

NEWS+EVENTS

December 18, 2022

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December Memory Verse: “But to all who did receive Him, who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13). The **2-year Bible Reading Plan for Dec.** can be picked up at the Welcome Desk or accessed on our website.

Christmas Season Schedule Changes:

Dec. 22, 26 and Jan. 2: the church office is closed

Jan 1: 10:30am Worship Service ONLY

Dec. 21 and 28: No Wednesday evening activities

Christmas Service: Join us Dec. 25 in worship at 10:30am, in celebrating not only the incarnation of our Savior but also remembering His death while taking the Lord's Supper together. (No 9am ABE, Youth or Children's classes.) Childcare is provided for birth through four years old.

Important Notice: In order to claim a charitable contribution for 2022, donations must be made online or postmarked by Saturday, Dec. 31. Checks may also be delivered to Heritage on or before Thursday, Dec. 29 (the church office will be closed Dec. 30-Jan. 2). Checks received after Dec. 31 will not qualify for a charitable contribution, even if the check is predated or was actually written in 2022. A record of your contributions to Heritage will be mailed to you in January.

Women's Bible Studies Sign-up online: Wednesday Evening 6:30-8pm (Starting Jan. 11): A study through the Book of Philippians (\$7 resource book by Lydia Brownback). **Thursday Morning 9:30-11:30am (Starting Jan. 12):** A study through the Book of Habakkuk (\$7 resource book by Lydia Brownback).

4MEN Sign-up online: Wednesday 6:30pm (Starting Jan. 11) and Thursday 6:00am (Starting Jan. 12): How is your knowledge of God? Are there any points of theology where you need help from the Scriptures? Join us for a study about the essentials of who God is and how knowing this motivates us toward greater devotion to Him. We will be using the book *Concise Theology* by J. I. Packer. (\$8).

2:7 Bible Study: Wednesday 6:30-8pm (Starting Jan. 11): A study for men and women to help you get rooted and built up in your faith. Aimed to develop disciples who experience long-term, life-changing results.

Why Did Christ Come?

The Meaning of Christmas



As a family of forgiven people we are honored that you have joined with us today as we seek to develop people who delight in God and declare His glory—from our neighborhoods to the nations. Our prayer is that you will connect with God through Christ this morning and that this would be the beginning of a deep connection with other believers as well. Please take a moment to fill out the Communication Card located under the pew in front of you and place it in an offering pedestal in the back of the Worship Center.

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Call To Worship

Pastoral Prayer

*Jim Jackson,
Family Pastor*

Songs of Worship

*Sing We the Song of
Emmanuel*

*Come Behold the Wondrous
Mystery*

Scripture Reading

John 1:1-14

Songs of Worship

O Holy Night

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep
Silence*

Message

*Marty Brown,
Teaching Pastor*

Song of Response

*Sing We the Song of
Emmanuel*

“When did Christ defeat Satan? Well, it was predicted immediately after the fall in the third chapter of the Bible, when it says Christ will ‘bruise [Him] on the head’ (Genesis 3:15). I John 3:8, ‘The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.’ We see this victory ultimately happen through His Passion when our Savior defeated the devil and dealt Him a mortal wound. Hebrews 2:14, ‘That through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.’ Colossians 2:15, ‘When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.’ And then He ascended to the ‘right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.’ (I Peter 3:22). The war is over. The mission is completed. Satan is defeated. And while he still ‘prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour,’ (I Peter 5:8), his ultimate defeat is guaranteed. Romans 16:20, ‘The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.’ Revelation 20:10, ‘And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.’”

~Randy Smith

“The Christian message is that there is hope for a ruined humanity – hope of pardon, hope of peace with God, hope of glory – because at the Father’s will Jesus became poor, and was born in a stable so that thirty years later He might hang on a cross.”

~J.I. Packer

“The defeat of the devil may mean rejoicing in heaven at the prospect of his doom, but it means more fighting and more suffering for the people of God on earth who must endure the onslaught of this defeated but still dangerous enemy. A cornered enemy with nothing to lose can be a desperate and dangerous foe.”

~Robert S. Rayburn

Doomed by a Baby

Revelation 12:1-17

Big Truth of this Series: As we begin the Advent (Christmas) season, we will look at the question, “Why did Christ come?” He came to save sinners, to testify to the truth, and to destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil.

Big Truth of Today’s Message: This is a cosmic, panoramic Christmas story in which God is faithful to keep His promises to send His Son into the world to save sinners and to defeat the awful power of the evil one.

The promised Messiah, born as a baby into a world of satanic oppression. (12:1-6)

The promised Messiah defeats the dragon and gives salvation to His people. (12:7-12)

The promised Messiah provides deliverance for His people in the war. (12:13-17)