



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 12/12 Progressive Dinner & Gift Exchange (\$10 Gift)
- 12/17 LTC Commitment Forms Due
- 01/09 Lock In

**6 reasons why Jesus came**

1. Christ came to ransom many; that is, he was the price that was paid to purchase their \_\_\_\_\_ from their \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Christ came to seek and save the lost. Specifically, that is he came to \_\_\_\_\_ and save \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jesus came to give sight to the morally blind. Those who cannot tell right from wrong often are upset because Christ came to show the \_\_\_\_\_ of God which always overshadows the \_\_\_\_\_ of man. There is no situational ethic involved.
4. Christ came to divide households. That is, although He may cost us \_\_\_\_\_ we have even to the identity of our family, following Christ is worth \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Jesus came to save from divine condemnation, which is what we have earned and to replace that with \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Jesus Christ came to give eternal life to those who \_\_\_\_\_ to Him and \_\_\_\_\_ themselves to follow Him.

**Attendance**

Bible Class (9:30) .....	62
Worship A.M (10:30).....	116
Worship P.M (5:00) .....	36
Small Groups P.M. (6:00).....	63
Wednesday (6:30).....	104

2014 Budget: \$3,600  
 Contribution: \$4,153.88

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**Welcome**

**December 14, 2014**

**Announcements**

- #446 Hear, O Israel (all)**
- #742 When Upon Life's Billows (all)**

**Opening Prayer**

- #266 Majesty (x2)**
- #361 Nailed to the Cross (1,3)**

**Communion Focus**

**Communion**

- #83 God Is So Good (all)**

**Offering**

- #1012 Go Tell It on the Mountain (all)**

**Scripture Reading**

**Jeremiah 33:14-18**

**Sermon**

- #852 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder (all)**
- #1003 Silent Night! Holy Night! (1, 3)**

**Closing Prayer**



Silent Night; Holy night; All is calm, all is bright, Round yon virgin mother and child, Holy infant so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace. Such are the lyrics of one of my own personal favorite Christmas carols. But there is a problem in this. That is, it frames the way in which we see Christ and what it takes to understand him.


It works like this: when we see the arrival of Christ in this picture-perfect, postcard moment, the picture we get is one where everyone and everything is peacefully, perfectly, restfully waiting on the arrival of Christ and is just as peaceful, perfect and restful after His coming...even to the point of being reverently worshipful; that's the expectation we begin to build for those seeking Him. When we see Mary on her knees wearing a Mona Lisa smile, hands folded, gazing lovingly down into the manger as the cow chews its cud while laying near by with the donkey (and camels?) in the background it taints our image of Christ, no matter how idealistic.

You see, when Christ was born, it was an average, ordinary night. His earthly parents had been pressed by law into traveling while Mary was very, very pregnant. They were in town on government orders with no place to stay. The manger stank and undoubtedly had manure and other odors in it. Mary didn't have a miraculously easy delivery. The wise men weren't waiting outside with gifts to bestow on the king, in fact, the government tried to kill him when they learned of the Magi's reason for coming.

And this is an important distinction. It is important because we need to see, to know and understand that Christ came into the world not because it is idealistic, but because it is imperfect. He came for the struggling, the weak, and the unrighteous. He came precisely because the world had no room for Him as creator God and so needed the thing only He could provide...a Savior. He came for the ordinary; not the extraordinary. He came to provide a ransom for me. And for you. And He didn't wait until we were perfect, peaceful, calm and ideal. He came in the hour of need. No wonder they call Him Immanuel, God with us. Savior. King. Jesus. In Him, Todd




**Brenda Estridge** has Shingles.  
**Amelia Davis** has an appointment with a neurologist on Thursday.  
**Continue to Remember:** *Krista McCarty, Richard Barks, Melissa James, Ken Rabon, Mary Taylor, Kirby Whitley, Jennie Waggoner, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Khristie Beaird, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Coach Darren Mayes, Karla Brinkley, April Taylor & Chris Davis*  
**Grace Care Center Shut-ins:** *Francis Coker, Lavoise Donnell, Jerry Greene, Lillian Wines, David Waggoner & Bill Wood.* **PLEASE STOP BY AND VISIT IF YOU CAN.**



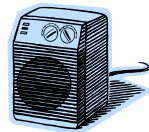
**We have a new sister in Christ! Please welcome Lindsey Yarbrough into our Christian family. She was baptized Monday, December 8th.**

**The Ladies Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 17th at 6:30 at Angie Duncan's home. Bring a snack if you would like.**

**We collected \$1,386.36. to help Willie Gley, our missionary in Africa. Thank you for your generosity!**




**Congratulations to Sophie & Tray Perry on the birth of their first grandchild. Ryker Tray Garza was born Thursday night, December 11th. He was 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. Proud parents are Eric and Courtney Garza.**



**SonShine House is in need of blankets and heaters. We received a donation of some heaters and blankets, but we need more to keep these families warm this winter.**

**During your holiday cooking, be sure to keep your eyes out for the Box Tops for Education. Each one of these is 10 cents for our school children. Please cut them out and turn them into the office.**




**Upcoming Events:**  
**12/13 Church Christmas Party**  
**12/17 Elders & Deacons Meeting**  
**12/18 State Hospital Christmas Party (6:30)**  
**12/21 Monthly Potluck**  
**12/29 SonShine House (6:00-7:30)**  
 Saturday Mornings @ 9 Ladies' Breakfast @ Stewart's Sweet Stop  
 Tuesday Mornings @ 10 Ladies' Bible Class  
 Thursday Mornings @ 10 Men's Bible Class

**Birthdays:**  
 14 Paul Landis  
 19 Courtney Garza  
 22 Dorothy Sanders  
 23 Sandy Webb  
 23 Madeline Marks  
 24 Hollis Adams  
**Anniversaries:**  
 20 Mike & Selinda Taylor  
 31 Lynn & Vikki Salmon



*white ELEPHANT gift exchange*  
 The Ladies Bible Class will have their white elephant gift exchange at the home of Margret Sims on Tuesday. Bring your gift & favorite finger food.

**Our Annual State Hospital Christmas Party is Thursday December 18th at 6:30. If you plan on going, please sign up on the foyer table.**

