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### **CHRISTMAS CLEANUP Today after Worship**

If you can stay after worship to help pack away Christmas, your help is appreciated!



### **LAST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP January 26 • after Worship**

Join us the last Sunday of each month for light refreshments and fellowship. It's an opportunity to meet someone new or catch up with a familiar face. Last Sundays are also a great Sunday to bring a neighbor or friend to introduce them to Westover.



### **TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER**

Today, we welcome back Rev. Dr. Donald J. Kelly, a native of Louisiana, as our guest speaker. Dr. Kelly was the founder and pastor of Olive Branch Community Church, retiring last spring. He has served a number of churches in ministerial roles. Dr. Kelly is a veteran of the US Marines and retired from a career in the FBI. He received a Doctorate of Ministry from Newburgh Theological Seminary and a Masters of Arts in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary. He holds a bachelors and masters degree from Idaho State University. He and his wife Brenda have four daughters and five grandchildren.

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**Westover Baptist Church**  
**January 12, 2025**  
**We Will Thrive!**

**Prelude** "How Great Thou Art" – arr. Hayes  
Alma O Sanford, Minister of Music

**Chimes**

**Welcome** Ed Koch, Administrator

**\*Hymn 406** "The Solid Rock" (v. 1,2,4)

**Scripture Reading** John 16:25-33 NIV  
Mary Darne

**\*Hymn 412** "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" (v. 1,2,4)

**Announcements** Administrator

**Congregational Prayer** Minister Erroll Moore

**Interlude & Silent Prayer** "It is Well with My Soul" – arr. Roberson  
Minister of Music

**\*Hymn 411** "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" (v. 1,2,4)

**Sermon** "Belief and Clarity Enable Us to Thrive  
Through Trouble with Peace."  
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John 16:33 NIV  
Rev. Donald Kelly Guest Speaker

**Invitation** Dr. Kelly  
*During the Invitation hymn, you are invited to come forward to make a commitment to follow Jesus Christ as your Savior. You may also decide to become a member of this congregation of Christ's church.*

**\*Invitation Hymn 416** "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (v. 1,2)

**Benediction** Dr. Kelly

**Postlude** "Great Is the Lord" – arr. Hayes  
Minister of Music

\*Please stand as you are able

**Welcome to Worship at Westover Baptist Church!**

We invite our guests to complete the online guest form  
to let us know you joined us for worship today.

*We are thankful you came to join with us in our worship time today,  
We hope that you have felt God's love in a new refreshing way,  
For you are welcome in this place, and we hope you will come again,  
To join with us in fellowship, and to make some special friends.*

**Prayer Requests**

We want to pray with you. Please share your joys, cares and concerns by email to [church@westoverbaptist.org](mailto:church@westoverbaptist.org) or through the Prayer menu on our home page.

**Scripture Reading**

"Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God."

"Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me.

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