



Where is the one who has
 been born king of the Jews?
 We saw his star in the east
 and have come to worship
 him.

Matthew 2:2

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. <i>Evening</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8 <i>Christmas</i> <i>Dinner</i> 5 P.M.
9 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. <i>Evening</i>	10	11	12 <i>Ladies</i> <i>Refreshing</i> 6:30 P.M. <i>All Ladies welcome</i>	13	14	15
16 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. <i>Evening</i>	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 <i>Worship</i> 10 A.M. <i>Evening</i>	24	25 <i>Merry</i> <i>Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29
30 <i>Candle Light</i> <i>And Communion</i> <i>Service 6 P.M.</i>	31					

Happy December
Birthdays

Pleasant Grove Pentecostal Church
From the Pastors Desk

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During this season the trees have gone to sleep. It seems flowers have hid for the winter, and some of the birds have went south for a warmer climate. Yet, December is an exciting month. It's the time for Christmas. I know we should have a giving spirit all year, yet it seems at his time of the year it increases more. People will put lights on their houses and all over their yards. They will put a tree in their house and try to make it as pretty as they can. Families will come together and share gifts with each other. Little children who may not get anything the rest of the year will get food, clothes and maybe even love along with other things.

My thoughts goes back to a tree that was used years ago, It was cut down and made into a cross. Then it was brought into a court yard where there was red on this tree from His body. There is only one way you could understand the beauty of this tree. That is, if you would accept the gift that was on the tree. No, there weren't artificial lights and bulbs covering it. It was the only begotten Son of God our Savior and Lord. The red is blood He gave so freely. His salvation was the gift to all mankind. No, he's not a baby in a manger He's a living King on a throne. When we accept Jesus as our Savior, we accept his gift of Salvation. His precious gift of love he gave us and we can give to others all year. This is what Christmas is truly about. God's bridge (Jesus) for us so we can have communion once again with the father.

I get concerned each Christmas with the enemy trying so hard to get Christ out of Christmas with the emphasizes on presents and decorations. But then I realize they are still celebrating Christmas. You can see Jesus in the twinkling lights that imitate the stars God created. People smiling and giving more than any other time of the year. We have School Christmas concerts, class parties, carolers, office parties, even in the snow we wish for at Christmas. It's all one big celebration for Jesus.

If someone says to you, "Happy Holidays" they are trying to be politically correct, you respond with, "And to you a Merry Christmas." This Christmas let the people around you know why you celebrate this season. In Christ's Love , Merry Christmas Pastor Denny an Sister Dixie

Celebrating Jesus, the Expected One

The weeks leading up to Christmas Day are a special time of reflection on God's gift to us: Jesus.

Rejoicing in Jesus' birth certainly brings glory to God, but sometimes we can forget that God didn't just send a child into the world; He sent a mighty Rescuer!

The image of the Child in the manger should fill our hearts with praise because we know what that Child would grow up to accomplish: He would save His people from their sins. This story is not for those of us who live after Jesus' time, though. The people of God have always known what Jesus' mission would be. How did they know about this divine rescue plan before Jesus actually came? Because God promised the whole plan to them and every single part of it was designed to become true in Jesus.

No, God didn't just promise His people that a miracle child would be born. He also promised that this Child would grow up to be the loving Shepherd of His people, the place-switching Sacrifice, the resurrection Lord and the righteous King who reigns in glory forever. But is yet another promise; this King is coming back for His people.

The Old Testament passage point to Jesus, collectively unfolding the promises of His long-awaited coming, His marvelous birth, His blameless life, His agonizing death, His glorious resurrection and His reign as the eternal King of all.

As we celebrate the first coming of the Expected One during Advent, let's also look forward in hopeful anticipation of His second coming. Let's keep in mind the whole picture of God's promises to us, "For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in Him." (2 Corinthians 1:20)

On December 8th we will be having our Christmas Dinner at 5 P.M. Please bring a Desert to add to the meal. We look forward to a evening of fellowship together.

Take Courage

Do not lose heart

II Corinthians 4:16-18

God has prepared for us

I Corinthians 2:9

Unseen help ~ II Kings 6:17

On December 30th We will have our candlelight and our Communion service at 6 P.M. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Refreshments will follow after service.

I shall pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being. Let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

FAMILY RULES

Always Be Honest Proverbs 12:22
Count Your Blessing Psalms 34: 1-3
Forgive and Forget Micah 7:18
Be Supportive of one another
Acts 20:35
Be Kind and Tenderhearted
Ephesians 4:32
Keep Your Promises Romans 4:21
Comfort One Another
1 Thessalonians 4:21
And above all
Love One Another 1 Peter 1:22

If we meet and you forget me, you have lost nothing; But if you meet JESUS CHRIST and forget HIM— You have Lost everything.

Faith Step: Pick a Scripture to memorize with a young person in your life. Then when you both have it memorized, celebrate in a special way, like with ice cream.

If you have not received that gift of eternal life with Him, then pray this short prayer to the One who gave us victory over death through Jesus Christ.

I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins. I am willing to turn from my sins. I now invite Jesus Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior. I will confess you before men, study your Word and live according to your will as you guide me. Thank you for sending Jesus so that I might have eternal life.

Your word says in Romans 10:9-10 “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness. And with the mouth Confession is made unto salvation. Amen

Prayer Request

Place request in prayer basket at the altar, or mail them and we will place them in the prayer basket for you.

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