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YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!



Monthly Meetings
Wednesday, December 16
5:30PM
Church Council
7:30PM
Finance Committee
Meeting

The Church Office will be closed
December 24-January 3 for the
Christmas holidays

Christmas Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 20
10:30AM
The Lord’s Supper will be
observed

No Evening Church activities
on Wednesday, December 23

A Great *Multitude* + You
Rev 7:9
OUR CHURCH’S GOAL
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WHAT DO YOU TREASURE?

15 When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this **thing** that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us.” 16 And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known **the saying that had been told them** concerning this child. 18 And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured up all these **things**, pondering them in her heart.

Luke 2:15-19



In this passage of Scripture, the word “thing” in verse 15 and the word “things” in verse 19 are from the Greek, “rhema,” which can be defined as “God’s word spoken to you.” It can also refer to the total event described by the Lord. With this thought in mind, let us enter this Christmas season with a fresh perspective. We celebrate the most monumental birth in history, that of Jesus Christ!

We know the Lord revealed Christ’s birth to the shepherds by His spoken word (rhema). Their response was one of obedience in going and proclaiming the birth of Christ. Their obedience reminds me of James 1:22, “...be doers of the word and not hearers only...”


I love Mary’s response to the *things* she was experiencing. Mary treasured the very utterance of God as she treasured Christ in her heart. The birth of the Messiah was the Word made flesh dwelling among men (John 1:1 & 14). As believers, we have the very presence of Christ, the Word, dwelling within our hearts by His Holy Spirit. Do we treasure His presence? “**For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**” (Matthew 6:21) We also read that Mary pondered these *things* in her heart. This makes me wonder how much time Mary must have spent thinking of all that happened, thinking of who Jesus was, and considering the significance of His birth. How much do we ponder who Jesus is and the significance of His presence in OUR lives? Do we treasure His word? What are we uttering? My prayer is that we treasure dearly the presence of Christ in our hearts. I pray that we treasure His word as we study it in seeking to know Him more. And, as we do, we will be compelled to share the Gospel - the “Good News of Jesus Christ,” the “rhema.” “**The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.**” Luke 6:45

During this Christmas season, I encourage you to treasure the greatest gift of all, the presence of Jesus Christ. Spend time pondering these *things* in YOUR heart. Think about who He is – the Son of God. Think about the significance of His birth on a personal level. With this Child in a manger came the salvation of all who trust Him. As you treasure Christ in your heart and ponder His word this season, I am sure it will be a very merry Christmas!



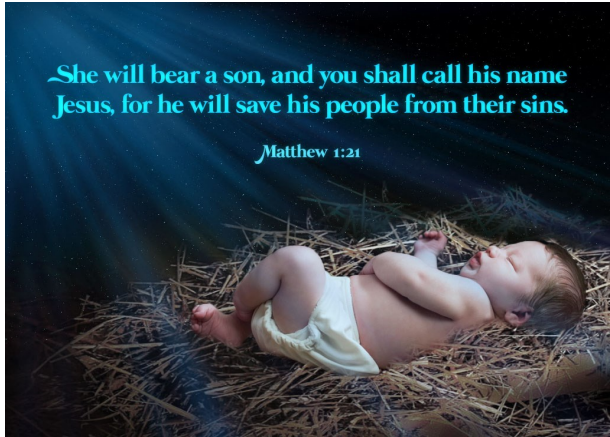
Men’s Breakfast
Sunday, December 6
7:15 AM

Sign up in the Library hallway or by calling the church office.



Youth Christmas Party
Wednesday, December 9
6:00—7:30 PM

Students should bring a gift no more than \$20 in value



She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21



College & Career Christmas Party

Sunday, December 13
6:00 PM

Cindy & Allen Ming’s House



Senior Adult Luncheon
Tuesday, December 8 at 11:30AM
\$7 per person
Musical Guest: Slater Murphy
Sign up in the Library hallway or by calling the church office



Silver Belles Fellowship
Saturday, December 12
at 5:30PM
at Shirley Faulkner’s house

Contact Shirley Faulkner if you need a ride or have any questions



“Traveling Manger Carolers”
(Children’s Choirs—Preschool-6th Grade)

Saturday, December 19
5:00 PM

We will meet at the church & then travel to different neighborhoods to sing Christmas carols.

More details soon...