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JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Behold the Lamb Luke 2:1-20

The fact that Jesus was born in Bethlehem was no accident. The prophet Micah, who lived 737 to 690 BC, that's seven hundred years before Christ, predicted, "out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."

While it should not surprise us that Jesus was born where the Bible says He would be, the events surrounding His arrival there are amazing. You see Mary and Joseph lived some 70 miles north of Bethlehem and even though they were engaged to be married, they had not even thought about having a child much less traveling to Bethlehem to have it. Now watch how God works using whoever to get the job done. For the Messiah to be born in the right location, a series of events worked together to bring that to pass. We all remember the story of how Joseph at first wants to divorce Mary because she is pregnant, then the Holy Spirit tells him how she got pregnant and he decides to take her to be his wife. First God used a pagan emperor named Caesar Augustus who lived a thousand miles away in Rome to issue a

decree that all his subjects should be registered and taxed.

This order for a census is sent out all over the Roman Empire which included Israel. The call is issued in Israel and Joseph takes Mary and returns to the ancestral home of his family, Bethlehem.

This may not mean much to you, but it does teach us that Caesar may have been ruling, but God was overruling! God, in His providence, worked out all the details necessary so that Jesus might be born where the prophets said that He would be. By the way, if He can do that, then surely our little needs are easy.

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Church Events

- Dec 2 -MDO & DBC KidSing
- Dec 2 -The Lord's Supper
- Dec 5 -Choir Dress Rehearsal
- Dec 9 -Christmas Program
- Dec 9 -Christmas Fellowship
- Dec 24 -Christmas Eve Service

Staff

- Phil Risley, Pastor
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- Church Calendar available 24/7 on our website dellviewbaptistchurch.org
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Time Plays No Favorites

.... By Billie Schneider

I heard a story of a mother whose two sons were arguing over the last piece of pie on the plate. Being very wise (like Solomon), she told them to share it. "One can cut and the other choose first." That apparently solved the problem because she didn't hear any more bickering. Justice had been served.

On this first day of the last month of the year, I am reminded that time is just, too. Time plays no favorites. It runs at the same 60-second a minute pace for everyone. Why is it some people seem to get more done with their hours in a day than others? One of their secrets is they are probably more organized than most people. If you can, visualize this year as a pie cut in 12 pieces – 11 of them already gone and you are down to the last sliver. Take a few moments out of

your busy holiday schedule to ask God how He would have you use the last twelfth of 2018. Then follow God's leading to end this year helping others, showing love and unity, creating special times with your family, worshiping throughout the season with your church family and friends, and thanking God for His special gift to us – Jesus, who brought us salvation through the birth we celebrate this twelfth month.

Take extra time just for yourself to enjoy your personal time with God using scripture, meditation and MUSIC to feel the magnitude of His love for you. Then as the stresses you feel during this busy time try to alter your focus, you can break it down to one bite of pie for each of 31 days. You'll reach 2019 with your faith and sanity intact, ready to recall "*O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!*"



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TOWARDS OUR CHRISTMAS BASKETS, PLEASE MARK YOUR ENVELOPE "CHRISTMAS BASKETS." WE ARE NOT COLLECTING FOOD DONATIONS THIS YEAR.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

We encourage you to write a Christmas card to members of our church who are homebound or in the nursing home.

Midge Arvin 1920 Edison Dr 78201

Cleta Gordon 855 E Basse #126 78209

Maxie & Gloria Neal 150 Eland 78213

Joyce Peters 120 Crosspoint #305 Boerne Tx 78006

Gudrun Onesimus 7190 Oaklawn Dr #104 78229

Kelly Sartain 5050 Timberhill #107 78238

Alice Wagner 14322 Chadbourne 78232

Mary & Jerry Wilmoth 1726 Farwell 78213

Bertha Vargas 2803 Fredericksburg Rd #2103 78201

**Don't miss this year's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 9 at 10:45
Join us afterwards for tamales
Bring a Christmas dessert**

Dellview Choir Presents:

Mary, Did You Know?

Sunday, Dec. 9 at 10:45



Christmas Fellowship After The Program

Church Providing Tamales and More - Bring A Dessert

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We are told that the Savior's entrance into this world was anything but glorious. When the young couple arrived in Bethlehem, they discovered that there was no place for them to stay. They found refuge in a stall used to house animals. When Mary delivered Jesus, she placed the Baby in a feed trough.

Imagine, God Himself came into this world. The same God Who made the universe and all the treasures found within that universe. He came in to this world as a little Baby. But, He was not born into the lap of luxury. He was born into the squalor of abject poverty. Philippians 2:7 tells us *"...but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself..."* His humble birth signified the kind of life Jesus would live all the time He was here on this earth.

The God who made everything and who could have had anything chose to live a life of poverty. Why? There is just one answer: because He loves us. Listen to 2 Corinthians. 8:9, *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."* He did it so that He might understand our burdens.

I am glad that Jesus was born in a manger and not a palace. I am glad that He was born into humble surroundings and not into the opulence of wealth. Why? If He had been born in a palace, the shepherds would not have had access to Him. But, because He was born in poverty and in humble surroundings, He is more approachable to the common man. You and I would feel uncomfortable approaching a Savior reared in the lap of luxury, but we have less trouble coming to a Lord who has walked some of the same hard paths we walk.

Are you in a personal relationship with Jesus today? If you are, then you know what I am talking about. If you are not, you can come to know Him if you will come before Him and trust Him by faith. Will you do that today? Will you embrace Heaven's Lamb as the Savior of your soul? The Lamb was provided for you, but He will do you no good unless you come to Him.

Join Us For Every Service!



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Worship	26	27	28 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29	30	1 9:00 AM Deacon's Meeting
2 Kids Sunday-kids stay in church with parents 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM KidSing (and MDO) 10:45 AM The Lord's Supper 10:45 AM Worship	3	4	5 7:00 PM Christmas Music Dress Rehearsal	6	7	8
9 9:00 AM Finance Team 9:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM W/Team Practice 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Christmas Program 10:45 AM Worship 12:00 PM Christmas Fellowship	10	11	12 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Bible Study 10:30 AM Videos & Visitation 10:45 AM Worship	17	18	19	20	21	22
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Howard Molina | 18 Helen Brown |
| 5 Cyndi Sanchez | 18 James Cain |
| 9 Ben Huff | 19 Angi Olsen |
| 10 Anthony Olsen | 23 Gina Weikel |
| 11 Mildred Plummer | 25 Michael Nunes |
| 16 Maxine Hix | 25 Michael Rios |
| 17 Olga Ramirez | 25 Joyce Peters |
| 18 Billy Miller | 30 Lena Lovett |
| | 31 David LaRo |

Meet the Members ... The Carpenter Family



Meet the Carpenter's Joseph and Mary and Jesus

We first meet Joseph and Mary about 9 months before Jesus is born.

Mary and Joseph are engaged to be married when an angel appears to Mary to tell her she will have a child who will become the Savior of the world.

I don't know about you, but I don't know which part would scare me the most:

- a. An angel appearing to me
- b. An angel telling me I was pregnant without a husband
- c. Knowing my child would be the Savior of the world
- d. Knowing I'd have to tell Joseph

Mary did tell Joseph and after spending many hours on the carpenter bench hammering and breaking things (this is my own speculation), and his own visit from an angel ... Joseph decides NOT to break off the engagement, but to step up and be her husband and the father of this miracle child.

But oh, if things were so easy! King Caesar decides he wants to know exactly how many people are in his kingdom — mainly so that he can tax every one of them — and poor Joseph and Mary have to take off to Joseph's hometown of Bethlehem to register. There were no 1040 EZ forms or census papers mailed to your house... this is a 3-day walk or donkey ride on foot-beaten, rocky trails and

treacherous terrain with no rest stops, truck stops or water stations... with a pregnant woman.

Think your life is difficult? Think of our Carpenter family here just when you think things can't get any worse ... you get to Bethlehem ... and all the hotels are booked solid. Not one room. But God had other plans for Joseph and Mary and the birth of Jesus. He gave them a stable and as smelly and dirty as a stable may be, it provided some privacy for this small family. It provided a manger (unless Joseph in his handyman role ... made a quick manger ... do we really know?) It provided a place for the shepherds to come and see the Christ child. It provided a view for the angels to sing "Glory to God in the highest --- and on earth peace and goodwill to all men."

The story of Joseph and Mary and Jesus has been told and re-told for over 2000 years. And to Christians the story isn't just "a story." Christmas isn't just "another holiday." It is real and personal and family! Jesus did become the Savior of the world. He became my Savior and I hope He is your Savior. Joseph and Mary raised Jesus to stand tall and become all that God intended for Him to become.

The first family of Christendom lives in our hearts and in this church and this December we honor them and are grateful for the lives they lived and what they gave for all humanity.

**Remember Jesus is, and has always been,
'THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.'**

**Do you know The Carpenter Family?
Do you know Jesus?
You can meet Him today!**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH ... FROM CYNDI SANCHEZ

It's hard to believe we are in December already. It definitely has been cold enough to be winter! Brrr! I hope everyone will join us and enjoy the festivities we have going on this month.

The children from both Dellview and MDO will be performing on the first Sunday of the month. Thank you Ms. Rebecca, Ms. April, and Ms. Grace, for getting the children ready for their big day.

Our tamale luncheon will take place on December 9. Finally, our Christmas Eve program will start at 6:00 pm. This month MDO and Dellview kids will be learning about the birth of Jesus and Jesus growing up.

The youth will also be learning about the true meaning of Christmas and the books of the Bible.

I pray this Christmas season will bring everyone closer to God and their families. My verse of the month is from Isaiah 7:14—"Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Have a Blessed Day!