



The Vision



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"CHRISTMAS

IS HERE!

"Joy to the

Lord, the

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Come!

Today (as all Sundays are at FBC) is a Day of Celebration! Ring the bells of Christmas!! The Lord has come for you and me!

I pray you have had a great Christmas week. I pray you have experienced the Joy of the season and that Joy has transcended all the hustle and bustle of these days as well.

Debbie and I want to express our deep gratitude to all of you as you have loved us like no other and given us a wonderful Christmas gift. The Christmas money tree was surprising and received with thankful hearts. Debbie and I love each and everyone of you!

Now as we anticipate the New Year, we know it includes loving each other all along the way. The Lord has promised us He will never leave us nor abandon us along the way as well. What a great assurance for us!

As you are visiting with us, we count it an utmost honor you are here with us today! We count you as our guest and pray you are welcomed in a great way. We would love for you to come back as the baby New Year comes upon us!

Love,

Pastor John & Debbie



Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.



Servants

In His Service

January 2, 2022

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

Small Talk-Jacquie Woodard

Junior Church-

(The previous week's attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

SS-46 Worship-77

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

Worship Service

Sunday School

December 5 \$3,162.48 \$42.00

December 12 \$1,822.00 \$46.00

December 19 \$3,590.33 \$42.00

\$100.00-Rental FLC-Donation,

\$106.00-OGHS-Tornado, \$30.00-RMMO

Operating Fund

\$8,704.81

Total Receipts (Dec.) \$9,782.77

Weekly Need \$2,700.18

Renewal

Renewal is rooted in faith, not in resolutions! They are made for New Year's and forgotten on an average of thirteen days later, say the surveys. Faith is the result of a decision about Christ. I cannot make a new me or a new you, but Christ can make you new and me new, as well, if we decide for Him.

-Frank Harrington

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Dec 28th - Tuesday Morning Bible Study
Reconvenes



A BIG thank you to all that donated to the mitten tree this year. With your help we were able to take, gloves, mittens, hats and socks to three organizations that can use them to help those in need for the winter.

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

Jesus' life began in the midst of persecution and peril. He came on a mission of love and mercy, sent by the Father. An angel announced His conception and gave Him His name. The heavenly host sang a glorious anthem at His birth. By the extraordinary star, the very heavens indicated His coming. He was the most illustrious child ever born—the holy child of Mary, the divine Son of God.

Yet no sooner did He enter our world that Herod decreed His death and labored to accomplish it. Warned by God in a dream, Joseph fled Bethlehem at night, taking Mary and the baby Jesus to Egypt until Herod's death finally made it safe to return.

The Son of the eternal Father, Jesus entered time and was made in the likeness of man. He assumed our human nature with all its infirmities, and weakness, and capacity for suffering. He came as a child of the poorest parents. His entire life was one long pathway of humiliation.

Now He is in Heaven, no longer limited by time and space. And someday He will come again—this time in glory—to take us to Himself.

We won't fully grasp all that Christ gave up to come to earth until we see Heaven ourselves. Once there I wonder would we give any of it up to return to earth?



A GREAT THANK YOU to the choir for the message they brought through the WONDERFUL Christmas Cantata they performed during last week's service.

If you want a religion to make you feel comfortable, I certainly don't recommend Christianity.
C.S. Lewis



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

Evelyn Denney, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Dee Dee Kaufman, Kathy Morris, Jim Abshire, Donna Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Dixie Carter, Larry & Peggy Martin, Bob & Catherine Etter & Bob & Dianna Jennings.

Community: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard, Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People affected by the COVID-19, Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, firemen and the US economy, medical personnel.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

