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“A Community of Baptized Believers Committed to the Faithfulness of God, Building Families of Fellowship in the Spirit of God, and Blessing the Fallen Through the Forgiveness of God”

Greeting and Blessings

I greet you in the marvelous and precious name of Jesus. I want to take this time to say to all that we pray you have had a wonderful and blessed Thanksgiving celebration. And now we are in the season of Advent, in reflection and anticipation of the greatest story ever told.

As we are entering this season of Yuletide Joy let us not forget those who are without and those on whom hard times have fallen. We certainly want to keep those persons, who may be dealing with transitioning of loved ones, lifted in prayer. I share that same experience as my father transitioned in July. It is the prayer of the Buck Family and the Grace Family that all your sorrow will soon become joy.

It is celebration time in this season. Find something to celebrate and something that brings you Jesus Joy in this season. We are all anticipating what God is doing, and will continue to do. My message is simple for this month of December - “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” Praise the Lord, Church! Just praise the Lord!



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God's Christmas Gifts

Contributed by Jeff Strite

Preparing for a large Christmas Eve family gathering, a mother had been giving out orders like a drill sergeant: "Pick up your things! Don't get your clothes dirty! Put away those toys!"

Well, her 4-year-old daughter had been underfoot all day, so she sent her to the next room to play with their wooden Nativity set.

As the mother scurried around setting the table she overheard her daughter talking to her toys in the same tone of voice the mother had used: "I don't care who you are, get those camels out of my living room!"

For years, many have attempted to get more than camels out of the living room. Over the years, there has been repeated and concerted efforts to get Christ out of Christmas.

Everything from removing Christmas carols from the public schools, to banning nativity scenes on the public property, to taking the name of Jesus out of any connection with Christmas in public life. It has been a persistent and unrelenting push to remove any influence God may have on this holiday.

Back in 1991, Dave Barry commented on the effect this phenomena has had in Florida:

"To avoid offending anybody, my son's school has dropped religion altogether and started singing about the weather. They

now hold the winter program in February and sing increasingly non memorable songs such as 'Winter Wonderland,' 'Frosty the Snowman' and--this is a real song -- 'Suzy Snowflake.' All of which is pretty funny because we live in Miami. A visitor from another planet would assume that the children belonged to the Church of Meteorology."

The effort to remove Christ from Christmas has been so successful that, according to a survey conducted a few years ago by the Barna Research Group (of a sampling that had 88% identifying themselves as "Christians) they found that:

- 37% of adults in the national survey said the birth of Jesus is the most important aspect of Christmas.

- More than 75% of evangelical Christians placed Jesus' birth as of first importance on Christmas.

- Only 32% of those who identified themselves as fundamentalists gave that answer.

- Only 29% of Catholics placed Jesus' birth first.

- Only 24% of theological liberals said the birth of Christ made Christmas important for them.

Now, I'm not really sure that should concern us that much -- after all Christmas really isn't a Bible based holiday.

There's no place in Scripture that tells us that the early church even celebrated the birth of Christ

They celebrated His death on the cross (communion) and His resurrection from the dead (worshipping on the 1st day of the week). They did that every Sunday.

BUT, for over a 1000 yrs the church has celebrated the BIRTH of Christ in December. I see no reason to give up on using such a powerful tool to teach people about Christ. After all, it is in the story of the baby in the manger we hear about the greatest gift man has ever received, presented in the humble wrappings of "swaddling clothes."

Given that God has given us such a wonderful and loving gift - how can we make other people know more about this gift? The first thing we need to realize is that people have trouble understanding what God has given them.

You can almost sense Jesus' frustration with Nicodemus: "you're a teacher and you can't understand this?" Nicodemus was one of the most educated men in his society and yet he had trouble understanding what Jesus was trying to teach him.

But it's hard to blame him... even Christians have trouble understanding all this.

A preacher had once to illustrate the free nature of God's gift of salvation. They stood in the pulpit one morning held up a poinsettia plant and said: "Whoever wants this beautiful

Christmas poinsettia may have it. All you have to do is take it.”

They stared at me. I waited. And waited.

Finally a mother timidly raised her hand and said, “I’ll take it.”

“Great!” said the preacher, “It’s yours.”

But to my astonishment, she nudged her son, “Go get it for me.”

“No,” I said. “Whoever wants this gift must come and get it personally. You can’t send a substitute.”

She shook her head, not willing to risk embarrassment. I waited again. It was a gorgeous flower, unusually large, wrapped in red cellophane with a gold satin ribbon. It was set in front of the pulpit to brighten our small sanctuary during the holiday season. Several people had commented on how beautiful the plant was. Now it was free for the taking.

Someone snickered, “What’s the catch?”

“No catch,” I replied. “It’s free.” No one moved.

A college student asked, “Is it glued to the altar?” Everyone laughed. “It is not glued to the altar. Nor are there any strings attached. It’s yours for the taking.”

“Well,” asked a pretty teenager, “can I take it after the service?”

I shook my head. “You must come and get it now.”

(I was beginning to wish I’d never started the whole thing, when a woman I’d never seen before stood up in the back.) Quickly, as if she were afraid she’d change her mind, she strode to the altar and picked up the plant. “I’ll take it,” she said.

As she returned to her seat carrying the free gift, I launched with enthusiasm into my text, **Romans 6:23**. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” “The gift of God is eternal life! It’s free”.

When the service had ended and most of the people had gone home, the woman who claimed the poinsettia came to the platform, where I was picking up my Bible to leave.

“Here!” she held out her hand. “This flower is too pretty to just take home for free. I couldn’t do that with a clear conscience.”

I looked down at the crumpled paper she stuffed into my hand. It was a ten dollar bill.

Now, what does that illustration tell us? It tells us that people have trouble believing anybody - least of all God - would give them something for nothing. It’s a Gift. It’s free! And they have trouble understanding heavenly things, because they have trouble grasping earthly things (like poinsettias).

People around us have trouble understanding that salvation is a free gift.

They want to “earn” their salvation. They want to clean themselves up before they come to God. OR they believe they don’t have to come to God on His terms, because they have already done enough to make themselves feel comfortable that “yes they will make it into heaven.”

They’ve pressed a ten dollar bill into God’s hands and said: see you in heaven.

Jesus said: “you can’t do it that way. In **John 1:11-13** we’re told:

“(Jesus) came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

What does that mean? It means...

1.... you can’t become a Christian by being born one (of blood)

2.... you can’t become a Christian because you’ve decided you’re good enough (will of the flesh)

3.... you can’t become a Christian because somebody else decided for you (will of man)

It has to be your choice to accept God’s gift. AND you have to accept that gift on God’s terms – not your own. You can’t BUY

this gift of salvation, you can't earn it, you can't collect brownie points or green stamps. You have to accept God's gift in God's way. What is that way?

BELIEVE **John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

REPENT **Acts 3:19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

CONFESS JESUS AS YOUR LORD & MASTER **Romans 10:9** "if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

BE BAPTIZED **Acts 2:38** "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

None of that "buys" your salvation. BUT, it is the response that God requests of you to accept His free gift.

SO, realize that people have trouble understanding that God would give them a gift.

They have trouble understanding God's idea of what salvation is all about. So that's why YOU need to realize how important this gift is. That's why YOU need to grasp how critical and vital salvation is for people you know & love. If YOU are not

compelled to tell others about this Jesus we celebrate on Christmas then you will have a hard time convincing others who struggle to understand what God wants to tell them.

YOU MUST BE driven to overcome their lack of knowledge of God. YOU must be convinced that their very lives may hang in the balance.

And YOU must be convinced that God believes that this gift was worth the sacrifice He made to give us salvation.

You see: God gave... God sacrificed... His only begotten son so that we might have salvation.

It was NOT a trivial gift. It wasn't a nice gesture

It was a sacrifice of love for you and me. One person wrote a poem of how they have reminded themselves of this fact:

"For God so loved the world, that He gave..." Jesus

It's Christmas time at our house and we're putting up the tree.

I wish I could find Some simple way to remember God's gift to me.

Some little sign or Symbol- to show friends stopping by the little babe was born one day - but He really came to die.

Some symbol of His nail pierced hands the blood He shed for you and me -

What if I hung a simple nail on my shining Christmas tree?

A crimson bow tied round the nail as His blood flowed down so free

to save each person from their sin and redeem us for eternity.

I know it was His love for us that held Him to the tree

but when I see this simple nail I'll know He died for me.

Remember Why He Came

It may seem strange at Christmas time to think of nails and wood,

But both were used in Jesus' life to bring us something good.

From manger bed, to crown of thorns to death on Calvary,

God used the wood and nails of men to set all people free.

So celebrate God's greatest gift, give thanks in Jesus name.

The wood, the nail, the blood red cord"

This is the Christmas Nail. It is to be hung on a sturdy branch, a branch near the trunk, a branch that will hold such a spike without being noticed by well-wishers dropping by to admire one's tinsel tree. The nail is known only to the home that hangs it, understood only by the heart that knows its significance. It is hung with the thought that the Christmas tree but foreshadows the Christ-tree which only He could decorate for us, ornamented with nails as this."





“ And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Matt 25:40

Grace, we are blessed this year to have many opportunities to bless others as God has blessed us. As we look around us we see many who are in need. What a perfect time to share with them what God has shared with us...HIS LOVE! Receptacles for donated items will be placed in the Narthex and in the Educational building after Thanksgiving. Be sure to look for them, and as you bless others, watch how God will bless you!

The Homeless Ministry will need toiletries such as hotel size bottles of lotion or shampoo, soap, deodorant, small packs of tissues, toothbrushes, tooth paste, small bottles of mouthwash, washcloths, hand wipes, WHITE socks, packet rain ponchos, trail mix, granola bars, crackers, gum, band aids, etc. These items will be assembled into “Blessing Bags” and distributed when the ministry goes out in December.

The Nursing Home Ministry would like to distribute packs of tissues, small toiletries, and SOCKS for both men and women to those who are in the Nursing homes which we service.

The Pastor’s Aid Ministry has the Angel Tree Project for the children of Prison Inmates. See the description of the project on page 4.

Children’s Church and Sunday School would appreciate donations of toys or, if you don’t have time to shop, monetary gifts so toys can be purchased. All donations will go to support families in need for the holidays.

The Ministry of Christian Education’s Come To Bethlehem Project’s taxation will be two non-perishable food items per person. The items will be donated to our food pantry from which people in need can get food on a as needed basis throughout the year. Please bring these items with you on December 22 when you Come to Bethlehem!

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MEN'S CHORUS
IN A
Mellow Mood
Gospel & Jazz standards by Cannonball Adderley/Joe Zawinul, Dave Brubeck/Paul Desmond, Leonard Bernstein, Billy Cobham, Thomas A. Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Fred Hammond, Jason Champion



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FABULOUS JOB! Congratulations to Men's Chorus and Marilyn!

This Week in Black History

12/8/1850

Lucy Ann Stanton (Mrs. Levi N. Stanton) becomes the first black female college graduate. Stanton obtains a Baccalaureate Degree in Literature from Oberlin College.

12/8/1936

Gibbs v. the Board of Education of Montgomery County, Maryland, becomes the NAACP's first lawsuit filed seeking equal salaries for black and white teachers. Many lawsuits are filed before this racist practice is eliminated.

12/8/1987

Kurt Lidell Schmoke, is inaugurated mayor of Baltimore, MD.

12/8/2007

Oprah Winfrey joins Barack Obama on the campaign trail in Iowa and South Carolina.

12/9/1775

Billy Flora, a black patriot who fought against British forces in Virginia during the Battle of Great Bridge, displays extraordinary bravery by being the last patriot to leave a bridge being attacked by British forces. Flora shoots and reloads his musket eight times while under concentrated fire.

12/9/1872

P.B.S. Pinchback begins serving as Governor of Louisiana (the first black state Governor).

12/9/1961

The African nation of Tanzania gains its independence.

12/9/1992

Barbara Jordan, lawyer, educator, political leader, and stateswoman, receives the 77th NAACP Spingarn Medal for her dedicated career as a public servant and for her strong belief in the equality of humanity and the community of the nation.

12/10/1846

Norbert Rillieux, inventor, patents the evaporating pan. This device reduces some of the dangerous labor enslaved persons perform for the sugar-refining industry.

12/10/1948

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

12/10/1955

The Montgomery Bus Company stops service in black neighborhoods, the fifth day of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

12/10/1963

The African nation of Zanzibar (part of Tanzania) gains its independence.

12/10/1964

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Baptist minister and civil rights activist, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. At the time, King, at 35, was the youngest Nobel Peace Laureate. Now, the youngest Nobel Laureate is Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan for her work encouraging the education of girls. She received the honor in 2014 when she was 17-year-old.

12/10/1973

Rev. S. Howard Woodson becomes the first black Speaker of a state legislature in the 20th century when he is elected by the New Jersey Assembly.

12/10/1982

Pamela McAllister Johnson becomes the publisher of the Gannet-owned Ithaca Journal As publisher of this New York newspaper, Johnson becomes the first black woman to head a general circulation paper.

12/10/2006

Barack Obama takes his first trip to New Hampshire as part of his pre-exploratory 2008 campaign.

12/11/1706

An act is passed in New York that encourages the baptism of enslaved persons. The act does not, however, free any enslaved people.

12/11/1989

The three white men convicted of the 1986 death of 23-year-old Michael Griffith have their convictions reversed by a State Appeals Court in New York. The reversal is due to a judge's misinstruction to the jury.

12/12/1754

Benjamin Banneker, mathematician, astronomer, and inventor, completes the first clock made entirely in the United States. Banneker publishes a yearly almanac and is remembered for helping to survey the land for the District of Columbia.

12/12/1870

Joseph Hayne Rainey of South Carolina becomes the first black person to be sworn into the House of Representatives.

12/12/1899

G.F. Grant, inventor, patents the golf tee.

12/12/1938

In the case of *Missouri ex. rel. Gaines v. Canada*, the Supreme Court rules that a state must provide equal educational facilities for blacks within its borders.

12/12/1963

The African nation of Kenya proclaims its independence.

12/12/1993

Ronald (Ron) H. Brown, former Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is appointed head of the Department of Commerce by President Bill Clinton.

12/12/1995

In a run-off election, Willie Lewis Brown becomes the first black mayor of San Francisco, California. The original election was on November 7, 1995.

12/13/1944

Black women are admitted into the Women's Naval Corps (WAVES).

12/13/1957

Daniel A. Chapman becomes Ghana's first Ambassador to the United States.



From the Pen Of The Editor

Did you ever wonder why most Nativity sets have statues of the Magi or three Kings around the manger? I honestly never did until I started thinking about the staging for *Come To Bethlehem*.

The Bible doesn't give us a timeline for much of the activity taking place around Jesus' birth. A lot of the details are supplied from historians, logic and/or sanctified imaginations! For example, Luke 2:8 (NIV) says "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night." We assume that the fields were right outside of Bethlehem so that after the Angel's greeting, the shepherds were able to say "Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." Luke 2:15. They were close enough to the town that they could leave their flocks and get there in a hurry to see the infant Jesus that night. But what about the Magi? They were following a star. Did that mean they traveled only at night when the star could be seen? Since the Bible says they came from the East, did they come from Iran (4665 miles away), Persia (9187 miles) or even further away? They had a long journey and they arrived after the birth of Jesus. Matthew 2:1 tells us "Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the

east came to Jerusalem..." By the time they reached Bethlehem, Jesus was no longer a newborn, but probably a busy toddler around two years old.

Matthew and Luke go in two different directions after the birth of Jesus, and one has to wonder about the timing of some things. Luke tells us that after eight days, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple for His dedication where they see Simeon and Anna. Luke then has the family returning to Nazareth after they had fulfilled the Jewish laws regarding birth and purification. Matthew, on the other hand has the family living in a house in Bethlehem when the Magi come to visit. Matthew says "When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Why was the family still in Bethlehem? The distance from Bethlehem to Egyptian territory was about 40 miles; from Nazareth the distance was about 106 miles...This would mean a shorter journey for a poor carpenter who probably had to find work in Bethlehem to make the journey back to Nazareth. He probably didn't have money for the trip to Egypt or money to sustain the family while they were there. Remember though who was directing this script... The gifts of the Magi probably financed their escape, and Herod's realization that he had

been duped by the Magi didn't come until the Holy Family were well out of the Bethlehem area. Look at God! He gets the Oscar for the Ultimate Director, our worship, praise and gratitude for not only sending us the Jesus Gift, but for keeping Him safe until we were ready to receive this precious gift.

On December 22, we invite one and all to join us in a worship experience that challenges us to reflect on that time in a different way. We are called to shake off our 21st Century identities and step back to 1st Century Bethlehem to imagine what it might have been like. Can you imagine the hardships of having to walk or ride on the back of a slow moving, lumbering pack animal for about 90 miles to an overcrowded little village with no guaranteed lodging while you are 9 months pregnant? And then to have to give birth in a stable with only straw for your bed and an animal's food trough for your baby's bed?

Just as Caesar called for a census and taxation, we will do the same. Each family or individual will be asked to start in the Narthex and fill out a Grace Census form. We need the information for future planning in our ministries. We don't want to know your personal business (No financial disclosure here!!) We just need to know who you are and how old your children are.

After you complete your census form, we invite you downstairs to the marketplace/

bazaar. We ask you to bring your taxation (non-perishable food, canned goods, etc. for the food pantry. These will be shared with those who come seeking food throughout the year.) A Taxation stand will be set up in the rear of the Social Hall by the coat room where you may deposit your tax. Tax collectors will be there to receive your deposits. Angel Tree Gifts will be collected upstairs in the narthex.

At this special time of the year, when we reflect on the precious gift of God, may we remember to give back to Him by sharing what we have with Him and with others. Trustees will be available for collection of tithes and offerings at the "Bank of the Bazaar."

Then fill out your name badge and pick up your coin purse. You will use these coins to purchase items at the marketplace, including your breakfast. Now, just a word about breakfast. This isn't going to be the Senior Usher's Easter breakfast with all the trimmings, Y'all! They didn't eat like that! So if you truly must have a big breakfast to get yourself started, consider eating some of that before you come. You can count on bread, cheese, eggs, and fruit perhaps fish and whatever else our food research and culinary teams come up with.

When the Town Crier gives the signal, we will adjourn to the Sanctuary for worship. The Bells of Grace and the Expressions of Praise will minister to us before the Drama Ministry's presentation concludes our

worship experience for the morning.

We expect the Census to start at 8:00 and breakfast will be available beginning at 8:15. We hope to begin worship service around 10:00 a.m. We will have special guests that day and we invite you to bring someone with you as well so that we may share the love of God in this unique service.

Please feel free to use your imagination to dress as you think you might have dressed back then. If you have "nothing to wear," come in contemporary clothing and stop by the Tailor's Shop in the bazaar to borrow a shawl or other item...or just come as you are...we just want you in the service.

If you see members of the various ministries frantically rushing around, just know we are preparing to greet you as you Come to Bethlehem! Pray for us!!!!

As you prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth, remember that He is the reason for the season. Enjoy the beauty and specialness of this sacred time. Remember to love on someone who needs to feel the love of God, manifested in you, especially those who are dealing with loss.

The Beacon Staff wishes everyone a safe, merry and blessed Christmas!

Peace and Blessings,
S.J.

In These Prophetic Times

"The Greatest Gift"

***"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name
will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father,
Prince of Peace."
Isaiah 9:6 (NASB)***

It's Christmas! The most blessed of seasons! The most wondrous of times because we're reminded of God's greatest gift to the world ... Jesus Christ, the Savior! And all around the world, people gather to celebrate His birth with praise and worship and to thank God, the Father, for that unspeakable gift. To recount that most wonderful event, we, once again, journey back to the Holy Land to that first Christmas over two thousand years ago.

"Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright. Round yon virgin mother and Child, Holy infant so tender and mild, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!" Hallelujah to the Lamb! That was the setting some two millennia ago when the most miraculous event in human history occurred. It was a prophecy spoken of many centuries before by prophets inspired of God who foretold that deity would enter the human race. That is, the Son of God would come into the world through the womb of a virgin to deal with humanity's greatest problem...sin, and to provide the one thing it needs most of all .. redemption. The Prophet Micah named the very place Christ would be born: "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler of Israel ..." (Micah 5:2). The Prophet Isaiah said, "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: "Behold, a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel," meaning "God with us" (Isaiah 7:14). Isaiah further stated: "For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace.." (Isaiah 9:6-7).

When we remember that it was for us that Christ came to earth and bore the cross, was crucified, buried, and rose from the dead to provide eternal life; ***"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*** John 3:16, it has been from that time forward that the sinless Son of God still offers to "whosoever will come" forgiveness of sin and a personal relationship with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as believers in King Jesus continue to praise God for the greatest gift bestowed upon mankind
Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world! Hallelujah to the Lamb!

***JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!
MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

Doris Collins-Terrell
December 2019

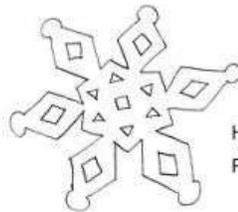
KIDS' PAGES

December

Memory Verse

1 John 5:11

And this is the testimony:
God has given us eternal
life, and this life is in his
Son.



S-N-O-W-F-L-A-K-E

How many words can you make from the word SNOWFLAKE ?
Print one word on each line. You can use letters more than once.

1. _____
2. _____
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SPECIAL DECEMBER EVENTS

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
1	Sunday	7:30 am	Early Morning Worship Service
		10:15 am	Worship Service
		4:00 pm	Men's Chorus Concert
5	Thursday	7:00 pm	Executive Council Meeting
8	Sunday	7:30 am	Early Morning Worship Service
		10:15 am	Worship Service, Holy Communion
15	Sunday	7:30 am	Early Morning Worship Service
		10:15 am	Worship Service
20	Wednesday	7:00 pm	Prayer Meeting
22	Sunday	8:15 am	Praying purpose - Loss
		10:00am	Breakfast in Bethlehem
25	Wednesday	MERRY CHRISTMAS	
29	Sunday	7:30 am	Early Morning Worship Service
		10:15 am	Worship Service
		12:30 pm	Kwanzaa
31	Tuesday	7:00 pm	New Year's Eve Worship Service
			Baptism