

Heath Church

January 1, 2012

*He has made
everything beautiful
in its time. He has
also set eternity in
the hearts of men;
yet they cannot
fathom what God has
done from beginning
to end.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11

- Prelude
- Worship in Song (Congregation)
- Tithes/ Offerings
- Children's Choir/Offering March
- Announcements
- Baby Dedications
- Welcome Time
- Call to Prayer
- Special Music
- Sermon
- Invitation / Benediction
- Postlude

Baby Dedications

It is a joy to join with parents, grandparents and family members today, in formally dedicating to God, **Baby Maddox Thomas Lilly, Baby Victoria ("Tori") Bryson Lilly, & Baby Lyla Naomi Downing.**

We're GROWING!

Praise God for numeric GROWTH again in 2011. The average Sun. a.m. attendance during 2011 was 192. In 2010 the a.m. average was 167. In 2009, it was 154. (For a further reference point, in 2000 the a.m. average was 78!)

So ...we're heading the right direction; let's keep it UP! Let's keep inviting others and bringing them to church every Sunday. Let's **KEEP** Growing numerically, for the glory of GOD!

MOST important, let's Grow **SPIRITUALLY** .. every day!

There will be **no HeathKids** Church today.

Nurseries will be open and ALL our children are VERY WELCOME in the main services.

Regular **HeathKids** Church will resume next Sunday morning (Jan. 8).

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday -	8:00 A.M.	Church Open for Prayer
	9:30 A.M.	Coffee Fellowship / Sunday School
	10:30 A.M.	Morning Worship (Sermon: "Intimacy with God")
	6:00 P.M.	<i>Evening of Music</i>
Tuesday -	6:30 P.M.	Brownies & Boy Scout Troop Meetings (Fellowship Hall)
Wednesday -	7:00 P.M.	<i>Heath Youth/Jrs. Bible Studies / Fellowship / Homeless Shelter Ministry</i>

Prayer Concerns

- Patricia Fox (Lexington Hosp.)
The family of Delbert Montel (Esther & Martha's father) - bereavement
The family of Doris Young (Terry Jones' mother) - bereavement
Family of James Post (Carl C's brother) - bereavement
Julia Jones - surgery recovery
Family of Debbie Utz (Donnie C's cousin) - bereavement
Faye Morris (Ronnie M's mother) - cancer
Charles Wood (April's brother) - accident injuries
Gabby Burchette (Dave/Barbara's granddaughter) - physical need
Landon Blankenship - accident injuries
Baby Anabella Studebaker (Ken's granddaughter & Kevin's Great Niece) -
physical need
Pastor Pat Davis (Faith Chapel) - physical need
Victims of the local tornado (11/16)
Willis Brink (Hannah's son) - accident injuries
John Dee Dugger - special need
Jimmy Whitlock (Onda/Nita's dad) physical need
Tom McGuire - physical need
Regina Henley - lung cancer
Gary Sauerbrey - physical need
New Asst. Pastor Search
Our Armed Forces
Jose Rodriguez (Arlene's son) - Military in Afghanistan
Matt Grubb - National Guard in Kuwait
Ryan Akers - Military
Jon Prince - Military
Brandon Studebaker - Military
Luke Welton - Military

*If you would like to add a prayer concern to the bulletin,
please e-mail it to ddowning4@triad.rr.com by Wed., 5:00 p.m.
in order to insure that it appears in the following Sunday's bulletin.*

Happy New Year and Welcome to Worship!

Following, is Pastor Dan's latest blog from our Heath Church website. If you regularly read the blogs and want him to continue them, let him know today. Don't forget to check out our website at www.heathchurch.org every week to see new pictures of church activities, peruse the week's bulletin, listen to sermons, and keep up-to-date on our calendar of events. The link also provides your friends with a handy reference point for learning more about the church. In the near future, we plan to add more information about various ministries of Heath Church.

Here's the blog:

It's A New Year!

Well, I've taken a little break from blogging over the past few months, but thought maybe the new year would be a good time to "get back at it!" What do YOU think? As a matter of fact, I COULD make a resolution that I'm going to blog more in 2012. On the other hand, I'm not real sure about the value of doing that.

I guess Oscar Wilde said it best when he described a New Year's Resolution as something that goes "in one year and out the other." 😊 In fact, statistics show that while roughly 40-45% of adults MAKE New Year's resolutions, a staggering 97% FAIL to carry them out completely and most abandon ship totally, in as little as 6 months!

*However, I believe there IS hope for the resolution-breakers. For the fact is, people who take the time to very CAREFULLY set goals and very DELIBERATELY make resolutions are **10** times more likely to attain them than those who make last-minute, spur-of-the-moment promises to themselves.*

If we plan to make any significant changes for the better during 2012, then let's really THINK them over. Let's PRAY about them. Let's WEIGH them carefully against the challenges and odds that might militate against them. Most importantly, let's depend on GOD to HELP us day-by-day to DO & to BE .. ALL that HE wants of us and for us during the days of this new year.

Sunday Nurseries

For families with babies & children under 3 years old, a **Fully-Furnished, Staffed Nursery** is provided every Sunday from 9:30 a.m. till the close of morning worship service - (approx. 12 Noon). This nursery is located in the lower floor of the Sunday School wing - [1st door to left - bottom of steps]. We **respectfully ask that parents do not "stay" in the nursery during the services.** You will be contacted if your child needs you.

There is also a **Partially-Furnished, Moms' Nursery** with one-way, sanctuary view & service audio available. This nursery is open during all services, and is located behind the main Sanctuary, adjacent to the Ladies' Restroom.

If your children are **age 3 or older**, please do not take them to the **Staffed Nursery** during the 9:30 a.m. - 12 Noon Sunday School & Worship Service. Please take them to their Sunday School Class (9:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.) and to *HeathKids* Worship (10:30 a.m. - 12 Noon) - **OR** - keep them w/ you during these services. **The Staffed Nursery is for Ages 2 & Under.**

*We love ALL our precious "little ones" here at Heath Church, and **thank you** for helping us effectively minister to them every Sunday for Christ! With respect for the worship experience of ALL our worshippers, please take your babies/children from the main sanctuary if they become noisy. Thank You! 😊*

Coffee Fellowship and Sunday School

You are invited to come and be part of our pre-worship service activities beginning at 9:30 am with Coffee Fellowship (a quick cup of something hot or cold and a breakfast item).

Sunday School classes and Small-Group Bible Studies begin "soon thereafter."

- There are classes for all ages of children and youth.
- Adults have three small groups that you can choose from.
- Recent topics have been "Creation," "the Gifts of the Spirit," "Trusting God When You Don't Understand," New Testament Epistles and "Prayer - When God's People Pray".

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes

Happy Birthday to:

Michael Horne	1/2
Sierra Jarrett	1/2
Tiffany Sechriest	1/2
Ryan Cranford	1/5
Mary Crotts	1/6

Attendance Averages - December 2011

Sun. A.M. - 236 Sun. P.M. - 88

Prayer Requests for Military

If you would like a specific name of someone in the military listed in our Prayer Concerns, please write down that name and submit it to Bruce Johnson or Pastor D.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR
"PRAY-FOR-THE-PASTOR"
DAY!**

Sermon Notes:

"Intimacy with God"

Psalm 42: 1 – 2a

*Our Greatest Need for 2012 is simply:
GENUINE, PERSONAL, _____ WITH GOD!*

I.- WHAT _____ IT?

Intimacy w/ God is: "A CLOSE, PERSONAL, UP-TO-THE-MINUTE, LOVE-FILLED _____ with the Almighty GOD of the Universe!"

II Timothy 3:5 - "They have a _____ of Godliness, but they DENY the _____ of God!"

Revelation 2:4 - "I have something against you, church, because you have _____ your first love!"

II.- DO YOU _____ IT?

III.- HOW DO I _____ IT?

Psalm 42: 1-2a - "As the deer _____ for the water brooks, SO PANTS MY SOUL after YOU, Oh God! My Soul _____ for God – for the Living God!"

Matthew 5: 6 - "BLESSED are they which do _____ & _____ after Righteousness – For They Shall Be _____!"