

# JESUS & the HOLIDAYS

## JESUS & CHRISTMAS: WHY THE NATIVITY?

As **Jesus and the Holidays sermon series** turns its focus towards Christmas, we will begin by asking the question “*Why?*” David Jeremiah wrote a little book titled **Why the Nativity?** that sets forth a quest for answers regarding the birth of Christ.

Questions like “*Why was the child born in a stable?*” “*Why did the story include the shepherds, the angels, and the wise men?*” “*Why was Mary chosen to become the mother of Christ?*” Most of all, there are questions about the little Child at the very center of all of this. And then come more big questions such as “*Is this all true?*” And “*If it is true, why does it matter to me?*”

I love this little book. So much so that I will be using it to guide us through Jesus and Christmas part of the Jesus and the Holiday series. So much so that I ordered these books (*in bulk*) for you to read and give out to people in your lives who may be asking these questions too. You can pick these books up as you enter and leave worship today.

This morning, we will begin with the first question: “*Why the prophecies?*” We will look back to the Old Testament to see what glimpses of the coming Messiah tell us about who He is and what He will do.

Tonight, we will NOT have church-wide prayer. Church-wide prayer will be back next Sunday night, December 7th. Then on Sunday night, December 14th, join us for our Annual Business Meeting and Fellowship in the Worship Center at 6:00 pm.

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***It is time to tee it up!! Saturday, December 6th, 2025, 8:00 am***

***Hope Project International (HPI) is one of our mission partners and helps kids in the areas of nutrition, education, shelter, and spiritual development. HPI's Annual Charity Golf Tournament is Saturday, December 6th, 8 am at the Cleveland Heights Golf Course.***

**You can help in three ways:**

1. You can **sponsor** a golf team, or become a tournament sponsor.
2. You can **volunteer** to help on the day of the tournament.
3. You can **put together a golf team and play.**

Cost to play is **\$125 per golfer**. Stop by the *Hope Project* table in the Foyer or Chapel for more information or contact Chad Braddock at 863-978-8886.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS



**Parents!  
Save the  
Date!**

**Kids Christmas Party (K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**December 14, 2025**

**(11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.)**

**Here at the church**

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

HOT DOGS, BAKED BEANS,  
COLESLAW AND DESSERT



\$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 for family (2 adults + kids)

*\*\*sign up in worship center foyer or chapel*

## **TODAY!**

*WE BEGIN THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS. MORE INFO AT [WWW.IMB.ORG](http://WWW.IMB.ORG).*

*LOTTIE MOON ENVELOPES FOR GIVING WILL BE IN THE NEXT TWO BULLETINS.*

**NO CHURCHWIDE PRAYER TONIGHT.**

## **MEN'S PRAYER**

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

## **MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT: ONE MORE CHILD**

Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

## **MEN'S/ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES**

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Men in Room 108-Women in Room 110)

## **EMBRACE MINISTRY POTLUCK CHRISTMAS BRUNCH-FOR WIDOWS**

Tuesday, December 2nd, 10 am in Room 101-Please sign up in the Foyer.

## **CHRISTMAS LADIES' EVENT**

Friday, December 5th, 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Sign up by **TODAY!**

## **HOPE PROJECT INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Saturday, December 6th, 8 am-Sign up in the Foyer or Chapel.

## **CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR KIDS**

Sunday, December 14th, 11:45 am - 2 pm

## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND FINGER FOODS/DESSERT NIGHT**

Sunday, December 14th, 6 pm

# The Wonder of Christmas

Ardella Baptist Ladies' Event

Friday, December 5th

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Ardella Baptist Chapel

**Christmas Mug Exchange:** Bring an unwrapped Christmas mug and a friend!

We will be serving up some cozy Christmas treats; and remember to wear whatever is YOUR Christmas best!

Be sure to **sign-up by TODAY!** to save a spot!



## Annual Business Meeting

and finger food/dessert fellowship

Sunday, December 14 at 6 pm



### Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	18,308.00
Missions	1,024.86
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,332.86</b>

# JESUS & THE HOLIDAYS: WEEK FOUR

November 30, 2025

## sermon notes

### Jesus and Christmas: Why the Prophecies?

He will be born of a virgin. (**Isaiah 7:14**)

He will be born in Bethlehem. (**Micah 5:2**)

He will come from the distant past. (**Micah 5:2**)

He will be a man of sorrows. (**Isaiah 53:3**)

He will be crushed for our sins. (**Isaiah 53:5**)

He will be a light to the Gentiles. (**Isaiah 49:6**)

\*Sermon notes for today correspond with Question One (*Why the Prophecies?*) of David Jeremiah's book **Why the Nativity?: 25 Compelling Reasons We Celebrate the Birth of Christ**.

## reflection

Read **Chapter One** from *Why the Nativity?* to the group. This will be a great addition to the discussion.

Does knowing that **Jesus' birth fulfilled prophecies made hundreds of years beforehand** affect your life? In what ways?

Which of **the six specific prophecies** discussed today seem most amazing to you? Why?

What prophecies do these verses add to what we have already discussed?

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

**Matthew 27:38**

**Luke 1:32-33**

**Zechariah 6:13**

**Isaiah 53:12**

**Hebrews 7:24-25**

What does **Micah 5:2** have to do with the wise men in **Matthew 2:1-6**?

What other **significant prophecies** are we given about the Messiah in **Micah 5:1-6**?

What wonderful and horrible things does **Isaiah 53:4-6** explain about the cross of Christ?