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The Family Church at the Family Beach

## **December 10 Newsletter**

#### Church family,

When this pandemic started, I was confident we would be back to normal by now. As the year dragged on I realized that the sense of normalcy I wanted in Christmas specials was not going to happen. It was a discouraging realization! Then I thought about what it was like at the very first Christmas. A ruler demanding a census for tax purposes, requiring travelers living away from their birthplace to make arrangements to travel there to be counted. A young virgin girl caught up in this, having a baby far away from home. Having a baby, the Son of God, the God of Creation, born in humble surroundings. (In a sense, 2020 has nothing on what Mary had to endure at that time!) Yet there still was praise and rejoicing! The angels sang their glories to God, the shepherds told others, praising and glorifying God! So what could we do as a church when we gathered to worship our God, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace? Pastor Nathan suggested having music and narration spread over three Sundays, using the theme of Hope: Hope Promised, Hope Proclaimed, and Hope Present, all the while keeping to our guidelines of care during these difficult times.

I am humbly grateful to God and to the wonderful people who work with me for how this came together. Mark McCoy has been gifted with the ability to write narrations and made our choices of songs fit together. The choir members have been so gracious during this time of having to split up and learn how to sing spaced out. I am very thankful that during these changing times all our musicians have been wonderful in adapting. So, during this season we have, and will continue to have, musical worship and praise to our God who loved us so much He gave his only Son to live among us and to die for us. We did nothing to deserve this beautiful gift and are grateful we can offer to him our gifts of praise and adoration.

Dark times make His light shine brighter! Let us all do our part this season to bring joy, God's joy, to those around us and to offer hope to those who despair. Sing His praises during this season, knowing that Hope came to Bethlehem, and to all our world, in the form of a Baby!

Kathleen Gambrell, Worship Leader

#### Sunday's Worship Guide

The Gospel Of Luke: Good News For All People Hope Promised To The Skeptic; Luke 1:1-38 Pastor Nathan

- I. Theophilus And The Reality Of Jesus (1-4)
- II. Zechariah And The Rational Jesus (5-25)
- III. Mary And The Relevance Of Jesus (26-38)



Remember to return your unwrapped gift (with your angel card) to the church office no later than Sunday, December 13.

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The WeeSchool still has 2021 Calendars for \$7.00. They can be picked up from the school between 9 and noon.

#### Weekly Schedule

#### Sundays

9:00 AM: Drive-in Service Sunday School

10:30 AM: Sanctuary Service Sunday School

5:00 PM: Choir Practice

No Evening Service

#### Tuesdays

6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting

Thursdays

10:00 AM: Faith Sunday School

**Upcoming Schedule** 

Saturday, December 12 10:00 AM: Youth Waffle Breakfast

#### Sunday, December 13

There will be an interest meeting in the FH for the January and April 2021 Haiti mission trips following the 10:30 AM service.

Sunday, December 20 Candlelight Service

Office Closed: December 23, 24, 28, 31



Saturday, December 12 10:00 AM Youth Waffle Breakfast (Youth Rm)



*Christmas Candlelight Service* Sunday, December 20

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# **Equipping Classes**

# For Adults Sunday Nights

## Begins January 24 (6-7:30 PM)

**Financial Peace** Taught by: Larry and Chris Welk

Learn to live in the freedom God created you for—to grow, serve, and follow His call. Find out how you can have the beginnings of financial peace.

#### Bible Book Study Habakkuk and Philippians Taught by: Mica Pruitt

Learn how to dig into the Bible and develop good Bible study habits. We will answer the questions: What does the passage say? What can I learn from it? How will I apply it to my life? What does this Bible Word mean? How would I share this with someone else?

## **Effective Parenting in a Defective World**

Taught By: Mark and Lindsay Steelman

In this day and age, children face a far more defective world than the children of previous decades. Everyday parents are bombarded with the pressures and influences. Often, parents feel helpless, but the truth is, God has a plan for effectively raising your children and you can learn it.



## Seniors, age 55 and up are starting a new group.

What: Seniors Lunch (using COVID guidelines) When: December 31 from 11:30 AM—2:30 PM Where: FBC COVID precautions will be in place

and you must wear your mask. If you need transportation call 803.379.1010 Sign up in the lobby or call the church office 843.238.0206 *Come join the fun!* 

## **December 13 Worship Song**

#### Go Tell It On The Mountain

#### Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and ev'rywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

#### Verse 1

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a holy light

### Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and ev'rywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

### Verse 2

The shepherds feared and trembled When lo above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth

### Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and ev'rywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

## Verse 3

Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn

## Chorus

Go tell it on the mountain Over the hills and ev'rywhere Go tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born