



REMEMBERING GOD’S FAITHFULNESS AT CHRISTMAS

Is Christmas here already?! That seems to be the question every year! The years roll by faster now than ever! Nevertheless, these holidays are a special time of year. There is so much to celebrate! We often celebrate the gifts God has given. The festivities last all month and culminate to a celebration of the greatest gift of all. His name is Jesus!

This year I want us to consider God’s faithfulness. Jesus, the greatest gift of all, was not just a gift given at one point in time for one moment in time. He was the fulfillment of a promise kept for all eternity. A promise of the long-awaited King – the promise of the Messiah.

Following the fall of man in Genesis 3, God promised an offspring that would bruise the head of the serpent, Satan (Genesis 3:15). When God called Abraham, God promised an inheritance to Abraham’s offspring (Genesis 12:7). Here is where it gets interesting! Galatians 3:16 tells us the “offspring of Abraham” refers to Christ. Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. Galatians 3:16

Now, fast-forward forty-two generations (around 2,000 years) as recorded in Matthew 1:17. So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. Matthew 1:17

After all that time, an angel comes to a virgin girl named Mary and declares that the promise is about to be fulfilled in a miraculous way. And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. Luke 1:35

By the way, it is no coincidence that Mary was betrothed to Joseph. Joseph was from the lineage of King David and, therefore, from Abraham (Matthew 1:16). When Mary heard the good news from the angel, Luke 1 tells us she sang a song of praise! In this beautiful song, Mary remembers the promise God made all those years ago. And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord... He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.” Luke 1:46, 54-55

After making the connection between Abraham’s offspring and Christ in Galatians 3, Paul reflects on the birth of Jesus in Galatians 4. He points out the reason Jesus was born – to redeem! I love the term redeem! It means “to buy back”. When Adam and Eve sinned, they essentially “sold out” mankind into slavery – bondage to sin. God immediately had a plan – an offspring that would come. His name is Jesus. He came to “buy us back” from sin! ...when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. Galatians 4:4-5

That’s not all! Because of what Jesus did, we have a promise - the promise of eternal life! “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

This year, as we gather around the tree, the table, and the manger, let us be reminded of the greatest gift of all – Jesus the Son of God. But also, let us be reminded of the most faithful giver, God Almighty. Take time this Christmas to renew your faith so that you may hold fast to hope we have in Jesus! We have a promise, and we know the Promise Keeper! He has always kept His promises and He will not stop now. He will keep His promise of eternal life to those who believe in His Son Jesus. Praise the Lord! Amen! Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. Hebrews 10:23

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**Co-Ed IV Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 4  
5pm  
In the Worship Center

**Men's Breakfast**  
Sunday, December 5  
7am  
Sign up at the Welcome Center

**Senior Adult Trip to Callaway Gardens**  
Fantasy in Lights  
December 10-11  
See Bro. Matt Moehring for more information

**MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Wednesday, December 15

- Church Council - 5:30pm
- Finance Committee Meeting - 7pm

Sunday, December 19

- Deacons' Meeting - 4pm
- Staff Meeting - 6pm



Christmas Cards

The Annual Christmas Card Post Office will be set up at the Welcome Center November 28-December 19. This is a fundraiser for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering by the GAs and RAs. Bring your Christmas cards for your church family and a donation for Lottie Moon.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

**BABY SHOWER**  
for  
**CASSIDI NICKLES**

Please bring your gift unwrapped in order to limit time and touching.

DECEMBER | 5 | AT 12:00 PM

East End Baptist Church  
380 Hwy 50 W, Columbus, MS



**Melody Drew Women on Mission Meeting**  
Monday, December 6  
6:30pm at the church

**Youth Christmas Party**  
Wednesday, December 8  
6pm

**Senior Recognition for Samson Dees**  
Sunday, December 12  
10:30am worship service  
There will be a basket for cards and letters

**Children's Caroling & Christmas Party**  
Saturday, December 11  
5pm-until  
Location: Dees' House  
1354 Dodson Rd, Caledonia, 39740  
For Children's Ministry Leaders and Families of all 1st-6th graders

**Co-Ed I Sunday School Class Gift Exchange**  
Sunday, December 12  
3pm  
Gary & Leslie Tanksley's house

**College & Career Jingle Mingle**  
Sunday, December 12  
6pm  
at Allen & Cindy Ming's house

**Senior Adult Luncheon**  
Tuesday, December 14  
11:30am  
\$7 per person  
Special Guest: Slater Murphy  
Sign up in the Welcome Center by Wednesday, December 8 to attend

**RUN TO THE HOPE**  
*A Christmas Musical*  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19  
10:30 AM  
East End Baptist Church  
380 Hwy 50 W  
Columbus, Mississippi

**Deadline for 2021 Contributions is Thursday, December 23**

*The Church Office will be closed Friday, December 24—January 2 for Christmas holidays.*

**PASSION**  
College & Career Trip to the Passion Conference  
January 2-4

Join us for a drive-thru Baby Shower

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