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**December 21, 2014**

**Today:**

*"The Peace Child"*

**Tonight—Christmas "Glad Tidings"**

**Dinner after PM worship service.**

*Kid's Christmas party following  
Dinner*

**Tuesday:**

**Mid-Week Bible Study—6:30pm**

**No classes—everyone meet in the  
auditorium**

**Thursday:**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**



Contact Elder for December—  
Elton Carter 256-493-6120

## ***Order of Worship***

***Song Leader: Rusty Stephens***

***Call to Worship by the Elders—James Lindsey***

***Prayer - Wayne Carden***

***Song #315: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
(1,2,4)***

***Communion & Offering***

***Song #23: Our God , He Is Alive (1,4)***

***Scripture Reading: Zachary Briley  
John 1:1,14***

***Song #968: Oh, They Tell Me of a Home (1,2,4)***

***Song #997: Oh Come, All Ye Faithful (1,2,3)***

***Children dismiss to Children's Bible Hour***

***Message: John Ross***

***Song #1001: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (1,2,3)***

***Announcements***

***Song #860: There Is a Habitation (1)***

***Prayer - Glen Brown***

***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.***

## Christmas Is About Easter



I love the Christmas Season. I love the lights, trees, and the time to be with family and friends. And I like the presents – both getting and giving! And unfortunately, I also get caught up in the tension and rush.

The thing I truly love about Christmas, however, is the part that seems to be increasingly missing. I love the story of Mary and Joseph. Bethlehem. The manger. Shepherds and Wise Men. Angels. The infant. *God with us!*

Stores and ad agencies have hijacked the story. Writers have pilfered it. TV specials – (like the ones on Lifetime EVERY NIGHT!!) – recast it to “reveal the true meaning of Christmas – families being together!” *Humbug!*

Precious as they are, Christmas isn’t about families. It’s about Easter.

No, I haven’t confused winter with springtime. I am simply reminding those of us who believe the baby was born to be both Son of Man and Son of God that the “true meaning” of the story does not surface at Bethlehem. Not even on the awful hill named Golgotha – “place of the skull.” *Only at the empty tomb.*

The birth of every healthy infant to a loving family still brings joy and hope. Everything else is suspended for a time as hearts are warmed by love’s soft glow. Beautiful face. Fragile form. Warm embrace. Dreams of what can be. From the hearts of believers come both praise and prayers. Love becomes flesh.

The death of every beloved soul still brings sadness and confusion. Even for those who believe life will emerge triumphant, grief and tears overwhelm.

Only resurrection makes sense of things – whether Christ’s coming as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world or your life and mine as mixed experiences of joy and sorrow, occasional triumph and too-frequent failure. It is Easter’s empty tomb that gives meaning to Christmas then or now.

So rejoice. A child is born in Bethlehem! But remember that the Christmas Story is not about babies, family togetherness, and tender feelings. It is not about crowded airports, new iPads, and overeating. It is about the rescue mission of God to come among us. Love for wayward sons and daughters that cannot be conquered. The once-for-all sacrifice for our sin. And life. *New and eternal life.*

God came to a sinful and suffering world, took all its evils upon Himself, and triumphed. In His triumph over sin and death, you and I find our hope.

If you long for heaven’s peace, receive its Raised and Glorious Prince.

Merry Christmas!  
John

## Upcoming Events



**December 23:** Mid-week worship on **Tuesday** due to Christmas holidays.

**December 30:** Mid-week worship on **Tuesday** due to New Year’s Eve holiday.

**January 4:** Monthly Pot Luck Lunch—Menu Theme is Mexican Food—**Food Group 3** in charge of set up and clean up.

**January 11:** Elders / Deacons meeting following PM worship service.

**January 18:** Baby Shower for **Courtney Madrigal**—2PM to 4PM Fellowship Hall—It’s a GIRL (**Elliana Brooke**)!!! Courtney is registered at Target, Baby’s R Us and Kohl’s.



We will have the Secret Sister reveal some time in January.

Details coming soon. Have you encouraged your Secret Sister during this Christmas season?

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

12/23—Burma Bible, Arabelle Ishee, Alison Phillips

12/24—Donnie Woods, M/M Fred Denney

12/26—Tyler Painter, Krystal Hall, Brooke Champion

12/27—Gloria Thomas

## Remember in Prayer. .



### Our Sick. . .

**Lavonne Austin** is in the hospital at Stringfellow Memorial. (103 Lloyd Drive, Anniston 36201)

**Michele Williams** is recovering from surgery on Thursday. (48371 Alabama Hwy 21, Munford 36268)

### Sympathy. . .

Please keep **Kim Rhodes** and her children in your prayers as they deal with the tragic loss of her husband, **Rodney**, this past week.

Also, our deepest sympathy to the family of **Carolyn Dial**, who passed away this past Wednesday. Please remember her husband **Roy** and young son **Patric** in your prayers. (111 Saddleridge Road, Talladega 35160)

## This Week's Back-Pack Food Items

- Oatmeal Variety Packs
- Cereal (single serve)



### HELP NEEDED

We still need members to sign up to prepare communion, secure the building and host youth devotionals for 2015. Please check the sheets in the foyer and sign up for a month if you are willing to help.

## Those Privileged to Serve: December 2014

### Song Leaders:

21st – Rusty Stephens 28th – David West

### AM: Opening Prayer

21st: Wayne Carden

28th: Rusty Stephens

### Closing Prayer

Glen Brown

Boots Lane

### PM: Opening Prayer

21st: Shaun Stancil

28th: Eric Ishee

### Closing Prayer

Duane Stephens

Patrick Houston

### Those to Serve at the Lord's Table:

**Presiding:** Jamie Burgess

**Assisting:** John Davis, Kenny Stratton, Keith Yarbrough, Frank Thomas, Britt Parker, Charles Elston, David Austin, Eddie Jennings

### Ushers:

James Galbreath, Tyler Johnston, Spencer Austin, Landon Watts, Jason Webb, Matt Smith

### Little Lambs:

21st: Kesley Williams & Susan Briley

28th: Andi Johnston & Linda Galbreath

### Greeters:

**West Entrance:** Debbie Stewart & Juanita Wallace

**East Entrance:** Wayne & Gail Carden

**Main Foyer:** Harold & Pattie Bean, Calvin Phillips,

Virginia Brewer, Linda Carter, Macy Stratton

**Prepare Communion:** Kenny & Pam Stratton

**Secure Building:** Kenny Stratton

If you are unable to serve please contact

**Brian Forbus @ 256-831-2471.**

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James Lindsey  
Bob Templin

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#### Sunday

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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#### Wednesday

Morning Study: 10:00am-

11:00am

Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.

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