

## 12.19.2021 | ANNOUNCEMENTS, REMINDERS AND EVENTS

**Happening Today:** Stay and enjoy a “*Birthday Cake for Jesus*” after worship service, with cake and punch served. Sunday School classes will recess starting today until January 9.

**Caroling:** Join us this afternoon for Christmas caroling. We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. We expect to be at Maple Lawn at about 5:15 p.m. for any who want to join up with us there. We should be done around 6:00 p.m.

**Tijuana 2021** -- A big THANK YOU to the church for all you did to make this year’s Tijuana Missions Trip a success. Consider joining the team for next year’s return trip in November 2022.



**Attention Ladies** -- If you need pecans for your holiday baking, Women’s Fellowship is again selling shelled pecans in 16 oz. bags. They are in the first freezer in the kitchen and are \$10.00 per bag. Please help yourself and pay Jo Mayer or Donna Green.

**“Thru the New in 2022”** -- Gear up for the new year. Lots of good things are coming as we finish up reading through the Old Testament in January and begin our campaign through the New sometime later in the month. Plan now to join us!

**Branch County Men of Integrity Men’s Gathering--** January 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Dearth Center. Tickets are \$10.00 each. See Pastor Jim if interested.

**BGCC’s List--** Check it out at <https://bethelgilead.org/its-worth-a-look.html>. Please contact the office if you would like to be included on this list.

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Live the Life  
Extend the Kingdom*  
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**Call to Worship:** Angels We Have Heard on High/The First Noel

**Opening Worship:** Hope Was Born That Night  
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
What Child Is This  
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

**Special Music:** God So Loved

“What Kind of a Savior Do We Serve?”

### **The Gospel of Luke**

Introduction: Prophetic Predictions

*And we have the word of the prophets made more certain and you will do well to pay attention to it. ([2 Peter 1:19](#))*

I. Angels on Assignment

- [Luke 1:11-20](#) Zechariah
- [Luke 1:26-38](#) Mary
- [Luke 2:9-12](#) The Shepherds

II. Prophecy Fulfilled

- [Luke 1:23-80](#) The birth of John  
Mary's Visit -- The Magnificat (verses 46-56)  
Zechariah's Psalm of Praise (verses 67-80)

III. The First Christmas (next week)

#### Application

1. Do you believe in the Bible prophecy?
2. Do you recognize the supernatural events leading up to Jesus' birth?
3. Can you embrace the angelic exhortation today --  
“Do not be afraid”?
4. Will you affirm what Mary herself declared?  
“I am the Lord's servant. May it be done to me according to God's will.”

## Live the Life with Prayer



### Recent additions

Kim Lytle -- Covid 19  
Karen Beck -- recent blood clots in the lungs  
Bill Bryan -- lower back problems

### Praises

A successful mission trip to Tijuana  
Tim and Julie McKinley's new twin granddaughters -- Esther and Clara  
Jack Florent, the Cabreras, Cindy King, Donna Green, Paul and Kathy Alger, Jose Albarron, Mary Butters - recovered from Covid-19

### Continue to Remember Those in Need

Al Miller -- ongoing treatment for tumor on esophagus  
Jonas Rigg -- recovering from hip surgery  
Lisa Franks -- pain management in neck and back  
Dale Davis -- dialysis and chemo treatments  
Jennie deAraujo's cousin's son, Nate, pray for strength and immunity  
Russ Heckathorn -- immunotherapy for lung cancer  
Arwen Mallay -- twelve-year-old being treated for stage 4 neuroblastoma

### Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Norita Skinner -- Maple Lawn  
Neil Hannah -- at home

### Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days

#### Our Mission

*“We honor God through regularly assembling together to worship Him as Lord, study and obey His word, and attend to the needs of His people. When we leave, we go out commissioned as Christ's representatives to a needy world.”*

## Angels We Have Heard on High/The First Noel

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
and the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains

Gloria  
In excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
In excelsis Deo

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord the newborn King

Gloria  
In excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
In excelsis Deo

The first Noel the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel  
Born in the King of Israel

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Gloria  
In excelsis Deo  
Gloria  
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They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night

And by the light of that same star  
Three wise men came from country far  
To seek for a king was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went

## Hope Was Born This Night

*Tonight I can see a star shine and its splendor fills up the sky  
It's the same that appeared and the wise men revered  
When hope was born this night.*

*Out upon the snowy fields there's a silent peace that heals  
and it echoes the grace of our Savior's embrace  
because hope was born this night*

*Glory to God in the highest  
Peace on earth good will toward men  
Let all of the world sing the chorus of joy  
because hope was born this night*

*I can hear the Christmas bells ringing  
as softly a church choir sings  
It's the song used to praise the Ancient of Days  
When hope was born this night.*

*There are angels in this place  
and my heart resounds with the praise  
Like a shepherd so scared, I'll rejoice and declare  
that hope was born this night.*

*Glory to God in the highest  
Peace on earth good will toward men  
Let all the world sing the chorus of joy  
because hope was born this night*

Gloria, gloria  
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Gloria, gloria  
Gloria, gloria

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Peace on earth good will toward men  
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I know hope was born this night  
Because Christ was born this night

### God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman

God rest ye merry gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember Christ our Savior  
was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r  
When we were gone astray

O tidings of comfort and joy  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy

From God our heavenly Father  
a blessed angel came  
And unto certain shepherds  
brought tidings of the same  
How that in Bethlehem  
was born, the Son of God by name

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### What Child Is This

What Child is this who laid to rest  
on Mary's lap is sleeping  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping

This, this is Christ the King  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
the Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh  
Come peasant king to own Him  
The King of kings salvation brings  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him  
Raise, raise the song on high  
The Virgin sings her lullaby  
Joy, joy for Christ is born  
The babe, the son of Mary

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**O Come, O Come Emmanuel**

*O come, o come Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear*

*Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee O Israel*

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*O come desire of nations bind  
all peoples in one heart and mind  
bid envy strife and quarrels cease  
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.*

**God So Loved**

*Come all you weary, come all you thirsty  
Come to the well that never runs dry  
Drink of the water  
Come and thirst no more*

*Come all you sinners, come find His mercy  
Come to the table, He will satisfy  
Taste of His goodness  
Find what you're looking for*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him  
Will live forever*

*Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms*

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him  
Will live forever*

*The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved  
God so loved the world*

*Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love*

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