


Hope Notes

Sunday School: 9:00 AM
Worship: 10:00 AM
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Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 21
Breakfast 8-9 am
Worship 9:30-11am
Come join in carol singing, listen to special music, and share special Christmas memories.

Caroling

Tuesday, December 23
Caroling in our community
Meet at the church at 7pm

Special Advent Worship

Every Sunday from November 30-January 4 at 10am
Theme: "Let Your Face Shine"

Good Tidings of Great Joy

By: Ruth Meck

The angel announced Christ's birth saying, "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people; for to you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:8-11) The message proclaimed the indescribable gift of a Savior who came to earth as a baby. Born in the lowliest of circumstances, He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger in the poor town of Bethlehem.

Christ came from heaven to teach us how to live. He said, "Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Christ came to give us an example to follow. Taking a basin of water and a towel and stooping to wash the feet of those who had gathered to share the Passover feast, He taught us humility.

Christ came to fulfill Old Testament prophecy. Born of a virgin, his name would be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Immanuel---meaning God with us. (Isaiah 7:14)

Christ came to offer us the forgiveness of sin. We were separated from a holy God. (Romans 3:23) A perfect Savior and Mediator was needed to bring us back together. Only the sinless Jesus could restore our relationship with God.

Christ came to transform our sinful hearts and to give us a love for that which is pure, good, holy, and clean.

Christ came to give us



everlasting life. He opened the way to heaven for all who believe. There will be no more death, neither sorrow or pain. There will be no night there. He willingly gave himself on the cross of Calvary. God accepted that sacrifice and raised his Son from the dead. Have you opened your heart's door to JESUS AS SAVIOR?

REJOICE! The Prince of Peace has come. Let your heart be glad. That's what Christmas is all about!

Alpha Course - You are invited!

The symbol used by the Alpha Course is a person holding a large question mark. Many times we have questions concerning life and Christianity. The Alpha Course is designed to discuss these questions and serve as an introduction to Christianity. Each evening consists of dinner, worship, video and discussion. We welcome you to join us on January 6 at 6:30 pm to learn about the course. There is more information on the enclosed brochure.



Savor the Day

by: Pastor Dwight Groff

All too soon Thanksgiving turkey and all the trimmings will be only a pleasant memory. Every year I take time to savor Thanksgiving Day. However, it seems the culture I am a part of only uses this holiday as a springboard into the festivities of Christmas. So how will I savor Thanksgiving Day? (I'm writing this article on Thanksgiving eve.) For me it is a day to enjoy being with my family. We will relish a good meal together. For the last twenty years, over a dozen of us will gather around a well laden table, and everyone will reflect for a moment on what we are thankful for. That list varies from year to year. Usually one of my nieces is thankful for her pets. Another person is thankful for a patient spirit. I savor each answer. I regret that I've never taken the time to record a list of those Thanksgiving statements.

On Thanksgiving morning I will take time to savor a short passage of scripture that I have selected ahead of time. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." (II Corinthians 9:15) What a wonderful gift God has given us! We are able to experience the unbounded grace and forgiveness of Almighty God because of the gift that Jesus his only Son is to us all. I can savor this promise all through Thanksgiving Day and for that matter, the remaining days of this year.

I encourage all of us to take time to savor every moment we are given. Life is truly a gift from God. He wants us to enjoy it! As we enjoy living for Him, we ultimately worship Him in a spirit of thankfulness.



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