

Christmas Celebrated

Luke 2:8-11

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Christmas Truth: The birth of Jesus brings joy to those looking for the Savior.

I. The _____ of Joy

The angel delivered _____ news of _____ joy.

Point 1: Joy is the _____ state that results from knowing and trusting God; the fruit of right fellowship with Him.

Point 2: Unlike happiness based on changing circumstances, happiness in God involves no uncertainty since He is the _____ source.

II. The _____ of Joy

The good news of great joy is for _____ people.

Point: We can consider the good news of great joy for _____ today.

III. The _____ for Joy

A Savior, who is Christ the Lord, was _____.

Point 1: The birth of the _____ brings joy to believers because He is the One to rescue us from the penalty, power, and presence of sin.

Point 2: The birth of the _____ brings joy to believers because He is the One God promised to send to defeat Satan, to be a world-wide blessing, and to reign eternally as King.

Point 3: The birth of the _____ brings joy to believers because He is God in the flesh possessing authority, power, and control.

IV. The _____ of Joy

Point 1: The _____ of unrepentance and unbelief makes joy unavailable for _____ people.

Point 2: The _____ of sin makes joy absent for _____ people.



Good News Great Joy

WORSHIP GATHERING

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (King of Heaven)"

WELCOME & PRAYER

"Come Adore Him"

"Jesus, Messiah"

PRAYER

"Good News Great Joy"

MESSAGE

PRAYER AND COMMITMENT

CLOSING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Children's Choir will present **"We Knead a Little Christmas"** tonight at 6:00 p.m. The preschoolers will begin the night with a couple of Christmas songs as well. This will be a great night for the entire church family.

Reminder, everyone is encouraged to participate in **14 Days of Christmas** (Dec. 8-21) with your family, Sunday School class, or ministry team. Find ways to love, serve, and care for people face-to-face while sharing the hope that we have in Jesus.

Christmas Caroling & the Chick-fil-A dinner are Wednesday, December 18 for those who signed up. Enjoy a Chick-fil-A sandwich, potato chips, and drink for \$5. Dinner will be from 4:45-5:45 p.m. in Boatner Hall. Church-wide Christmas caroling will follow dinner. Anyone ages 3 and up participating in Christmas caroling should meet in Boatner Hall at 5:45 p.m. Childcare will be provided for children ages 2 and under. (Midweek Prayer & Bible Study will still be held at 6:00 p.m. for those not caroling.)

Everyone is encouraged to attend our **Candlelight Lord's Supper** Sunday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Park Place is thankful for **Brett Lunsford** and **Darren Scoggin** on their 1st anniversaries and **Lori Brian** on her 11th anniversary! Be sure to praise God for these staff members.

Everyone is encouraged to give to the **International Mission Offering**. Use the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering envelopes available in the pew racks.

The **VIP (Volunteers in Preschool) Ministry** is in need of at least 8-10 workers to join the rotation. Contact Sarah Scoggin at 601-319-0735 for requirements and more information.

The **tax return** for Park Place Christian Academy is available for review in the church office.

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

12/8/24

Weekly Budget Receipts	\$36,213
Weekly Budget Required	\$35,660
Giving over (under) budget	\$553
Global Impact	\$260
Construction & Renovation	\$40
Other	\$2,592
Total Received	\$39,105

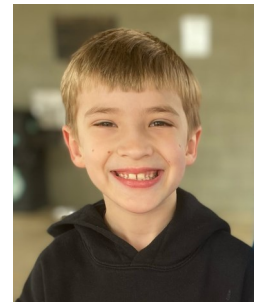
YTD Budget Needed	\$1,747,326
YTD Budget Received	\$1,641,541

REJOICING OVER DECISIONS MADE



Gaylon & Gail Smith

*Requesting Membership
by Transfer of Letter*



Will Cook

*Requesting Membership
by Baptism*

MISSIONS HIGHLIGHT



Every year, Southern Baptists collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering where 100% of the money given sends and support missionaries. Here are a few stats reported by IMB missionaries and national partners from 2023:

879,798
HEARD THE GOSPEL

141,206
NEW BELIEVERS

116,992
BAPTISMS