

Minister's Message

Today, our attention turns to the Advent season. Christians around the world look toward Christmas and to the coming of Jesus. With Advent, we think not only of the birth of Jesus some 2,000 years ago. Advent also points us to the time when Jesus will come again to be crowned as King. He will reign and rule the earth forever. Advent refocuses us on these important truths.

A Christian celebration of Christmas should go beyond the superficial gift-giving and glittering tinsel of our world. We don't worship the false gods of commerce and consumption. We worship Jesus Christ who came to the earth in humility and in loving kindness. The economic powers of our world seek to run roughshod over the simple and

commonsense traditions of our faith.

As Christians, we must work to focus on the basic priorities of repentance, renewal & discipleship. When we do this, the powers of this world are powerless against the truth of Jesus Christ and his incarnation. Advent reminds us that we are not powerless, and that Jesus will indeed come again.

I look forward to our gatherings today, tonight and throughout the Christmas season. Let's serve our community and one another as we worship Christ the King. He has come in humility and he will one day come again in glory. Let there be peace on earth!



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Welcome! If you're **visiting** with us today, please give us your name & basic information on *the card below*. **Tear it off** and place it in the offering basket later in the service. We invite you to experience God's grace among us and to think about joining this fellowship of believers.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Prayer Request: _____

Comments: _____

People, Times & Places

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Tony DellaMaggiore, Adam Mason,
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Dirk Elliott & Seth Elliott
Coordinator: Robert Chisley

FOR THE RECORD Attendance

Worship (12/2)	205
Bible Class	118

Contribution Report

Last Week (12/2)	\$ 12,269
Previous Week (11/25)	\$ 4,551
Weekly Average	\$ 8,574
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,770

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY

9:00 AM

SUNDAY CLASSES

10:40—11:30

Adults

Teacher: **Grace Pendleton** Rm 405
& **Shirley Watson**
God's Present

Teacher: **Jason Locke** Rm 411
*Ten Words for Navigating
the Modern World*

Teacher: **Mika Roland** Rm 700
*Desiring the Kingdom: The Spiritual
Power of Habits*

Youth Group

Jr. High & High School Rm 600

Kids' Classes — aka *Uptown* (10:20-11:30)

Nursery	Rm 303
Space for Moms	Rm 306
Pre-School—Grade 6	500 Wing

Nursery

Our nursery, for children up to 30 months, is available during worship and classes in **Room 303**.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Ladies Bible Class

Room 405
@ 9:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Men's Breakfast

Country Waffles ~ 7141 N Cedar Ave
@ 7 a.m.

Wednesday Night Dinner

Resumes January 9, 2019



The College Church of Christ exists to encourage & equip Christ-followers as they live out the mission of God in their homes, schools, work-places, and neighborhoods.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

After the sermon, we have a Time of Response. Folks are available to visit or pray with you. You can respond by moving to the edge of the worship center.

This Morning's Order of Worship

Call to Worship ~ Sandra Henderson

*How Great Is Your Love
At the Name of Jesus
Emmanuel
Days of Elijah*

Invitation to the Lord's Table ~ Brian MacDougall

Offering ~ Elise Rodriguez

*Even So Come
Loved By You
Even So Come*

Church News & Prayer for Illumination ~ Amber Pierce-Elliott

Message ~ Jason Locke, "Prepare the Way of the Lord"

Time of Response

Here's My Heart

Closing Blessing ~ Jason Locke

How Great Is Your Love

Preschool children can be taken to the foyer during the time of response. Teachers will guide them to their classes. K-6 kids can leave during the final song.

December 9, 2018

Who We're Praying For...

Church Member Updates:

Mary Anne Solberg's knee surgery went well. She'll be at San Joaquin Rehab Center for a while.

Lee Adams' knee surgery went well. Pray for healing and recovery. Please continue to pray for **our youth group** and our as-yet-unnamed **youth minister finalist**.

Edgar Minjarez asks us to pray for **Jailene**: 2nd interview coming up for a job.

Fausto Hinojsa wants us to pray for **Bianca** as she applies to PhD programs.

Pat McKinzie is suffering with a bad back.

Shirley Watson will have neck surgery this Tuesday.

Terry Cowger requests prayers for **Larry**: pain management.

Stephen Shelley: admitted into Bakersfield Memorial Hospital with similar symptoms as his last admit into the hospital.

Ongoing:

Larry Wiseman, Al Ramirez, Louise Fraley, Jack Gross, Marge Howie, Arthur & Carlotta Wint, Carolyn Wilson, Alice & Jay Farris, Florence Bedoian, John Jacobo, Alicia Rivera, Gloria Chisley, Pam Caples & mother Verlene Burns

Expecting Moms:

Graciela Tejada, Lauren Sue

Extended Family News:

Daria Palchik (Ukrainian friend of Roger Howell): prayer for post-surgery healing

Brenda Standring requests prayers her brother **Al**: his wife died.

David Shabaglian (Arrolene Burrell's son-in-law): surgery went well but his Achilles was much worse than expected. Prayers for him and for **Arris** as she has to care for David and their three children.

Katie Balch's aunt **Serena Valentine** has a mass in her lung & thyroid. She is 43. Her biopsy is this week.

Monique Turks asks us to pray for her good friend **Karen Gamble**: stage 3 melanoma.

Pat & Jenn Bryan ask us to pray for their niece **Meghan Bryan**: MIA on the streets, messed up with drugs, needs God's rescue!

His name will be called...

Prince of Peace

Isaiah 9:6, NKJV



Activities, Events & Church News

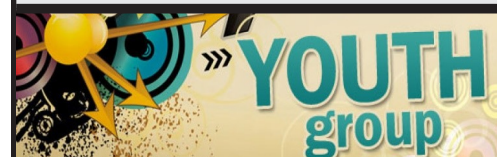


Pate Closet

Today there will be bins in the foyer to deposit all donated items to the Hoover High Pate Closet. One bin will be for hygiene products and the other for used clothing, new undergarments or socks. Our first delivery of items will be **Tuesday, December 11**. Please contact **Grace Pendleton @ 288-5727** to contribute items.

Women's Retreat in Cambria

~March 29-31, 2019~
Registration forms and \$50 deposit to reserve a room for the Women's Cambria Retreat need to be turned in by Jan 6, 2019. Balance after deposit will be due Feb 10, 2019. For more information about the retreat please see **Grace Pendleton, Lalaine Garoutte** or **Dee DellaMaggiore**.



IMPACT News!

Today:
IMPACT class time ~ youth room @ 10:40 a.m.

Tonight—TNT:
5:15 p.m. Dinner in youth room
6-7 p.m. Second Sunday

12/10 Candy Cane Lane

12/21 Christmas Party (Jr High Only)

12/22 Progressive Dinner (High School Only)

12/23 & 30 NO TNT
~2019~

2/8-2/10 Winter Camp

Be sure to visit the Youth Board near the Nursery!

12/11 Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

12/12 Men's Breakfast; Men's Angel Tree Night @ the home of **Luke Oehlschlaeger**

12/23&30 No classes following worship

12/24&25 Office Closed

12/24 Candlelight Service

12/31 Office Open: 9—noon
~2019~

1/1 Office Closed

1/13 Second Sunday

3/29-31 Women's Retreat @ Cambria Pines Lodge

Second Sunday ~ Shabach

After many months of planning, practice, and prayer, we're ready to worship with you in a special way. Join us tonight at 6:00 p.m. Bring a friend and share a time of worship and fellowship. Come and see what God has done!

~Sandra Henderson, Worship Minister



Prayer Request:

Date:12/9/2018

Updates (Address, Phone, E-Mail):

Member Requests & Information

