

Welcome
**YOU BELONG
HERE**

SUNDAY
December 24, 2023

**Building Relationships That Lead to
Gospel Transformation**

10:45 AM SERVICE

Joy To The World
O Come All Ye Faithful
Hark The Herald Angels Sing
Angels We Have Heard On High
Go Tell It On The Mountain
Your Praise Goes On
Special: Ivy Coleman- Violin

Message by
Pastor Chris Watson
"Christ's Birth Brought Life."

John 11:17-27, 14:1-6, 14:15-18,
John 3:17-21, Matthew 1:18-
25

NURSERY 12/24

Bed Babies: Family Service
Toddlers: Family Service
Childrens Church: Family Service

WED. NIGHT MEALS

Meals will resume on January 10, 2024

STEWARDSHIP GOALS

2023 Offering Goal (YTD)	\$272,047.75
2023 Offering Received (YTD)	\$256,902.56
Offerings +over/-short YTD	-\$15,145.19

Christ's Birth Brought Life **December 24, 2023**

So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. 19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."
John 11:17-27

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. **John 14:1-6**

15 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.
John 14:15-18

Physical death is imminent for all (unless God comes back first) and spiritual existence is true for all; will it be life (with Jesus) or death (apart from Him)?

The Birth of Christ would in time bring Life:

Way - There is but 1 Way.

How do we walk in the way? Humbly, Holy and thru the Holy Spirit!

17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."
John 3:17-21

Truth - There is only One.

For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6

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

Life- Come to have life and more abundantly.

God came to us thru Jesus and left us with the Holy Spirit!

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

Prayer Focus:

Do I know the Way, Truth and the Life?

Am I living in the Way, Truth and Life?

Celebrate Christmas this year by doing so!