



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,

We hope to see you this Thursday at **6:30 pm** for our **Christmas Eve Service**. It will be a time of worship, quiet reflection, candlelight, and celebration of Jesus birth. We will begin promptly at 6:30 and conclude by 7:30. Feel free to invite family and friends as we thank God for His most precious gift — the gift of His Son. In keeping with the spirit of giving, an offering will be received at the door following the service for our Christmas Project — to help feed families in Zimbabwe and to support our local ministry for the year to come. A final additional giving opportunity will be given this Sunday too (*see details below*).

On Sunday, December 27th we will be looking to **“Step Beyond” in 2010**. When we reflect on the past, we can easily lose perspective. Our natural tendency is to either glamorize it or get stuck focusing on the scars. The Lord wants to continually give us a fresh new perspective for living life. We’ll look at the life lessons from the Israelites as it relates to our spiritual journey today. Invite a loved one or friend to be your guest.

Reminder: For Tax purposes for 2009, all donations must postmarked by December 31st.

We trust you will have a very **Merry Christmas** as you celebrate the gift of Jesus.

In Christ,

Pastor Greg & Pastor Dave

Quick Links:

What’s Happening? - [Bulletin Announcements](#)

“What Child is This?” (Creative Sand Art)
[Click to Watch Christmas Video](#)

Sunday Messages:
[Matt. 18:11-14 \(12/20\)](#)
 “Value of Lost People” - Greg Taylor
[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

Coming Events:

- Thurs., Dec. 24 @ 6:30 PM**
Christmas Eve Service
- January 3-10**
BIC Week of Prayer & Fasting
Jan. 10— Communion Sunday
Sign up for meal following service
- January 16 @ 5:00 PM**
Suggested Donation: \$10
Dinner - 5:00 pm
Talent Show - 6:30 pm—8:30 pm
- January 25 @ 6:30 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 Eve and Sunday, December 27 for those who missed Christmas Sunday. 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** we begin with Class 101 for those needing the Sunday morning option otherwise the one day session will be held on **Saturday, February 20 at 8:30 am**. **PLEASE NOTE: For those interested in the Sunday morning option please enroll by no later than Sunday, January 3rd by signing up at the welcome table or contact 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 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>