

*Welcome*  
**YOU BELONG  
HERE**

**SUNDAY**  
**December 10, 2023**

Building Relationships That Lead to  
Gospel Transformation

**10:45 AM SERVICE**

He Shall Reign Forevermore  
Bethlehem Skies  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
I Heard The Bells On  
Christmas Day

Message by  
Pastor Chris Watson  
Matthew 1:18-25  
John 1:1-5, 14-18  
Isaiah 7:14  
"Christ's Birth Brought the  
Word in Flesh."

**NURSERY 12/10**

Bed Babies: Greta Wood/NEED VOLUNTEER  
Toddlers: Debbie Allen & Pat Carden  
Childrens Church: Joan Hughey & Stormy Howard

**WED. NIGHT MEALS**

Meals will resume on January 10, 2024

**STEWARDSHIP GOALS**

2023 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$261,379.21
2023 Offering Received (YTD)	\$244,500.31
Offerings +over/-short YTD	-\$16,878.90

**Christ's Birth Brought the Word in Flesh**  
**John 1:1-5, John 1:14-18, Matthew 1:18-25 and Isaiah 7:14**  
**December 10, 2023**

*18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is [conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name Jesus.*

**Matthew 1:18-25**

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*

**John 1:1-5**

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" 16 And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared Him.*

**John 1:14-18**

*Therefore, the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.*

**Isaiah 7:14**

**Christ Birth Brought the Word in Flesh and in doing so we believe and know:**

**1) Jesus was not, nor was He was ever intended to be Plan B. (John 1:1-3)**

We see Jesus several times just in the first few chapters of Genesis.

**2) Jesus Brings Life and Freedom. (John 1:4-5)**

John 17:3 describes eternal life and the freedom that it brings to simply "know God."

**3) Jesus was and is full of Grace and Truth. (John 1:14-18)**

*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*

**John 8:32**

**Prayer Focus:**

- **Trust God's sovereignty and plan.**
- **Have I received the freedom and life that only Jesus brings?**
- **Do I both seek to give and receive the grace and truth that is of Jesus?**