

TODAY: December 20



◆ 9:00a Christmas Brunch

◆ 10:00a Christmas Cantata

◆ 6:00 PM Service



## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS



Tues. Dec. 24—5:00p Christmas Eve Service

*Merry Christmas*

Sat. Dec. 26—7:30a men's Bible study in E107  
[other activities listed on the back of bulletin]

## SAVE THE DATE!



Dec. 27—9:30a Baptism Service

Dec. 31—Jan. 2—All Valley High School Winter Retreat at Camp Pinewood / Cost: \$100



Jan. 16-18, 2021—Junior High Winter Blast at Camp Pinewood / Cost: \$85

Jan. 21—6:00-9:00p Celebrate Camp —Dinner, Silent Auction, Business Meeting and Fun at the Barlow Barn (8886 Deer Sky Ranch Tr./ Nampa

Jan. 22-24—Couples Retreat at Camp Pinewood—see Pastor Dave for more info.

Jan. 24, 2021— Annual Business Meeting

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

**December 20:**

**Nursery:**

**SS:** No Sunday School

**Sound Techs:** Jason/ Anna / Alex  
(AM & PM)

**Safety Team:** Ray (AM) Gary M. (PM)

**December 27:**

**Nursery:**

**SS:** Jayne / Susan

**Sound Techs:** Jonathon/ Alex/ Brent  
(AM & PM)

**Safety Team:** Gary W. (AM) Kent (PM)

Matthew 2:13-23

<sup>13</sup> Now when they had gone, behold, an angel of the Lord \*appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up! Take the Child and His mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you; for Herod is going to search for the Child to kill Him."

<sup>14</sup> So Joseph got up and took the Child and His mother while it was still night, and left for Egypt. <sup>15</sup> He stayed there until the death of Herod; *this happened* so that what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet would be fulfilled: "OUT OF EGYPT I CALLED MY SON."

<sup>16</sup> Then when Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he became very enraged, and sent *men* and killed all the boys who were in Bethlehem and all its vicinity who were two years old or under, according to the time which he had determined from the magi. <sup>17</sup> Then what had been spoken through Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled:

<sup>18</sup> "A VOICE WAS HEARD IN RAMAH,  
WEeping AND GREAT MOURNING,  
RACHEL WEeping FOR HER CHILDREN;  
AND SHE REFUSED TO BE COMFORTED,  
BECAUSE THEY WERE NO MORE."

<sup>19</sup> But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord \*appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Get up, take the Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel; for those who sought the Child's life are dead." <sup>21</sup> So Joseph got up, took the Child and His mother, and came into the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup> But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Then after being warned by *God* in a dream, he left for the regions of Galilee, <sup>23</sup> and came and settled in a city called Nazareth. *This happened* so that what was spoken through the prophets would be fulfilled: "He will be called a Nazarene."

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## MERIDIAN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

December 20, 2020

10:00 AM Service

Pianist: Lina

Song Leader: Jim

Scripture Reading: Pastor Saltz  
Luke 1:1-21

#222—Angels, From the Realms of Glory

#232—Away in a Manger

#238—Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Special Music: Choir Cantata /  
Directed by Jennifer

#237—Joy Has Dawned

Scripture Reading: Benjy  
Matthew 2:13-23

Message: "The King's Adversary"

Text: Matthew 2:13-23 Pastor Randy

#245—Exult in the Savior's Birth Jim

6:00 PM Service

Pianist: Michelle

Song Leader: Scott

#218—O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

#83—By Grace Alone

#221—Fullness of Grace

Special Music: Jason and Sara

Message: "The Wrath of God—Its Cause"

Text: Romans 1:18-23 Pastor Randy

Prayerfully consider how you may participate with our **Continuing in Faithfulness** Building Campaign over the next three years. For more information please call the church office.



## MISSION FOCUS



December



Kirk & Juanita McKeeth

El Tesoro Idaho

- A family recently arrived from South America, not believers. We helped them with food, warm clothes, translation, housing applications, serving with grace that they might see God's grace in Christ.
- Persisting in relationships to share the gospel, even with interruptions such as: seasonal work, jail time, family crisis, etc.
- Ongoing counseling with multiple families facing challenges.
- El Tesoro, for growth in discipleship, commitment in service.
- Faithfulness now and clarity for next steps in ministry in this season of life.

## Key Passages on the Incarnation



John 1:14

**And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

"The Word" continues the opening words of the prologue in John 1:1. "Became flesh" does not mean the Word ceased being God; rather, the Word, who was God, also took on humanity (cf. Phil. 2:6-7). This is the most amazing event in all of history: the eternal, omnipotent, omnipresent, infinitely holy Son of God took on a human nature and lived among humanity as one who was both God and man at the same time, in one person. "Dwelt among us" means more literally "pitched his tent" (Gk. *skēnoō*), an allusion to God's dwelling among the Israelites in the tabernacle (cf. Ex. 25:8-9; 33:7). In the past, God had manifested his presence to his people in the tabernacle and the temple. Now God takes up residence among his people in the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ (cf. John 1:17). Thus, the coming of Christ fulfills the Old Testament symbolism for God's dwelling with man in the tabernacle and the temple. Later, through the Holy Spirit, Christ will make into a temple both the church (1 Cor. 3:16) and a Christian's body (1 Cor. 6:19). The references to God's glory refer back to Old Testament passages narrating the manifestation of the presence and glory of God in theophanies (appearances of God), the tabernacle, or the temple (e.g., Ex. 33:22; Num. 14:10; Deut. 5:22). "The only Son from the Father". Jesus is the "Son of God," not in the sense of being created or born (see John 1:3), but in the sense of being a Son who is exactly like his Father in all attributes, and in the sense of having a Father-Son relationship with God the Father. The Greek word underlying "only," *monogenēs*, means "one of a kind, unique," as in the case of Isaac, who is called Abraham's "one-of-a-kind" son in Hebrews 11:17 (in contrast to Ishmael; cf. Gen. 22:2, 12, 16). Thus "only" is a better translation than "only begotten" (made familiar through its use in the KJV). "Full of GRACE and TRUTH" - what a wonderful Savior is Christ Jesus the LORD. O come let us adore him. -(adapted from 10 Key Verses on the Incarnation by Crossway at www.crossway.org on Dec. 10, 2020)

-submitted by Pastor Dave

Deposit Report 2020	
December General Fund Budget:	
<b>\$39,140.77</b>	
WEEK: December 13, 2020	
General Fund:	\$5,993.00
Special Offering:	\$106,667.00
Deposit:	\$112,660.00
MONTH: DECEMBER	
General Fund:	\$ 26,758.89
Special Offerings:	\$121,442.05
Deposits:	\$148,200.94
Building Fund Balance as of 11/30/20	
<b>\$587,137.00</b>	