

# Sunrise Christian Church

December 2016 Family Newsletter

L3- Love, Learn, Lead

## Who is Jesus Christ?



“When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea, Herod was king. During this time some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem and said, ‘Where is the child born to be king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.’”- Gospel of Matthew 2:1-2, CEV

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"Christmas began in the heart of God.  
It is complete only when it reaches  
the heart of man."  
[Anonymous]



## Come All Ye Faithful

1. Oh, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;  
(Chorus)  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.  
2. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest;  
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.  
Son of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;

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*Just how many people are the “faithful,”  
those identify themselves as Christians?  
The answer- a lot!  
In the U.S.- 280 million  
Worldwide- 2.2 billion*

## Christmas Thoughts:

"I will honor Christmas in my heart,  
and try to keep it all the year."  
[Charles Dickens]

"Some businessmen are saying this  
could be the greatest Christmas ever.  
I always thought that the first one  
was." [Art Fetting]

"When Christmas is over," said the  
merchant to the minister, "it's over, and it's  
our job to rid the store of Christmas in a  
day."  
"Well," the minister replied, "I've got a  
more difficult job - to keep Christmas in the  
hearts of my people for all year."  
[Log of the Good Ship Grace]

"We can never hope to capture the  
Christmas spirit and make it our own  
unless we understand that God is so much  
greater than we ever thought He was. We  
thought we knew all about God. The  
incarnation proved us wrong."  
[Dan Schaeffer]

"For the Christ-child who comes is the  
Master of all; No palace too great, no  
cottage too small." [Phillips Brooks]



“Gift”- do you have it?

No one wants to feel like they’re outsiders or strangers, so take time to practice GIFT-

**G**- Greet someone

**I**- Introduce someone

**F**- Follow up on someone

**T**- Thank someone

*A Savior has been born*



As the angel choir withdrew into heaven, the shepherders talked it over. “Let’s get over to Bethlehem as fast as we can and see for ourselves what God has revealed to us.” They left, running, and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. Seeing was believing. (So) They told everyone they met what the angels had said about this child. (And) All who heard the shepherders were impressed.

Luke 2:15-18, The Message

**Xmas**- what does it mean and where did it come from?

Xmas is a common abbreviation of the word *Christmas*, in use since the 16<sup>th</sup> century. The "X" comes from the Greek letter *Chi*, which is the first letter of the Greek word *Χριστός*, which in English is "Christ." The “Mas” is an old English word for mass, which is the celebration of the Eucharist- what we call the Lord’s Supper.

It is not taking Christ out of Christmas, instead it emphasizes Him.

So Merry Xmas to you! ☺



On our own, none of us is “good enough,” thus the need for a Savior. So isn’t it wonderful that God has provided us one?

Therefore it’s no wonder everyone was excited the night Jesus was born!

So, how about you? Are you excited about Jesus? I hope so. Let us join our voices with the angels who that night proclaimed, *“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests.”*

Save the date-



Women of the Church

**SCC’s Women’s Christmas Brunch- Saturday, Dec. 10, at 9:30am.**



The Santa Claus at the shopping mall was very surprised when Emily, a 20-something young lady, walked up and sat on his lap. Now, we all know that Santa doesn’t usually take requests from adults, but she smiled so very nicely at him that he simply had to ask, “What do you want for Christmas?”

“Something for my mother, please,” Emily replied sweetly.

“Something for your mother? Well, that’s very thoughtful of you,” said Santa. “What would you like me to bring her?”

Without missing a beat Emily answered, “A son-in-law!”



**December’s Events:**

- \* SCC host December’s worship service at Wellsprings at 3pm.
- \* *Faithful Men* men’s breakfast- Saturday, Dec. 3, @ 7:30am, @ the church.
- \* SCC’s *Ladies’ Christmas Brunch*- Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:30am, at the church.
- \* SCC’s Christmas Dinner- Sunday, Dec. 11, 5pm, at the church. Invite someone to join you.
- \* ***Christmas Day*** worship service will be at 11am, instead of 10:30; no adult Bible Study that day.