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THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

We would like to wish each of you a very *Merry Christmas*. May each family have a blessed time in fellowship with one another as we remember the birth of our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ, the one who saves His people from their sins.

The church's annual **Christmas Caroling** went very well. The weather cooperated with mild temperature and most everyone was home on the street where we sang. We had over eighty of our church folks out caroling. When we returned to the church, we enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate and homemade cookies with lots of good fellowship with one another.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 24 -** Christmas Eve Service and Children's Program, 6:00 PM
- Jan 8 -** HBTS Module, *Titus*, 6:30 PM (Mondays, through Feb 5)
- Mar 5-9 -** HBTS Module, *Acts*, Dr. Strouse, M-F, Time TBA

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SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
SUNDAY MORNING - 11 AM
SUNDAY EVENING - 6 PM
WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK - 7 PM

The children's **Christmas Pizza Party** on Friday was an exciting time and went very well...great fellowship for all. Following the devouring of three sheet pizzas, the children had a rehearsal for the Sunday evening **Christmas Program**. The children are a real blessing to our church.



This Sunday evening, folks are looking forward to the church's **Christmas Eve service**. We will have songs and a special children's program followed by preaching that honors our Savior's birthday. The service begins at 6:00 PM, and *all are welcome*.



for the discerning



What We Can Learn From Joseph

Matthew 1:18-25: *“Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be*

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fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.”

As we approach this time of the year, our thoughts tend toward this wonderful season that celebrates the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Certainly He is the purpose of the season, but there are other characters which come to mind: such as the animals of the manger, the Lord’s creatures; His heavenly angels, His worshipping shepherds. Then there is His earthly mother, Mary and His earthly father, Joseph. It is **Joseph** who is the man of the season, the man every Christian man should wish to be like.

Consider that Joseph was a **just** man, one who was saved and right before God. He was also a **compassionate** man who was concerned for Mary before he knew the truth of what had happened to her. Joseph was a **Biblicist** who knew the Scripture and wished to follow it in its exactness regarding Mary, again before he knew the truth of the matter. When God instructed Joseph as to Mary’s condition and how it came to pass, he immediately **received** God’s words. He did not question the human rationale of what God said, but he simply by faith believed it. When God told Joseph what to name His son, he **obeyed** and called His name, “JESUS.”

As this entire event unfolded in God’s time, Joseph remained **honorable** in all that he did before others and before the Lord. As he learned of God’s plan for himself and his wife, he submissively and faithfully accepted the responsibility to parent the Son of God until He was of age to carry out the saving plan of God. It is certainly difficult to comprehend the magnitude of this responsibility, yet Joseph willingly accepted God’s will for his life. May all men of God accept their responsibilities as Joseph.

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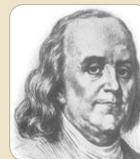
MonthlyMemoryVerse

His unspeakable gift

*“Thanks be unto God for
His unspeakable gift.”*

2 Corinthians 9:15

Notable Historic QUOTE:



**“How many observe Christ’s
birthday! How few, His
precepts!”**

*- Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)
US Colonial Statesman*



"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."
Deuteronomy 29:2

current schedule: *

Jan 8-Feb 5, 2018

TITUS

Dr. Caswell A. Reeves
Mondays, 6:30 PM

Mar 5-9, 2018

ACTS

Dr. Thomas M. Strouse
M-F evenings, Time TBA

**all classes at HBC unless otherwise noted.*

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En Epheso \$20.00	Genesis \$20.00	Geocentricity \$10.00	If Any Man Be in Christ \$15.00
I Will Build My Church \$15.00	Jonah \$10.00	The Lord God Hath Spoken \$15.00	
Peter \$20.00	Proverbs \$20.00	Psalms 1 - 41 \$20.00	Psalm 119 \$20.00
Spiritual Gifts \$8.00	I & II Thessalonians \$10.00	Titus \$20.00	Revelation \$30.00

The Christmas Gift

Matthew 2:1-12

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*



The Christmas Gift is Jesus Christ! Note Matthew 1:21, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.” Note also Mathew 2:11, “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord.” The gift of Jesus Christ ensures to all those who turn to Him and receive Him as their Savior the following gifts of truth:

I. Christ ensures Eternal Life

- A. Romans 6:23
- B. Ephesians 2:8-9

II. Christ ensures Sonship

- A. John 1:12
- B. I John 3:2

III. Christ ensures Partnership

- A. Ephesians 1:12-14
- B. Ephesians 4:30, 5:18

Christ is like a Christmas stocking. In itself, it is a gift, but with the taking you find you have many more gifts; gifts that reach far into eternity. Have you found the gift of Jesus Christ and His many gifts?