



Vision:

To become a Presence-driven, prayer saturated, relational church, where people are loved, forgiven, healed, trained, and released to reach others.

Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM

Dear Hempfield Church Family,

This Sunday, December 6, we continue our **“Special Instructions”** series so read ahead in Matthew 18:6-10. This is one of Jesus’ most challenging warnings in all of his teachings. He discusses the enormity of the effect of our actions on others and the eternal implications of causing another to lose heart or lose spiritual direction. However, encapsulated in the same message, is tremendous hope and assurance. We will start with the “bad news” first and end with the amazing “good news” provided through Jesus Christ. You will not want to miss this message. Bring a friend!

Remember, this Wednesday is First Wednesday. Each first **Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm** the entire church gathers for a prayer gathering. We are encouraging everyone not only to attend the prayer time, but also to fast during the day beforehand. Our focus will be asking God for financial breakthrough for those in our congregation who are going through difficult times and also for our church financial situation. **The meal planned for 6:30 has been cancelled.**

Reminder: Please order a copy of the DVD “How Great is Our God” for \$10 each & turn in your money or checks payable to HBIC by no later than Sunday, December 6. The sign up sheet is located on welcome table in the lobby. Money given to Lisa in the office or Pastor Dave.

In Christ,

Pastor Greg & Pastor Dave



Quick Links:

- What’s Happening?** - [Bulletin Announcements](#)
- “How Great is Our God” DVD by Louie Giglio
Order for \$10 - [Click for Preview!](#)
- Sunday Messages** - [New & Archives](#)
- [Matt. 18:1-5 \(11/29\)](#)
“Practicing Humility” - Dave Miller
- [Matt. 17:24-27 \(11/15\)](#)
“Fulfilling Obligations” - Greg Taylor
- [Matt. 17:14-21 \(11/08\)](#)
“The Role of Prayer in Faith” - Greg Taylor
- [Matt. 17: 9-13; 22-23 \(11/01\)](#)
“Don’t Lose Heart” - Greg Taylor

Coming Events:

- Wed., Dec. 2 @ 7:00 PM**
1st Wednesday Prayer (& Fasting)
Please Note: No meal prior
- Sunday, Dec. 13 @ 10:15 AM**
Children’s Christmas Program
- Sunday, Dec. 20**
Christmas Breakfast - 8:30 AM
Carol Sing - 9:45 AM
Christmas Service - 10:15 AM
- Thurs., Dec. 24 @ 6:30 PM**
Christmas Eve Service
- January 3rd-10th**
BIC Week of Prayer & Fasting

Community Connection:

Our church-wide family **Christmas project** called “Family to Family, Village to Village”. Zimbabwe is a country in crisis. We can make a difference! For just \$75 we can feed a family of six in Zimbabwe for a whole month. Since sending a package with a few toys, etc. can cost over \$100; it seems wiser this year to raise funds through donations and creative projects rather than send packages. We hope you would partner with the BIC World Hunger Fund. Remaining special offerings will be taken on Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve. 1/3 of all given in these offerings will go to this need, the other 2/3 will go directly to support our local mission here at HBIC. We continue to urgently solicit your prayers as we face a serious financial crisis in our local ministry. Our reserves are nearly depleted. We extend thanks to each of you for your generous support and prayers. We trust God will lead us to breakthrough as we call on His name.

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Additional groups for youth, women & men. The youth (grades 7-12) get together on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6 pm in the youth room downstairs. The women meet weekly on Monday evenings at 7 pm. The men meet regularly on Wednesday nights at 7 pm with a men's breakfast on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am @ Dennis Oliver's home. Small groups meet regularly at various locations, nights and times as well.

We purpose to ask God to make us effective in helping unconnected people find connection in the family of God. We know that unconnected people are dear to the Father's heart. He longs for all of his sheep to have a shepherd -- **a place to belong**. We believe God is asking each family unit to pray for, and reach out to, at least one person who is not connected to Jesus Christ or does not have any church family. Have you started your prayer list? Are you intentionally asking God for opportunities to extend hospitality, make connections, encourage, and invite?

Please check out other useful items on our church website at www.hempfieldchurch.com. It is a valuable tool. You will find the Church Calendar, Photo Gallery, Videos, Sermons Online, Pictorial Church Directory, and much more. If you need the username or password for the restricted areas, just call Lisa at the office at 295-9800. **Share this link with friends** who might be looking for a church home, or connect them to a favorite message they might enjoy. Please feel free to download or listen online anytime at <http://www.hempfieldchurch.com/resources/sermons.html>