



The Forecast
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As we light the third candle of Joy on the Advent wreath this Sunday, we celebrate the joyful anticipation of Christ's coming into the world.

This pink candle, known as the "Candle of Joy," represents the profound joy we find in the hope and promise of the Savior. In the midst of waiting, the light of this candle reminds us that joy is not dependent on circumstances but on the presence of Christ in our lives.

In the Scripture readings for this week, we hear words like "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4). Joy is not just an emotion, but a decision we make as we remember God's faithfulness and the promise of salvation. As we light the Candle of Joy, let us reflect on the joy that Christ brings—not just as a future hope but as a present reality. The joy of His love, His peace, and His grace with us now, even in the waiting.

Let the light of the third candlelight our hearts, filling us with a deep, abiding joy that transcends the challenges we face. May it remind us that the fullness of joy is found in Christ alone, and as we wait for are His arrival, we can rejoice in the love and grace He has already given us. May this season of Advent fill you with the joy of knowing that Jesus, our Savior, is near, and His presence brings light and joy to the world!

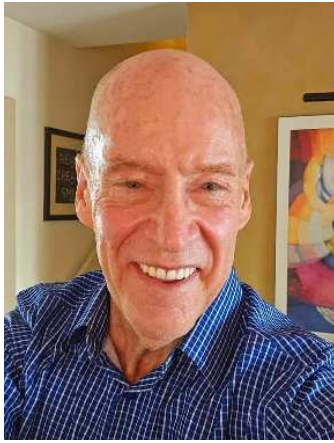
WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Friday Night 700pm
Teen Movie Night

"Saturday Christmas Workshop"
Sat. 10-2pm
For The Kids

"The Christmas Project"
Outside Musicians 6:30pm
Bringing In Christmas with a
True Rockin' Sound!





“Christmas Joy!”

Joy is one the great blessings of Christmas. It shows up Christmas services with beautiful music. Joy is in the giving and receiving presents. Joy can be evident in reconnecting with family. True joy is not dependent on circumstances but is a gift from God even when times are tough.

Joy is contagious. I remember years ago, one December when our “Singing Saints” group caroled at a local rehabilitation center, I noticed some residents joined in the singing while others did not. One man in a wheelchair frowned through every song. No hint of a smile at all. I could see that life had been hard on him by his physical weakness. His face was stern, his eyes sad.

When asked if he would join in the singing, he shook his head. He didn’t move away from us but remained in the hall near us. Soon his lips formed the words of a familiar carol.

“I thought you weren’t going to sing,” I asked.

“It was too hard to not do it.” I have never forgotten his response. As much as he tried, he couldn’t resist it. His eyes grew a little brighter. The power of Christmas joy drew him in.

What makes Christmas joy so special? Joy comes with the birth of Jesus because Old Testament prophecies for salvation had been fulfilled. God kept His word and the Word became flesh. This is a reason for joy.

Joy is expressed through music retelling the story of Jesus’ birth. In the first two chapters gospel of Luke there are four different songs about Jesus’ birth: Elizabeth, Mary, Zacharias and Simeon. All of these reflect wonder and joy at what the Lord has done.

Joy comes from God. The angels proclaimed: *“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.” Luke 2:10-11*

Their message brought the joy of salvation. We can receive the message of Christmas joy and spread it to those around us. Joy to the world! The Lord has come! Let earth receive her king! Let every heart prepare Him room.

Look in the manger to see the good news of great joy—a Savior has been born. May that joy touch your heart in a new way this year and always!

On the grace journey to Christmas together with you, Lynwood

The Hilton Baptist Church Record

December 10, 2024

Rev. Lynwood Wells, Pastor

Calendar

Tuesday, December 10th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, December 12th

12pm– 1pm Food Distribution

Saturday, December 14th

Children's Christmas Workshop

10am– 2pm

Sunday, December 15th

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and In person

Worship at HBC

Ugly Sweater or Shirt Sunday

Food Bank Giveaway after worship

Free and open to the public

6:30pm Combined Service

The Christmas Project Music

Tuesday, December 17th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Thursday, December 19th

12pm-1pm Food Distribution

Sunday, December 22nd

9:00am Discipleship Class

10:00am Online and Live

Worship at HBC

10:00am Sonshine Kids

Produce Giveaway

This weeks count will be in next weeks bulletin

December 15- Ugly Sweater Sunday

We are inviting ALL THE ADULTS to join us on Sunday December 15th and wear your ugly sweater to church. It will be fun.....join in the fun with the Kids and wear your "UGLY

Schedules

Lock up/ Hall Monitor

12/15 Robbie Ayscue

12/22 Joe Caskie

Counter

12/16 Joe Wircenske

12/23 Margaret Upole

Kids Church

12/15 Lisa York

12/22 Debra Sinks

Please remember we are no longer collecting aluminum cans. If you would like to take your cans to Dominion Recycling, just mention Hilton Baptist Church and you will get a better rate and then you can donate to missions

HBC 100th Anniversary Mugs

We have lots of the Anniversary Mugs available to anyone that wants them. They are located in the Connection Center. Take as many as you would like.

Happy Birthday in December

12/14 Diane Figuenick

12/19 Jessica Surber

12/20 Joyce Spiers

12/25 Karen Simpson

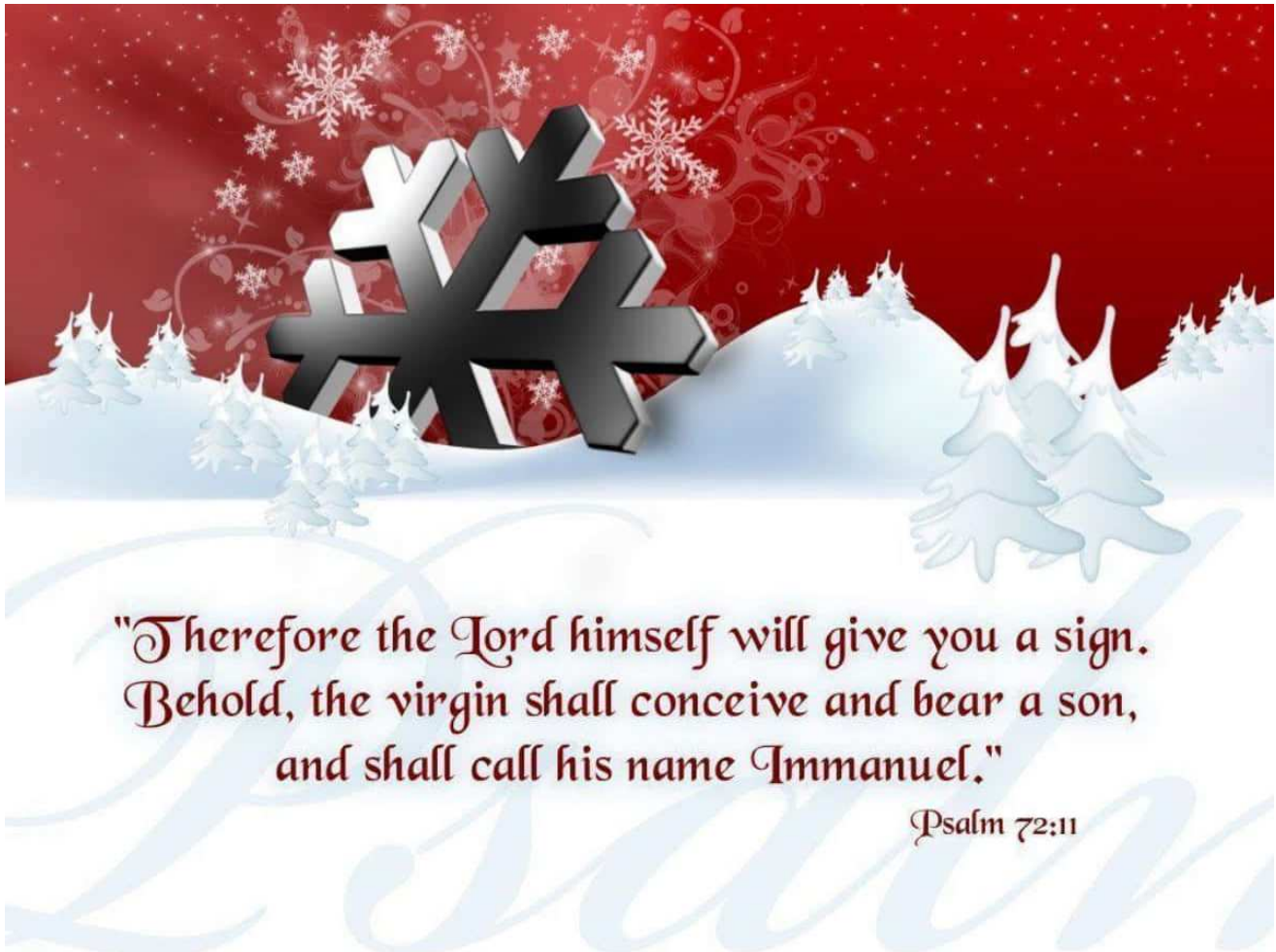
12/27 Myra Ntungia

12/30 Brenda Egnot

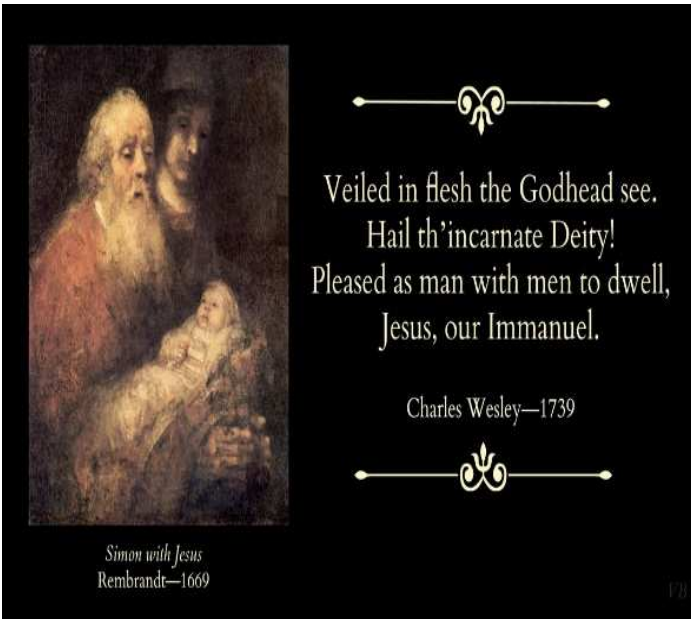
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Hail the Incarnate Deity!



Veiled in flesh the Godhead see.
Hail th'incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with men to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Charles Wesley—1739

On that still winter's night,
something was up... something
extraordinary...something supernatural.

The shepherds raced to the City of David and found their Savior, just as the angel had said... swaddled and lying in a feeding trough. This was the Promised One, the Messiah! God had finally come to dwell with His people, but in such an unexpected way.

Just who was this holy Child the shepherds gazed upon? Make no mistake: He was incarnate deity. The newborn Jesus existed in eternity past as God the Son. He was coequal, coeternal, and coexistent with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

However, Jesus relinquished the privileges and the pleasures of His existence in heaven when He took upon Himself the limitations of humanity (Philippians 2:6-7). In emptying Himself, Jesus voluntarily set aside the prerogatives and prerequisites of life as He had known it, an existence He had enjoyed; He released His right to that kind of life, saying to the Father, "I will go."

Go where? To Bethlehem. He took "the form of a bond-servant, and [was] made in the likeness of men." Allow yourself to picture what the shepherds saw. There He is, the baby. Do you see His ten fingers and ten toes? His button nose? Can you hear the cries? There's humanity. In this holy infant is the beginning of an earthly life. Look deep into His eyes and see the beginning of life itself.

Later, this divine man, completely unique in His nature and in the perfect life that He lived, "humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Isn't that amazing? Of all ways to die, He died on a cross—the most humiliating and painful kind of death.

God the Son lowered Himself. He took on the flesh of an infant. He died a humiliating death. As a result, God the Father "highly exalted Him." One day, all will bow in worship of the risen Lord, "to the glory of God the Father."

It's all about His glory. What a plan. What an execution. What a perfect, awesome wrapping! The God-man. Jesus is undiminished deity and true humanity, two distinct natures in one person, forever. That's the baby in the manger!



The Joy of Worship At Christmas

*“Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, LORD.” -
Psalm 89:15*

Joy echoes through every stage of the story of the birth of Jesus, beginning with the magi. After following the star for weeks, they were “filled with joy” when it stopped over Bethlehem (Matthew 2:10). That star meant fulfillment: They would be brought into the presence of the great King.

An angel told Zacharias that his wife, Elizabeth, would give birth to a son (John the Baptist), saying, “You will have great joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth” (Luke 1:14). While Elizabeth was still pregnant, her baby “jumped for joy” as Mary approached them, she being pregnant with the baby Jesus (Luke 1:44).

As an angel told the shepherds about Jesus’ birth, he said, “I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people” (Luke 2:10).

People in the world react to the birth of Jesus in many ways—with generosity and benevolence, gifts and parties. But for Believers this is a celebration of joy.

It is a joy that comes from worship, from a heart overwhelmed by the presence of God. This joy only can be experienced through complete surrender to His plan and will—through the kind of commitment that could drive the magi to follow a star for thousands of miles. This is the kind of joy that could fill Mary and Elizabeth, who knew that Jesus’ birth was a supernatural event. This kind of joy was experienced by the shepherds as they were overwhelmed by the glory of God and a choir of angels.

During this Christmas season, remember the importance of worship. Worship can bring you into the presence of God. More than just a ritual or tradition, worship can transform your life. Worship can fill you with joy as you walk in the light of God’s presence!





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**AT LEAST WE CAN SAY THAT HE WAS BROUGHT
UP IN A STABLE HOME**