

Have A Very Merry Christmas



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THE VISION

December 2016

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”

Amen. Matthew 28:19-20

What is your favorite Christmas hymn? Mine is “Joy to The World.” The refrain sums up the message of Christmas: “Joy to the World, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.”

In 1917 when Isaac Watts wrote this song, he based it on Psalm 98. It was not meant to be a Christmas song but a song about the Lord’s second coming. When Christ returns, it will be a joyful time of singing and praising our Savior.

Every Christmas season, carolers proclaim God’s joyful message. In stores you can hear the hymns that sing of our Lord. “Joy to the World” invites ALL people to come and unite with earth’s true king. The thrill of hope touches a weary world with anticipation of experiencing something truly divine!

Joy came to the world because God, our Creator, loved His creation so much that He sent His Son to reveal His story. The joy of receiving earth’s king reveals God’s character and ultimate good will toward mankind.

The impact on earth of Christ’s birth will never diminish despite the enemies’ attempts to stop

it. **John 21:25** says that the world would not be able to contain the books that could be written about what the Lord did while on earth. Since then many more testimonies of His transforming love have been and will be written.

Nehemiah 8 records, after sharing God’s Word, Nehemiah, the leaders, and the people celebrated the Feast of Tabernacles with great joy. **Nehemiah 8:10**, “Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

This season, we too can rejoice! We rejoice because of our Savior’s birth, His purpose, and His expected return to call all of His people to spend eternity in Heaven. This Christmas season, let us rejoice!

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Bud Goude





Christmas Doves

“...and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove...” Matthew 3:16

Would you like to place a Dove on the tree in memory or in honor of a loved one? A dove can be placed for a minimum of a \$5.00 donation, but more will gladly be accepted. Donations will go to support benevolence. The deadline is Wednesday 12/21 and doves will be placed on the tree as donations are received.

A dove contributors list will be included in the Christmas bulletin. Place your form and payment in the labeled box in the Narthex. Contact Paulette Ashe at 642-3251 if any questions. Thank you for your generosity!

Week of Prayer for International Missions

December 4-11

We will again be collecting the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Envelopes and flyers will be in your bulletins.

This year the WMU will not be hosting a Lottie Moon Tea. Instead, we will be offering cookies in the Narthax in honor of Lottie Moon. We encourage you to take a baggie of cookies and contribute to the Lottie Moon Offering.

Our goal this year is \$2300. Please support our international missionaries by contributing to this offering.



Deacon of the Week

12/4—Gary Mangrum
12/11—Bill Breeden
12/18—Gus Saunders
12/25—Seth Gandee

Nursery Workers

12/4—Beverly West
12/11—Pauline Littell
12/18—Tracy Williams
12/25—Rebecca Joyce

December Tellers

Buddy Hogge
Ted Fisher

December Ushers:

Sonya Anthony
Stan Gandee
Seth Gandee
Jamie Moore

Sun. Sch. Nursery
Sharon/Howard Warren



DECEMBER **WORKERS**

Older Children's Church

12/4—Sarah Saunders
12/11—Jennifer/Derick Hall
12/18—Madison/Seth Gandee
12/25—Charlene/John West

Younger Children's Church

12/4—Kristen Eifes/Tracy Williams
12/11—Jennifer Podbesek/Sonya Anthony
12/18—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner
12/25—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells



“Away In A Manger”

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes;
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.



Christmas Cantata and Reception

Please make plans to join us
for the Christmas Cantata

6:30pm
December 18th

A reception will follow.



Christmas Eve Service

Invite your family and friends to join us for a beautiful candlelight
Christmas Eve Service at 5:00pm.

There will be Christmas music, scriptures, and the Lord's Supper.

