

Christmas & New Year Season Schedule Changes:

Dec. 26 and Jan. 2: the Church Office is Closed

Jan 1: 10:30am Worship Service ONLY

Dec. 28: No Wednesday evening activities

Jan. 4: AWANA, Youth & Choir resume (no Fellowship meal)

Jan. 11: 4MEN, Women's Bible Study & 2:7 begin

New Year's Service: Join us Jan. 1 in worship at 10:30am, (No 9am ABF, 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). **Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm** in The House with Darise Hails (Starting Jan. 12); A study through the Book of Matthew (\$7 resource book *Seek First the Kingdom* by Christine Hoover)

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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December 25, 2022

Call To Worship

Pastoral Prayer

*Marty Brown
Teaching Pastor*

Baptism

Songs of Worship

*Hark the Herald Angels Sing
What Child Is This?*

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-33

Songs of Worship

Behold Our God

Message

*Marty Brown,
Teaching Pastor*

The Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Behold Our God

“If God had perceived that our greatest need was economic, he would have sent an economist. If he had perceived that our greatest need was entertainment, he would have sent us a comedian or an artist. If God had perceived that our greatest need was political stability, he would have sent us a politician. If he had perceived that our greatest need was health, he would have sent us a doctor. But he perceived that our greatest need involved our sin, our alienation from him, our profound rebellion, our death; and he sent us a Savior.” ~D.A. Carson

“The spirit of Christmas needs to be superseded by the Spirit of Christ. The spirit of Christmas is annual; the Spirit of Christ is eternal. The spirit of Christmas is sentimental; the Spirit of Christ is supernatural. The spirit of Christmas is a human product; the Spirit of Christ is a divine person. That makes all the difference in the world.” ~Stuart Briscoe

“If we could condense the truths of Christmas into only three words, these would be the words: ‘God with us.’ We tend to focus our attention at Christmas on the infancy of Christ. The greater truth of the holiday is His deity. More astonishing than a baby in the manger is the truth that this promised baby is the omnipotent Creator of the heavens and earth.” ~John MacArthur

“Jesus Christ is not merely a king, but ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’ (Revelation 19:16). Thus when you confess that ‘Jesus Christ is Lord’ you at once confess His incarnation and His Messiahship and His lordship, sealed by His glorious resurrection as He now forever reigns.” ~Kent Hughes

The Coming of the King

Isaiah 9:6-7

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: 700 years before the birth of Christ a royal announcement was proclaimed of the coming of the King of kings into the world.

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called

Wonderful Counselor,

Mighty God,

Everlasting Father,

Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.