

The Birth of Christ

Over two thousand years ago, a young man and his betrothed spouse traveled to the small town of Bethlehem just south of Jerusalem. They went there because Caesar Augustus had ordered a census, thus requiring everyone to return to their ancestral home to be counted. As they entered Bethlehem, all the inns were full and the only place they could find to stay was in a stable. While there, Mary gave birth to her son, Jesus, and laid Him in a manger surrounded by hay and animals.

The birth was heralded by angels. To shepherds watching their flocks nearby, the angel declared: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10–11, ESV). The shepherds hurried to see the child, becoming the first witnesses of the Messiah. Their presence highlights that God's message of salvation was first revealed to ordinary, working people, not kings or rulers.

Later, wise men from the East followed a star that led them to Bethlehem. They brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, each symbolizing aspects of Christ's mission: Gold for kingship, frankincense for divinity and worship, and myrrh foreshadowing His sacrificial death. Their journey shows that Christ's birth was not only for Israel but for the whole world, fulfilling prophecies that nations would come to worship the Messiah.

The birth of Jesus also fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies written centuries earlier. The prophet Isaiah declared: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given... and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). Micah foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). These prophecies remind us that Christ's coming was part of God's eternal plan, woven into the fabric of Scripture.

The birth of Christ was more than a historical event—it is a living message of hope. It shows that God is with us (Emmanuel). It reminds us that true peace is not found in worldly power but in Christ's presence. It calls us to humility, compassion, and faith, following the example of shepherds and wise men who sought and worshiped Him.

The nativity is not simply a story of a baby born long ago; it is the beginning of redemption's story, the dawn of salvation, and the ultimate sign of God's love for humanity. In the manger at Bethlehem, heaven touched earth, and the world was forever changed. Now, will you let Christ change you?

Gary



A Child Is Born

Isaiah 7.14

- 1) Have you ever met anyone whose name did not seem to fit them?
- 2) Did you know that several names for Jesus were prophesied in the Old Testament scriptures?
- 3) How did Christ enter the world?

It Was Prophesied That...

I) To _____ A Child Would Be Born.

- A) Jesus was not born for kings or scholars or the elite; Jesus was born *“to us.”*
- 1) The prophetic message was _____—to all people (Luke 2.8-14).
 - 2) All people means the weary, the broken, the hopeful.
- B) God sent a _____ (Luke 2.16).
- C) God often shows up in unexpected, humble places.

II) The _____ Would Be On His Shoulders.

- A) What kind of governments do we have in the world today?
- 1) How do they rule?
 - 2) Jesus would not rule by _____ but by _____.
- B) When life feels chaotic, we need to remember who carries the weight.
- 1) Jesus appeared bringing _____ into _____ (Isaiah 9.2; John 8.12; I John 1.7).
 - 2) Whatever darkness we face...the birth of Jesus declares God’s light to be stronger.

III) His _____ Would Be Called....

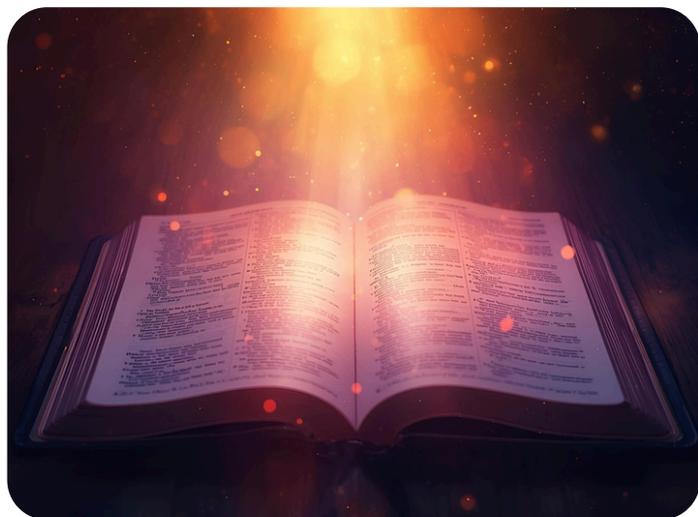
- A) _____
- 1) The title could be translated *“Wonder of a Counselor.”*
 - 2) The word *“wonderful”* is frequently used in the Old Testament to describe those things associated with God that are _____ and _____.
- B) _____.
- 1) This title points to the _____ of God.
 - 2) Jeremiah said, *“He shall be called _____ our righteousness” (Jeremiah 23.6).*
- C) _____.
- 1) The Hebrew literally says, “The Father of eternity.”
 - 2) The Father of eternity; by whom the _____ and every member of it, shall have _____.
- D) _____ of _____.
- 1) Jesus establishes and maintains true peace, not the peace of the world (John 14.27).
 - 2) This peace comes when _____, the cause of strife, is banished from a person’s life.

Conclusion: Do you need the Prince of Peace in your life today?

CONNECTION

C Good morning WH family! Just a reminder to please make plans to be with us on our next two midweek services (12/23 and 12/30) on **TUESDAY** nights instead of on Wednesdays. Those services will be special times of worship, prayer and listening to God speak to us through scripture.

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R I was asked by some to print the Bible study method we discussed last Sunday evening, So here it is. I hope it will help enhance your Bible study time.



Many Christians desire to read the Bible more deeply but are not always sure how to approach it in a meaningful way. One simple and helpful tool for personal Bible study is the SPECK method. The name itself reminds us to examine our hearts carefully as we read God’s Word—just as Jesus warned us not to ignore the “speck” in our own eye (Matthew 7:3–5).

The SPECK method encourages reflection, humility, and personal application by asking five important questions while reading Scripture:

S — Sin to Confess

As you read, ask whether the passage reveals any sin to avoid or confess. God’s Word often exposes attitudes, motives, or actions that need repentance (Psalm 51).

P — Promise to Claim

Does the passage contain a promise from God—either directly stated or implied? These promises strengthen faith and remind us of God’s faithfulness (2 Peter 1:10-11).

E — Example to Follow

Look for examples—both positive and negative—found in people or situations within the text. Scripture provides real-life illustrations to guide our choices today (1 Corinthians 10:11).

C — Command to Obey

Ask if there is a command God expects His people to follow. Obedience flows from love and trust in the Lord (John 13:34-35).

K — Knowledge About God

What does this passage teach about God’s character, His will, or His ways? Growing in knowledge of God draws us closer to Him (Hosea 6:3).

Whether used individually, in families, or in small groups, this simple approach helps God’s Word move from the page into our hearts—and into our daily lives. “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” — Psalm 119:105

We hope to see you for our holiday midweek services-- You’ll be blessed!

--Les Keele

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Layton Garner

Song Leader - Jonathan Bartee

Song - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Song - Joy To The World

Song - The First Noel

Song - Silent Night, Holy Night

Opening Prayer - Robert Scott

Scripture - Isaiah 7:14

Song - What Child Is This?

Lord's Supper - James Bowie

Prayer for Contribution - James Bowie

Song - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

A Child Is Born - Gary Williams

Song - Softly And Tenderly

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Ross Tomlinson

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Attendance

Attended Nursery: After communion, we have an attended nursery available for age birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Monday, December 22

Isaiah 36-38; Revelation 13

Tuesday, December 23

Isaiah. 39-41; Revelation 14

Wednesday, December 24

Isaiah 42-44; Revelation 15

Thursday, December 25

Isaiah 45-48; Revelation 16

Friday, December 26

Isaiah 49-52; Revelation 17

Saturday, December 27

Isaiah 53-55; Psalm 65; Revelation 18

Sunday, December 21

Isaiah 56; Revelation 19

Last Week

Bible Class	114	Wednesday	105
Worship	170	Contribution	\$ 7,686.50
Thai - Lao	30	Budget	\$ 14,216.88
Worship PM	38		

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM

FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND NEIGHBORS PRAYER REQUESTS

NAME	REQUESTED BY	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Jonathan Ball, son of	Greg and Janelle	Father-in-law passed away on December 12.	Comfort for the family
Evan	Senior at Weatherford Christian	Has cancer and the chemo is not working. The only alternative is a touchy surgery.	Doctors' skill and guidance for treatment and surgery
Tyler, friend of	Alex Bartee	His grandmother was having cancer surgery and things did not go well. She is currently in ICU.	Comfort for the family
Jeff Holland, nephew of	Judy Birmingham	Bladder cancer has returned.	Doctors to determine best course of treatment
Nic DiRocco, son of	Linda	More symptomatic with his MS and he is already on the best medicine.	Doctors to find ways of negating his symptoms
Paula, sister of	Patti Musselman	Cancer has returned and the chemo is not working. They are switching to a brand-new drug.	Doctors' skill and knowledge; new drug works and will eradicate the cancer
Sherry Scott, mother of	Robert	Health issues.	Healing
Shane Grantham	Michael and Kitti Davis	Suffers from cancer.	Healing
Becky Stark, cousin's wife of	Adam Powers	Emergency surgery to remove brain aneurysm.	Healing
Brooke, niece of	Misty Martinez	Will have rods placed in her hip this summer to correct dysplasia from birth.	For her to handle the pain while awaiting surgery
Terry Stom, husband of	Pam	Has returned home.	Healing
Tracie Jones, wife of	Russ	Health issues.	Healing

MEMBERS PRAYER LIST

NAME	CIRCUMSTANCE	PRAY FOR
Les Keele	Home with Flu A. 11017 Texanum Trail, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Strength and healing
Bob Willyerd	Has returned home on palliative care. 3704 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76133	Comfort
Carl and Fern Green	Carl has been in the hospital but is now at home and Fern has also been having some health issues. 310 East Oak Street, Aledo, Texas 76008	Improved health for them both
Thonglouth Manyoun	In the passing of her husband, Thienxay, and her leg is in extreme pain. 5913 Lakeview Court, Fort Worth, Texas 76137	Comfort and healing
Charles Stephan	Has moved to Willow Park Rehab, Room 411. 633 South Kate Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Patricia Emerson	Cancer has returned. 6536 Wooddale, Fort Worth, Texas 76148	Remission and healing
Kitti Davis	Is suffering from Parkinson's. 812 Ala Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76108	Healing
Lorenza Fernandez	Is taking care of Emilio and herself. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Strength to assist Emilio
Emilio Fernandez	Has had another fall. He has good and bad days but sleeps through most of them. 232 Lochness Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	Healing and strength to walk
Brandon Duncan	Had successful spinal fusion surgery. 110 McAnear Street, Cleburne, Texas 76033	Complete healing and freedom from pain
Mary East	On hospice at Mark and Karen's home. 101 Rambling Trail, Weatherford, Texas 76087	Strength for Mary and guidance for Mark and Karen
Rob Donahue	Needs a job. 4529 Starlight Drive, Benbrook, Texas 76126	That God provides the perfect place for him

WORDS OF THANKS

Dear Family Of God,

Thank you so much for all the wonderful prayers, the delicious food, and the encouraging cards sent to me. I am doing so much better but with less strength. God has been so good to all of us!

In Christian Love,
Lea Savage

To Our Beloved Church Family,

Words cannot fully express our deep gratitude for the incredible love and support you have shown us during this difficult time following the passing of my dad. Your prayers were a source of strength and comfort to our family. We are so thankful to our church family for the calls, messages, cards, and the support of those that traveled to attend the funeral. We are so blessed to be a part of this church family. We have felt the love and prayers every moment.

In Christian Love,
Zac, Amy, Boyce, Abel, and Eli

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Will resume January 8,
2026

MEN'S AND LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Classes will resume on January 6,
2026

SYMPATHY

CD Purselley passed away on December 15.
His services will be at
Greenwood
Saturday, January 3, 2026
11:30 AM Viewing
12:00 PM Service

WINTER QUARTER CLASSES

Sunday Morning Classes

Auditorium: Jonathan Bartee: Apologetics For The Faithful Christian

Young Adult Class: Education Building: Riley Bowie: Habits of the Household
Books may be purchased in the office for \$7

Wednesday Night Class

Auditorium: Jay Garner: Philippians

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

We are invited to a special event on Sunday, December 21. The Thai-Lao Fellowship is hosting a Christmas Potluck and \$20 Gift Exchange. Their worship begins at 10 and the meal will follow. Please bring your holiday dishes and come and join in the friendship!

OFFICE CLOSURES

December 24
December 25
December 31
January 1

MID - WEEK SERVICE CHANGES

Tuesday, December 23 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 3 7:00 PM

We need men who are willing to volunteer in assisting with these services.
Please see Les Keele if you are willing and able to serve.

