



November 26, 2023 • 10:00 AM

**Today's Message:**  
**The Hope Road**  
Isaiah 8:19-9:7  
Pastor Bryson Taylor

**10:00 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**  
November 26, 2023

**Call to Worship**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**Friendship Greeting**

**Announcements**

**Dedication of Leo David Zechariah Taylor**

**Offering**

*He Has Come for Us*  
*(God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen)*

*Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Children's Advent Story**

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

**Praise & Petition**

**Message**

*The Hope Road*

*He Shall Reign Forevermore*

**Benediction**



# JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM: THE SERIES

## Week #1: The Hope Road

### November 26th, 2023 – Bryson Taylor

*The people walking in darkness  
have seen a great light...*  
Isaiah 9:2

#### Notes & Comments:

#### Baby Dedication

We are delighted to share in the joy of Andrea & Bryson Taylor as they bring their son, **Leo David Zechariah Taylor**, to be dedicated to the Lord this morning during our worship service. Baby Leo entered our world on September 21st. To celebrate his dedication, we have with us today Leo's grandparents, Melissa & Tom Lough and Sandy & David Taylor. May Leo grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; may he & his family know great joy in our Savior's love for them!



#### Christmas Poinsettias



If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, please see the order forms available in the foyer (or contact the church office at 724-550-4624 or [stallch@verizon.net](mailto:stallch@verizon.net)). Poinsettias are \$9.25 for a 6 1/2 inch pot. All order forms are **due TODAY, November 26th**.

#### Thanksgiving Offering

Please note that all monies collected in this year's Thanksgiving offering will be given to the Fayette County Community Action Food Bank. All money received through the offering in your colored "Thanksgiving" envelopes & regular envelopes clearly labeled "Thanksgiving" will go to support this cause.

You may also give online by selecting the Fund as "Other" and indicating "Thanksgiving" in the Memo/Note field.



Join us for our  
**Kids Christmas Program -  
Stellar Christmas**  
Sunday, **December 3rd** at 10:00 AM

#### Operation Christmas Child - THANK YOU!

A huge thank-you to each & every person who packed a shoebox. We are delighted to report that Cherry Tree Alliance Church packed 178 boxes! Praise the Lord!!!

Our AWANA Kids packed 100 of these shoeboxes! If you would like to contribute towards the item & shipping costs of their boxes, please mark your offering "AWANA OCC."





### Angel Tree - A Local Gift-Giving Opportunity

This Christmas season, we will be helping to provide gifts to local foster children through the Pressley Ridge Foster Care Program. If you would like to help, please choose an ornament off of the Christmas tree in the foyer (each ornament has a child's name and a few gift ideas) and write your name & phone number beside your selected child's name on the list on the bulletin board. Please purchase a gift off their list, spending \$25 or less.

Bring your gift, wrapped (**using gift bags / tissue paper ONLY please!**) & with your child's ornament attached to the outside of the package, to CTAC by **next Sunday, December 3rd** and place it in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Marnie Williams.

### Soul Sisters

Our next Soul Sisters meeting will be held at CTAC on Thursday, **December 7th** at 6:30 PM. Please bring a new wrapped gift valued at \$5 for our gift exchange game (if you bring a gift, you will go home with a gift. If you choose not to participate, that's ok too).



If you would like to participate in the cookie exchange, please bring 3 dozen cookies of your choosing (homemade if possible). If you did not sign up for this part of the event at the last meeting, please call Luann to let her know what kind of cookies you would like to make, to avoid duplicate kinds.

We will read the Christmas story from the Bible and play some fun games. Please bring a *festive* snack to share & come prepared for some great fellowship!



### Men's Small Group

Our next men's small group meeting will be held here at Cherry Tree Alliance on Saturday, **December 9th**.

The meeting is from 8:00 - 10:00 AM and will include breakfast and a time of study based on the book *Beautiful Outlaw* by John Eldredge. Please sign up at the bulletin board in the foyer.

### Advent Brunch

You are invited to an Advent Brunch on Sunday, **December 17th** following the 10:00 AM worship service. Sign-ups & further details are coming next week. We look forward to celebrating the Christmas season with you!



**Two of our youth will be baptized in the Sunday morning worship service on December 17th.** If anyone else (of ANY age!) wishes to be baptized that morning, please reach out to Pastor Joshua at [capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com).



### Capacity Announcements

Capacity: Wednesdays, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM / 6th-12th Grade  
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at [capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com).

**Capacity Christmas Party** - The Capacity Christmas Party will be **December 20th** from 6:00 - 9:00 PM (please note the time change for this evening). We will have a \$5 gift exchange & students are encouraged to wear their best Christmas pajamas for our annual Capacity Christmas fashion showcase!

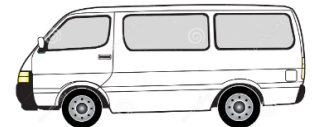
**Capacity WINTER JAM 2024 Trip** - Capacity will be traveling to the Petersen Events Center the night of **January 19th** for the annual Winter Jam Concert! If a student 6th -12th grade would like to join, please reach out to Pastor Joshua as soon as possible as we are already making travel plans! Winter Jam cost is a \$15 donation at the door.

### C&MA Christmas Offering

Today we introduce the Alliance Great Commission Fund Christmas offering. Please check out the insert included in today's bulletin & prayerfully consider making a contribution to enable new ministries to launch and established ministries to continue to do God's work in every nation. If you feel led to make a donation, please designate your offering envelopes or online contributions to the Great Commission Fund and return to the church by **December 31st**.

### Capital Campaign Launch

We are launching a capital campaign for a needed upcoming purchase of a new church van. Our current van has required more and more maintenance over the last several years, and we are in need of additional transportation as the current van cannot hold our youth group. Our sincere hope is that a new church van can also be used by children & adult ministries as needed. We have ordered a new van for approximately \$65,000, which will take at least one year to arrive from the manufacturer. As we wait, we need to begin collecting funds for this expense. The dealership has agreed that if we do not have the needed funds when the van arrives, we do not have to take it; however, we want to avoid this as we would likely then have to go back on the waitlist for ordering a vehicle.



**To contribute to this fund, please mark your offering envelopes or online donation "Van."** We thank you for your support!





***If anyone would like to express appreciation for our pastors who have stepped up & helped care so well for our church during this time of transition, there will be a card basket in the foyer until the end of the year.***

**Mark your calendars for the Alliance 40 Days of Prayer initiative,** starting January 1st! The theme this year is **NOW**. If you would like to receive the weekly emails, please register at: [40days.cmalliance.org](http://40days.cmalliance.org). Each week, those subscribed to the list will receive an email containing a video summarizing the week's prayer focus, an attachment with the daily devotionals for adults, daily devotionals for youth (via Instagram), and weekly devotionals for children. *More info coming soon!*

**Moms in Prayer** - Mondays at 6:00 PM  
Please ask the church office for Teresa's number for the meeting details.



### **Bible Quiz Practice**

Tuesdays 6:00 - 7:00 PM / 2nd-12th Grade  
Please contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at [capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com).



### **AWANA Clubs**

Ages 3 years old through 5th grade  
Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.  
Ages 3 years old - 5th Grade



Register online at: [www.cherrytreealliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministry](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org/ministries/childrens-ministry)

## **International Workers of the Week**

Please pray for our Alliance workers of the week, Bob & Karin, who serve in Bangladesh. *"Our unique position has us continuing in leading our International Church and developing the ministry among the migrant workers and refugees, both in our country and in the refugee camps in Bangladesh. With a new family having recently joined us, we now are also learning how to be Team Leaders as we listen together to know how God is leading in this developing ministry. Prayer Requests: Pray that the church of Jesus Christ would be established among the Rohingya people, a people group that has been pushed out of their country and persecuted in ways that have contributed to them being called, 'one of the most persecuted people groups in the world' by the United Nations. Pray that our adult children and our grandchildren (who all live far from us) would all seek to love and serve the Lord Jesus and that He would do His work in each of their lives. Pray for our newly developing team and growing refugee ministry – that God will knit us together in unity of spirit and purpose and that He will lead us in the ways we should go."*

## **Prayer of the Day**

As we celebrate this season of Thanksgiving and look forward to this month of Advent, let us give thanks to the Lord for His many blessings & His protection over us! In the rush of the holidays, it can be easy to overlook the good around us. Take time today and throughout the coming season to **Praise the Lord!!!**



### **Kids & Capacity Sunday Ministry**

Jr. Kids Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings  
Today, November 26th is a Family Worship Sunday.  
*Kids, enjoy some worship time with your parents this morning!*

Capacity Church - 10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings  
6th-8th Grade - Contact Pastor Joshua with any questions at [capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com](mailto:capacityallianceyouth@gmail.com).



### **Immerse Small Groups**

**College Age Group** - Sundays at 5:00 PM (next meeting Dec. 3rd)  
**Ladies' Small Group** - Wednesdays at 6:30 PM



Offering plates will be passed during the service. You may also place your offering in the wall lockbox outside the church office door. To give online, visit our website at [www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving](http://www.cherrytreealliance.org/giving) to check out our electronic donation service using the program Tithe.ly.  
***Thanks for your faithful giving!***

### **GIVING**

**Operating Fund Giving for November: \$17,062**  
**(Amount needed monthly: \$27,734)**  
**Last Week's Great Commission Giving: \$470**

### **LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE**

**Worship Service: 94**  
**Kids Church & Capacity Church: 35**  
**Livestream Views: 143**

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