



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, 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 right away 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. We will study Matthew 18:11-14 and reflect on the heart of Jesus who left the comforts of heaven and the adoration of angels to seek out one lost world. Jesus has a special place in his heart for those who do not yet know his grace. If you have friends or family members who do not yet know the Lord, this would be a great service to invite them to.

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 birth, and candlelight.

Don't forget the special offering this Sunday and Christmas eve. In addition to our regular tithes and offerings we will be receiving special gifts to help feed families in Zimbabwe and to support our local ministry for the year to come. (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. 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 3-10**
- BIC Week of Prayer & Fasting
- January 16 @ 5:00 PM**
- Dinner & Talent Show
- January 25 @ 6:00 PM**
- Pre-Council Finance Meeting
- January 31 (After Service)**
- Congregational Council

Community Connection:

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.

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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.

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>