be thankful. Remember, the praise of God's people did not come out of times of plenty, but times of trouble. Drought and economic reversals have not changed the fact that we have been blessed mightily by God and will be in the future. Let's take time to thank Him this Thanksgiving.

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

In Him,  
Tommy

## Proposed 2012 Budget



On Sunday, November 27, following the evening service, we will have our monthly Business Meeting. During this meeting, we will be discussing and voting on the proposed 2012 budget. Please mark this on your calendar so you won't miss this important meeting.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

On Thursday, December 1, the Sanctuary Committee will be decorating the church for the Christmas season. Volunteers are needed. If you could help decorate, please meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. that morning.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

The Personnel Committee has made the decision to recognize our staff's years of service in five-year increments rather than the previous practice of recognizing them every ten years. We feel that this will better reflect our appreciation for their dedication to Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Kay Hopper, Chairman

~ **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

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

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

This winter's Community 40 features speaking by Ryan Dalglish, worship by Kristian Stanfill and Ben Crist, and comedy by 321 Improv. Community 40 begins Friday, January 27, at 7:00 p.m. and ends Sunday, January 29, at noon. The weekend's primary focuses are evangelism, discipleship, and community unity for all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade participants. Students will stay in host homes for the duration of the weekend, although most of their time will be spent in services at our church's Family Life Center. If you would like to be a host home, you would be responsible for housing up to ten students and one college leader. We request you provide a bed for your college leader, but beds are not required for anyone else; teenagers can sleep on couches and carpet if necessary! If you would like to be a co-host, you would be responsible for cooking breakfast Saturday morning and Sunday morning as well as dinner Saturday evening for approximately 15 people. We will try our best to partner co-hosts with host homes who live close in proximity to each other. If you are interested in either opportunity, please call me at 573-8596 or e-mail reidjohnson@gmail.com. Until we meet again, I will leave you with this thought: Tic Tacs are the maracas of breath mints.

Reid

## Speegle's Catalog

**David Speegle  
 Minister of Music**

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

The Christmas season is upon us, and all our church ensembles are preparing music to lead in worship during this time. I hope you will make a point to be a part of these celebrations of Christ's birth.

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, the Hallelujah Chorus will be the choir for the morning worship service. They have some great songs of the season to sing as we begin our Christmas celebration that morning.

On December 11<sup>th</sup> the Children's Choir will be part of the morning service. Children are such a great way to focus our thoughts about the Christ Child during this time of year.

Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. on the 11<sup>th</sup> will feature the Sanctuary Choir and orchestra presenting "Heaven on Earth" as their offering of Christmas music this year. They will also present this musical on Monday night the 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Both of these performances are in our sanctuary. Please be sure and invite someone to attend with you.

On December 15<sup>th</sup> the Alpha and Omega Handbell Choirs will present their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual "Ringin' at the Ritz" Christmas concert. The concert is at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public and is free of charge. The bells will play traditional Christmas songs as well as carols and hymns of the season. It is a great way to invite someone to be a part of the Christmas celebration at CHBC in an informal type setting.

Then on Christmas Eve we will have our traditional Carols and Candles service — a short time of worship as the waiting is just about over before we celebrate the day of Christ's birth. Join us at 6:00 p.m. for this wonderful evening of celebration.

David

### CHARITABLE 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.

# Clay's Column

Clay Giddens  
Minister of Education

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

### Goal Setting

In the coming year we are going to take time to evaluate where we are in Sunday morning Bible Study attendance and enrollment. Together we will set goals as we seek to start new classes and grow existing units. We will look at space needs and training to reach these goals.

### Winter 2011-2012 Literature Available

The Bible Study literature for the next quarter (beginning in December) will be in your classrooms Sunday, Nov. 27.

### 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.

### Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and words of comfort during my Dad's lengthy illness and death. It has been difficult being so far away from my family at this time. Lisa, Joshua, Sara, Rebekah and I really appreciate your kindness during this tender time in our lives. We love you all.  
Clay

## Sunday Summary

### Sunday School Report

	<u>11/13</u>	<u>11/20</u>
Enrolled:	828	828
Attended:	269	275
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### Budget Offering

<u>11/13</u>	<u>11/20</u>
\$10,827.80	\$12,480.61

### Designated Offering

<u>11/13</u>	<u>11/20</u>
1,293.00	\$3,433.00

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## ROLLING PLAINS BAPTIST NETWORK

The Rolling Plains Baptist Network is in need of your help. At this time, the money coming in from our churches and from our denomination is not enough to meet the payroll. It will take approximately \$5,000 above and beyond our present level of support to be able to pay salaries for the next three months. If you feel lead to help in this important area of our ministry, when you make your checks out to CHBC please mark them “Network.” We prayerfully thank you for your support.