#### **December 2022 Sermon Series**

# Christmas at New Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church "From Knock Offs to The Name Brand"

The world is filled with "counterfeit gods" as Tim Keller suggests. People have sought multiple versions of success cloaked in career, money, material things, etc... only to find themselves unfulfilled. The birth of Jesus was showing the world again that God is real and that only through him will our life have meaning and bring true satisfaction. As I have said before, "we have a name brand God!" The "brand" or reputation of God precedes him as we look in scripture and some of the names of God surrounding his coming into the world. Each week we will focus on a different name(s) or title of the messiah Jesus Christ and how our faith in him helps us overcome counterfeit/idol or "knock off gods" today.

**December 4 Luke 1:32** "He shall be called the Son of the Highest (God)" Deals with the atheism and unbelief in our world today. **December 11 Matthew 1:23** "He shall be called Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." God with us deals with the crisis of hopelessness and loneliness.

**December 18 Matthew 1:21** "...and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." This addresses the brokenness, sinfulness, separation from God we have in society. **December 25 Isaiah 9:6** "...and he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" These titles show some of the comprehensive benefits of Jesus Christ inaugurated when Jesus was born. In addition, they also highlight some of the attributes of God and how they apply to our lives.

#### WAYS TO GIVE:

- Access Giving feature on mobile app (download app using QR Code)
- Donate to the church in person and online using Givelify (givelify.com)
- Place in church postal mailbox outside fellowship hall entrance; drop off during church office hours; or send to church using postal mail









# WELCOME BACK

## IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL

December 2022

# **SUNDAY SERVICES**

7:30AM & 9:30AM



3221 Bain Street | Houston, Texas 77026 | (713) 672-7419

### Morning Hymn: "Oh Come All Ye Faithful"

O come all ve faithful Joyful and triumphant; O come ye o come ye to Bethlehem come and behold Him Born the King of angels.

Sing choirs of angels Sing in exultation; Sing all ye citizens of heaven above Glory to God Glory in the highest.

Yes, Lord, we greet Thee Born this happy morning Jesus to Thee be the glory given Word of the Father now in flesh appearing.

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him Christ the Lord.



### Scripture Reading: Luke 1:28-32

- <sup>28</sup> And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.
- <sup>29</sup> And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.
- <sup>30</sup> And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.
- <sup>31</sup> And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.
- <sup>32</sup> He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

#### **December 2022 Bible Readings**

December 4-10 Luke 4-10 December 11-17 Luke 11-17 December 18-24 Luke 18-24 December 25-31 Galatians 1-6



Loving God, loving people, and leading others to do the same. (Matthew 22:37-40; Matthew 28:19-20)

### Let's GROW through life together!

Join a group/ministry below to study, serve, and share with one another:

Student Movement (HS age & under/Sat before 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun @ 10am)

The Connection (18-35 years/2<sup>nd</sup> Sun @ 10:30am)

Chosen Generation (36-54 years/1st Sun @ 10:30am)

Prime Timers (55 years and up)/ $3^{rd}$  Thurs @ 11am)

Trendsetters (Adults)/ Bi-weekly on Tues @ 10am; call & in person)

Sunday School (All ages)/ Each Sun @ 9am)

Mission 1 (Circles)/1<sup>st</sup> Mon & Tues & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues & Thurs @ 6pm

General Mission/4<sup>th</sup> Mon @ 6:30pm, 1-978-990-5000; 847396#)

Brotherhood/Women's Uplift/Each Sat @ 9am)

Prayer Call (1-857-357-0254; 475823#) Monday-Friday 12 Noon; Wednesday 7:00am & 12:00 Noon

#### **December 2022 Sunday School Lessons**

UNIT III – GOD PREPARES THE WAY

December 4 God's Promise

Luke 1:8-20

Zechariah Redeemed December 11

Luke 1:57-66, 76-79

December 18 John Prepares the Way

Luke 3:2-6; 15-18

December 25 Open to Being Chosen

Luke 1:46-55