



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 13, come early for a special **Children's Christmas Program** at our Worship service at 10:15 am. The children will be bringing us creative expressions of the Christmas story including singing, acting, & readings. Invite family and friends to enjoy this special service. *The Youth Group's Christmas party is from Noon to 2:30 pm.*

Sunday, the 20th is our church **Christmas Celebration**. The day will begin at 8:30 am with a special Christmas **Breakfast** (no SS classes that day). Please sign up by calling the office or filling out a card this Sunday so we can know how to plan. We encourage you to invite family and friends to this special breakfast and celebration. Following the breakfast, a special **Carol Sing** will begin upstairs in the church auditorium from 9:45 am till 10:05 am. At 10:15 am the **Celebration Service** will begin.

Our **Christmas Eve Service** this year will be an one hour service beginning at 6:30 pm. It will be a time of worship, quiet reflection, celebration of Jesus, and candlelight.

If you're new to the church or have been coming for years, we would like each of you to enroll in the **Hempfield BIC Institute** and complete the 4 courses being offered. The first of a series of "semesters" will begin in the new year. *Please read details below!*

In Christ,

Pastor Greg & Pastor Dave

Quick Links:

- What's Happening?** - [Bulletin Announcements](#)
- "What does it mean to be Brethren In Christ?"
[By Bishop Perry Engle](#)
- Sunday Messages:**
[Matt. 18:6-10](#) (12/06)
"Influence: The Ripple Effect" - Greg Taylor
[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

Coming Events:

- 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 &
Special Offering - 10:15 AM
- Thurs., Dec. 24 @ 6:30 PM**
Christmas Eve Service
- January 3-10**
BIC Week of Prayer & Fasting
- January 31**
Congregational Council

Community Connection:

Hempfield BIC Institute (ENROLL TODAY!)– We're offering four basic purpose-driven classes we would like everyone to go through here at Hempfield BIC. The first class, 101, covers Christian Basics (those interested in membership should start here). The second class, (201) covers Discipleship (spiritual growth), the third, 301, is on Service and Ministry (an in depth study of spiritual gifts, abilities, passion, and calling), and the fourth class, 401, is on Evangelism (how to share your faith in practical easy steps). We recommend you would start with class 101 and proceed to class 401, but you can start at any level. It is our desire that every attendee would complete all four of the courses. On **Sunday, January 10 at 9 AM** the first semester for 2010 will cover both Christian Basics (Membership) (class 101) and Discipleship (class 201). We would encourage all those who have not taken these classes or are new to the church to attend. If you're currently in a Sunday morning group, the next semester will be on March 21 at the start of the Sunday school quarter. Enroll by signing up at the welcome table or contacting the church office.

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Our church-wide family **Christmas Project** is 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.

Each Sunday at 9 am the **Sunday Morning Groups** are in session. Walk-ins are always welcome! HBIC provides groups for all ages making this time ideal to go deeper into the word of God, make connections with other believers, and grow in your personal walk with God. Your children or grandchildren will also have an opportunity to grow in their faith and make friends with other children their ages. We find that those who connect in this way begin to build lasting spiritual friendships and find their spiritual growth advance exponentially. **NOTE:** There will be NO Sunday morning groups on **December 20 & 27**.

As always please check out 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 either a recent or past message or listen online anytime at <http://www.hempfieldchurch.com/resources/sermons.html>