



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! One of the many reasons I love the Christmas season is that it causes us to think well about the incarnation of Jesus Christ and the eternal significance His birth has in our lives. That is why I want to invite you to come be a part of our very special Christmas services that we will have during the month of December. Each Sunday morning, we will have special music, will light the advent candle, and will focus on the significance of the birth of Jesus.

The theme for the month of December is, "Jesus Is Better!" During the Christmas season we are tempted to get so caught up in the decorations, the parties, and the gifts that we forget the best part of Christmas – Jesus Himself! We are reminded of this as we consider the three gifts of the wise men. Though they likely came 2 years after Christ's birth we see them bringing three very specific gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. We may be tempted to gloss over these gifts, but these gifts have three very specific meanings.

Gold is a gift fitting for a king. This gift reminds us that **Jesus is the new and better king!** While all the kings and kingdoms of the world will pass away, Jesus is the perfect king that will reign for all eternity.

Frankincense was used in the temple sacrificial system. It reminds us that **Jesus is the new and greater priest!** Through His death on the cross He has once and for all paid for the sins of the world, for those who repent and trust in Him.

Myrrh was used to anoint prophets in the Old Testament. It is a reminder that **Jesus is the new and greater prophet.** He speaks a better Word than all of the false hopes in this world. Following His Word reveals what true abundant life looks like.

I hope that you will join us starting this Sunday as we see how Jesus is better! We will consider this each Sunday culminating in our Christmas Candlelight service, the night of December 19th.

See you Sunday!

Pastor Nathan

Sundays

- 9:00 AM: Worship Service & Sunday School
- 10:30 AM: Worship Service & Sunday School

Sunday Evenings

- 4:30 PM: Choir Practice
- 6:00 PM: Youth Ministry, Children's Ministry

Tuesdays

- 7:00 AM: Men's Bible Study at Bob Evans
- 6:00 PM: Celebrate Recovery

Wednesdays

- 10:00 AM: Prayer Meeting
- 11:00 AM: Ladies Bible Study

Thursdays

- 10:00 AM: Faith Class

Upcoming Schedule

Saturday, December 4

- 8:00 AM: Men's Breakfast
- 10:30 AM: WMU

Friday, December 10

- 6:00 PM: Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 12

- 11:45 PM: Discover Class for New & Prospective Members

Wednesday, December 15

- 5:30 PM: Caroling

Friday, December 17

- 6:00 PM: Brookgreen Gardens

Sunday, December 19

- 6:00 PM: Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 26

- 10:00 AM: Combined Service, No Sunday School or Evening Activities

Sunday's Worship Guide

Jesus Is Better

Jesus Is The New And Better King; Luke 21:20-38

A Christ Centered View Of The End Times

- I. Helps Us Hold The Things Of This World Loosely (20-24)
- II. Removes Fear (25-28)
- III. Increases Our Trust In His Word (29-33)
- IV. Sharpens Our Focus (34-36)

Angel Tree Update:

To all of you who have fulfilled a child's wish through our Angel Tree, we thank you. You have provided love to the families in our area who are less fortunate. We are thankful for each of you helping these families through hardship. They will be touched by the generosity and love of the members of First Baptist Church. Be in prayer for these families. We have Six Angels left on our tree. Please return your unwrapped Angel Tree gift to the church no later than Sunday, December 12. Again, God bless each of you for your blessings.



Wednesday December 15th at 5:30pm

We will be sharing the joy of Christmas through song with our homebound members. Following caroling, join us for some festive treats back in the Fellowship Hall!



Come and Celebrate God's Greatest Gift ~Jesus

December 10th

6 PM

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY
Bible Story, Games, Music, & Prizes

DISCOVER
FBC / SURFSIDE

FOR NEW &
PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Sunday, December 12th
11:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall
Call the church office to order lunch
& reserve your spot!