

12.15.2024

Welcome to all joining us today for worship!! Kindly silence your electronic devices during worship. A nursery (up the stairs, first door on the left) is provided for parents with infants and the service can be viewed on a monitor in there. Extra seating for the service is also available in the fellowship hall.

Old Fashioned Family Christmas -- Plan to stay today for "Birthday Cake for Jesus" immediately after service. At 4:00 p.m today we will go Christmas carolling. Meet at Jim and AnnaMae Wickey's, 389 Bawden Road, Bronson.

Thank you to Linda McDonald and Nikki Maartin for decorating the church for the Christmas holiday!

Next Sunday -- After worship service we will enjoy a hot cocoa bar. Bring a favorite Christmas snack to share....invite a friend!

"This Must Be the Place" -- Look for this table in the fellowship hall where you can share items for sell (eggs, baked goods, etc.) or find information about local ministries or businesses.

28th Annual Steak Out -- January 11, 2025 beginning at 5:30 p.m.. Featured speaker is Rick Burgess. For more information go to [Branch County Men of Integrity](#). See Pastor Jim for tickets.

Peace-today.com-- an online resource for podcasts, books, research and testimonials on some of the topics from last summer's sermon series. Scan the QR code to the left or pick up a flier in the lobby.



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*A Season of Hope
Love, JOY, Peace,
Found in Christ*

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Announcements and Opening Prayer

Advent Reading -- "Joy"

The Wickey Family

Opening Worship:

Old Fashioned Christmas Hymn Sing
(hymns 120 - 160)

Missions Moment

The 2024 Tijuana Team

The Historicity of Christmas

I. **Predicted by the Prophets**

*[Isaiah 7:14; 9:6](#)

*[Micah 5:2](#)

*[Daniel 9:25](#)

II. **Predated by Ancient History** ([Luke 2:1-2](#), [Matthew 2:1](#))

*Caesar Augustus (27 BC - 14 AD)

*The first census/Quirinius (12-6 BC)

*King Herod the Great (37-4 BC)

III. **Predicated by the Magi** ([Matthew 2:1-12](#))

*The Persia Connection (605-535 BC) ([Daniel 1:1-6; 9:1-2](#))

*The Time Table of Daniel ([Daniel 9:20-27](#))

*The Decree of King Artaxerxes (445 BC) ([Nehemiah 2:1-6](#))

Application

1. Christmas is a historic event.
2. Christianity is a historic faith.
3. Jesus Christ is a historic person

(He exists in real time. He was born, lived, died and resurrected...
and he will return to earth one day!)

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."

Prayer Concerns

Recent additions

The family of Betty Carpenter

Dee Eley --Recovering from sepsis

The family of Dale Davis

Ron Will -- Ongoing heart concerns

Jaxsin Rumsey -- vasculitis and lupus

Veronica Hannah -- Heart arrhythmia

Continue to Remember Those in Need

Bill Penn -- immunotherapy

The Carpenter Family

Lisa Franks -- pain management

Char Kaufman -- breathing issues

The Dudley family

Remember Our Homebound/Shut In Members

Don Rubley -- at home

Pray for our nation and the world during these uncertain days