

## NEWS+EVENTS

December 4, 2022

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**Kingdom Kids Christmas 2022.** Please consider and pray about sponsoring backpacks for this outreach church planting tool to be used by pastors in 450 remote mountain communities in Southern Mexico. Find an envelope with more information at the Welcome Desk.

**Life Adult (60 & up) Christmas Luncheon** today, Dec. 4, right after the worship service in the Chapel/Café. Join your brothers and sisters in celebrating the incarnation of our Savior Jesus!

**Monthly Fellowship Meal, Wed. Dec. 7** (first Wed. each month) served 5:15-6:00pm in the Chapel. On the menu is Baked Ziti, Salad Bar, Garlic Bread, & Italian Cream Cake; the cost for adults is \$4, and children is \$2.50. Please let us know you are coming on our News+Events page.

**Choir & Orchestra Rehearsal Wed. Dec. 7**, 6:30 to 7:30pm: If you would like to be a part of the choir or orchestra, contact Jonathan Dirrim, [jonathan@heritageokc.org](mailto:jonathan@heritageokc.org).

**Parent's Night Out, Dec. 9, 6-9pm.** The Student Ministry will be providing childcare so parents can have an evening out! There is no cost, however, tax-deductible donations will go toward the Scholarship Fund to help students pay for mission trips. **Sign up by Dec. 7th** by emailing [shawn@heritageokc.org](mailto:shawn@heritageokc.org).

**HBC Christmas Brunch, Dec. 11, 9am** in Herndon Hall: What a great time we have when the Body of Christ gathers to celebrate the arrival of our great Hope and Redemption! Enjoy gathering to “break bread” together with delicious Christmas goodies and the smiles of those who prepare it. (No 9:00am ABF, Youth or Children’s classes.) Following this at 10:30 a.m., together we will sing to the Lord and gather around the Word. (Note: Childcare is provided during the worship service only for birth through 4-years.)

**You are invited** to join us in honoring Hope Carney and soon to-be-here baby boy: **Sunday, December 11, 6:30pm** at the home of Laura Burkhart (328 E. Meade Dr, Yukon 73099). *Diapers and wipes would be most helpful.*

**Christmas Season Schedule Changes.** The last day of AWANA this year is Dec. 14; it resumes Jan 4, 2023. The church office is closed on Thurs., Dec. 22 and Mon., Jan. 2. 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 ABF, Youth or Children’s classes.) Childcare is provided for birth through four years old.

# 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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**AWANA Children  
Sing  
Call To Worship  
Pastoral Prayer**

Marty Brown,  
Teaching Pastor

**Songs of Worship**

Joy To The World

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1:18-25

**Songs of Worship**

The First Noel  
(Born Is The King)

**Message**

Marty Brown

**Song of Response**

Joy To The World

"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

"What is the best safeguard against false teaching? Beyond all doubt the regular study of the Word of God, with prayer for the teaching of the Holy Spirit. The Bible was given to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. The man who reads it aright will never be allowed greatly to err. It is neglect of the Bible which makes so many a prey to the first false teacher whom they hear. They would have us believe that 'they are not learned, and do not pretend to have decided opinions.' The plain truth is that they are lazy and idle about reading the Bible, and do not like the trouble of thinking for themselves. Nothing supplies false prophets with followers so much as spiritual sloth under a cloak of humility." ~J. C. Ryle

"The early Christians condemned false doctrine in a way that sounds almost unchristian today."  
~Vance Havener

"No one sets out to become an apostate – it's never the result of one abrupt, drastic turn away from the Lord. Instead, apostasy is most often the product of a pattern of sinful compromises that harden and gradually steer a professing believer away from the truth."  
~John MacArthur

## **Truth Robbers**

**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:** Continuing Paul's warning to the church at Ephesus, we must set the coming of Christ into the larger context of the war for truth.

**The violence of Christmas.**

**The war is for truth.**

**The anatomy of a shipwrecked life.**