

# THE BEACON

Harrisburg Christian Church  
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## MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**December, 2025**

Greetings HCC,

Advent Season 2025! As we await the coming of our celebration of the birth of Christ and his second coming, let's keep a few things in mind:

1. This is a great opportunity to teach our families and friends about our savior. Keep an eye out for new ways to do that this year. The Gillmans have enjoyed keeping an advent calendar over the years and ending each day with a time to light candles on our advent wreath, sing "O Come O Come Emmanuel", and end with this prayer: "Thank you Jesus for coming to the earth and dying on the cross, so we can love you and serve you forever."
2. Remember who's birthday it is. I love our traditions of buying each other gifts, but let's take intentional time to ask the Lord how we can honor and celebrate him this year.
3. You can help us make a couple of HCC events special this year. See below. Will you help us get the word out?

On 12/21 we are going to have one worship service at 10 AM and we are changing locations. The Champagne Barn is the local events center that is west of town (3945 MO-124). Larissa and Oz Merrit and their staff will be our gracious hosts and we plan to celebrate the birth of our Savior in a family and visitor friendly way that morning.

Would you be willing to help us pass the word and invite some families in our community to join in on the celebration?

On 12/21 in the evening (5:30 PM) we will celebrate with HCC kids as they tell a Christmas story through a children's play. Following the play we will share food and snacks together in the fellowship hall.

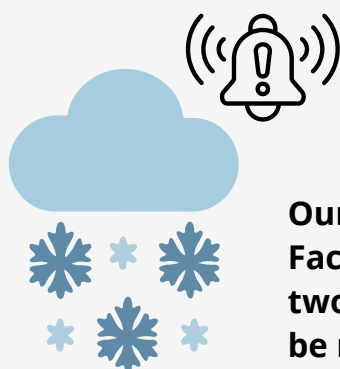
On 12/22 (3PM) there will be a trip to the movie theatre for families with elementary children to see the movie "David".

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And on 12/23 all are invited to join in singing Christmas Carols around the community. We start at 5:30 with pizza to warm up our vocal chords.

Let's make this a great season of honoring our Savior!

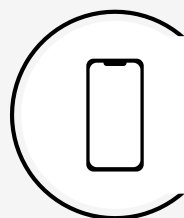
God loves you!  
John Gillman



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## JOHN'S TIDBITS

1. Merry Christmas from the Gillman's. Kathleen and I are honored to be a part of HCC.
2. Our 2026 Campaign will be centered around a small group study titled "How's your soul" by Judah Smith. Stay tuned for more information.
3. In addition to our one service on 12/21, we will also have one worship service on 12/28 at 10 AM at the church building.

**WOW, over 400 boxes collected. You all are simply amazing and what a BLESSING it will be to so many kids.**



**JOIN US ON SUNDAY  
MORNINGS AT  
9AM OR 10:30AM**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

*You can be apart of it*

Find an event and get connected!

01

## Youth Gatherings

Corey and Courtney are helping to organize small groups events, camps, and gathers. Reach out to them if you have any ideas or questions.

02

## Woman's Fellowship

November 8<sup>th</sup>  
11:00-2:30  
Sign up before the event.

03

## Senior Luncheon

December 9<sup>th</sup> the church basement from 11-12.

04

## Community Worship

December 21<sup>st</sup>  
Christmas at the Barn  
10am

05

## Last Service of the Year

December 28<sup>th</sup> 10am

## Seeking Youth Minister

Job listing can be found on the website under "employment"