

HOPE IS AT THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 9:1-7; Matthew 1:22-23

THE PRESENCE OF DARKNESS THREATENS OUR HOPE.

Christmas is a reminder that whatever it is we hope for in our lives—healing, restoration, forgiveness, or a fresh start—is available to us through Immanuel, who is God with us. Hope is not a result of the absence of conflict, difficulty, struggle, or trial. Hope is a result of the presence of God.

GOD'S PRESENCE HAS COME TO GIVE US HOPE.

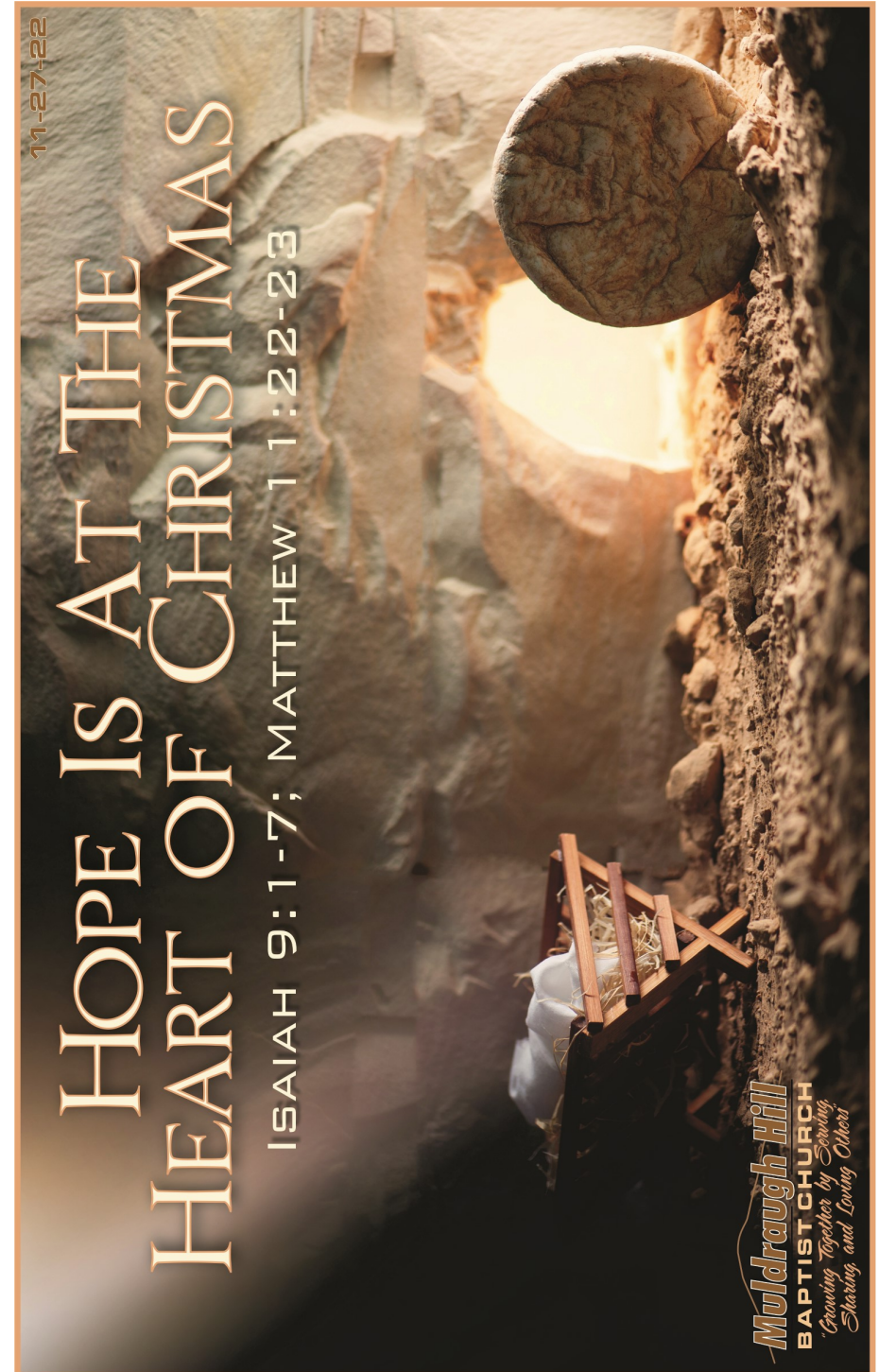
So why do we read Isaiah's prophecy each year during Christmas? It is because seeing the faithfulness of God in the past gives up deep and abiding hope in the present and unwavering trust for the future. The apostle Paul made an appeal for hope to those who trust in Christ as he wrote a letter to the early church in Rome.

"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope" (Romans 15:4).

AT THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS IS HOPE.

Though there are many distractions during the Christmas season, this message is a reminder that hope is offered to us through Jesus' arrival in the manger.

"All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel:--which means, "God with us" (Matthew 1:22-23).



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November 27, 2022

Pastor.....Bro. Billy Compton Cell: 502-338-3070
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Minister of Youth.....Cameron Edwards
Organist.....Amanda Farmer
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Sunday School Director.....Josh Veatch Cell: 270-692-7693
Chairman of Deacons.....Larry Bright Cell: 270-283-1520
Deacon of the Week.....Adam Bland Cell: 270-469-6179

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Services: 10:30 a.m.

Prelude
Welcome to Worship & Announcements
Tolling of the Hour
Hymn #93 "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear" (vs 1, 2, & 4)
Prayer Concerns
Children's Sermon
Hymn # 77 "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Worship chorus: "Here I Am to Worship"
Special Music: "Christmas Is All in the Heart" -Kathy Snow
Message – "Hope is at the Heart of Christmas"
(Isaiah 9:1-7; Matthew 1:22-23) - Bro. Billy
Invitation Hymn #210 "My Jesus I Love Thee"
Offertory Prayer
Tithes & Offerings (offering plates are on table in the vestibule)
Benediction

"Hanging of the Greens" Service at 6:30 p.m.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Worship Choir Calendar:
Sunday, Nov 27 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.
Wednesday, Nov 30 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This will be a dress rehearsal for our Christmas musical.
Sunday, December 4—Performance at 6:30 p.m. of "Sing Me the Songs of Christmas". Everyone is asked to arrive at 5:00 p.m. for last minute checks and warm up.
- The Safety/Security Team Christmas dinner will be on December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. It will be held at Wanda Buckler's barn.
- The deacon's Christmas Meal will be on December 11th following the morning worship service at the parsonage. All active and inactive deacon's are invited. There is a sign up sheet in the vestibule. The meat, bread and drinks will be furnished.
- We will have our "Hanging of the Greens" service tonight at 6:30 p.m. We will be receiving canned goods and other non-perishable food items during the service.
- The Deacons will meet on Wednesday, November 30th, at 6:30 p.m.
- The Stewardship (Budget) Committee will meet on Monday, November 28th, at 6:00 p.m.
- The "Church-wide Christmas Card Delivery Service" will be done from Dec 4th—18th. Bring the Christmas cards you wish to send to members of the church and we'll pass them out for you. We hope you will consider donating the amount of postage you save to the Lottie Moon or White Christmas Offering.
- Our emphasis for the month of December will be donations given to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
- Interim Clerical Secretary contact information:
secretary@muldraughhill.org or 270-849-4768

MORNING WORSHIP ATTENDANCE (November 20, 2022):
Sunday School: 111 Worship Service: 173