

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.



"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-- A time of praise and worship with guest speaker, Chad Williams, on 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.

Ways to Give: Offering plates are in the lobby. Donations can be made online by going to bethelgilead.org (Donate tab), or by scanning the QR code to the left and using Paypal. You can authorize a monthly debit from your bank account by completing a form (on the information desk in the lobby or contact the office).



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Be the Church

Live the Life

Extend the Kingdom

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Opening Worship: *What a Glorious Night*
Joy to the World
Silent Night

“What Kind of a Savior Do We Serve?”
([Luke 2](#))

Introduction: Life in Upheaval!

- I. Historic References
 - Caesar Augustus *Quirinius *Herod
 - The First Census
 - Simeon Biblical Time Frame
[Daniel 9:24-27](#) (Decree: 445 BC?)
- II. Biblical Imperatives
 - David's lineage ([2 Samuel 7](#))
 - The Firstborn son
 - A Dual Nature -- God/man
- III. Historic witnesses ([1 Timothy 3:16](#))
 - Angels
 - Shepherds
 - Simeon/Anna
 - Wisemen ([Matthew 2](#))

Application

1. Affirm the historicity of Christmas.
2. Commit yourself to worship ([Romans 12:1](#))
3. Tell people about your faith in Jesus

*2022 Preview

Closing Song: *The First Noel*

Live the Life with Prayer



Recent additions

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, Kim Lytle- 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."*

What a Glorious Night

The shepherds came to see the baby
stood by His mother's side
Here laid the Savior inside a manger
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born

The shepherds wondered they couldn't hide it
Told everyone in sight
All were amazed when they heard how God came
down on this glorious night
God came down on this glorious night.

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come sing it out
Jesus Christ is born
Jesus Christ is born

Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night
Glorious, glorious, what a glorious night

I hear the angels singin' hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come
sing it out
Jesus Christ is born

I hear the angels singing hallelujah
let the earth receive her King
I know that love has come
singing it out
Jesus Christ is born
(I heard that) Jesus Christ is born

All is calm now all is quiet
A star is shining in the sky
Below in Bethlehem the King is sleeping
Oh what a glorious night
Oh what a glorious night

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and nature sing
and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow
nor thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
Far as, far as the curse is found

Silent Night

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

*Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!*

*Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth*

The First Noel

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's winter night that was so deep.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.

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.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught
and with His blood mankind hath bought.

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel.