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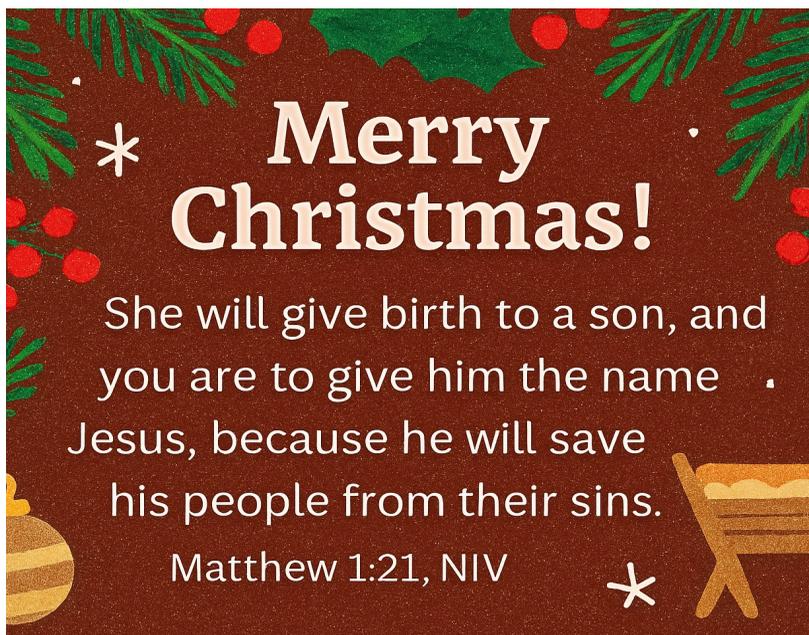
By a miracle of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was conceived in the womb of Mary, a virgin (Luke 1:26-38),

The name **Jesus** means “Savior” and comes from the Hebrew name, Joshua (“Jehovah is salvation”). There were many Jewish boys with the name Joshua (or, in the Greek, Jesus); but Mary’s boy was called “**Jesus the Christ.**” The word *Christ* means “anointed”; it is the Greek equivalent of *Messiah*. He is “**Jesus the Messiah.**” Jesus is His human name; Christ is His official title; and Immanuel describes who He is...“God with us.” **Jesus Christ is God!**

Everyone say together with Fran and I: “**Hallelujah; Praise God.**”

Peace and blessings this Christmas season,

Pastor Jim & Fran



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The Herald

A King Is Born

“Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11).



Let’s take a moment and see what the month of December is all about; then we will get back to the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

December 7th is National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. December 13th is National Horse Day (All horse people would appreciate this; especially my wife Fran). December 14th marks the beginning of “Hanukkah” this year, the 8-day Jewish Festival of Lights. December 25th is Christmas Day; a Christian holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ (Hallelujah! “Praising the Lord”). December’s traditional birthstone is Turquoise (a symbol of good fortune and success); December’s birth flowers are the Holly and the “paper white” Narcissus.

The Heredity of the King: In the Gospel of Matthew 1:16, 18 make it clear that Jesus Christ’s birth was different from that of any other Jewish boy named in the genealogy. Matthew pointed out that Joseph did not “beget” Jesus Christ. Rather, Joseph was the “husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.” Jesus was born of an earthly mother without the need of an earthly father. This is known as the doctrine of the **Virgin Birth.**

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Christmas Chaos & Holy Joy

Every year we stress over tangled lights, burnt cookies, and whether the cat will attack the nativity scene. But the first Christmas wasn't picture-perfect either—the shepherds had no GPS, the wise men showed up late, and Mary probably wondered why Joseph didn't book a better hotel.

Yet in the middle of all that chaos, Christ was born. So if your wrapping paper runs out or your tree leans a little sideways, smile—because Christmas has never been about perfection. It's about joy, laughter, and the Savior who came to us in the humblest way.

BCHS Flag Team – Gym Use

The Trustees and Deacon Board have approved the BCCHS Flag Team to use our gym on

Thursdays from 3:00–6:00 PM.

Mary Ellen Aiken and Vicky Sanders will serve as church monitors. If you're interested in volunteering to help monitor, please reach out to either of these ladies.

Christmas Card Exchange

Our Christmas card box is ready on the back pew! Share joy this season by placing your cards inside and checking often for cards left for you. Let's bless one another with words of cheer and encouragement as we celebrate Christ's birth.



Come join the fun and fellowship at Sing 'n Share on **December 17**, at **4 P.M.** in the Fellowship Hall. Mark calendar now and plan to attend.

LADIES INVITED TO COFFEE

All ladies are invited to 1st Wednesday Coffee at The Buzz on **December 3rd**, at **9:30a.m.** Bring your prayer requests and a friend.



DECEMBER



2nd Christian Owens 9th Dustin Snelgrove
 16th Kathy Thomas 19th Kaye Owens
 27th Gerald Owens 27th Chris Lynch
 29th Mary Ellen Aiken
 29th Robert Rea



December Offering Corn Muffin Mix

Food Pantry Giving

Each day, the volunteers are blessed with gifts. The Food Pantry has gotten money, food and personal hygiene items. It does the heart good to be a part of this ministry. Some days our building feels like a Cathedral. Joy and sadness of our clients stays with us as we go home to our families. Our Church should be very proud of this mission. As our Church members take part in this work remember it is with the love of our Lord and Savior.

THIS MONTH

Dec. 3rd 9:30 A.M. Ladies' Coffee at The Buzz
 Dec. 5th 10:00 A.M. Ministry at Heritage Woods
 (Join us for Christmas Caroling)
 Dec. 9th 9:00 A.M. Trustee Board meeting
 Dec. 17th 4:00 P.M. Sing 'n Share
 Dec. 17th 5:00 P.M. Deacon Board Meeting
 Dec. 19th 10:00 A.M. Ministry at Helia Health
 (Join us for Christmas Caroling)

WEEKLY

Sun. 9:30 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Update From the Trustees

We are currently addressing necessary boiler repairs to ensure warmth and comfort throughout the church. The repairs are very expensive. If you feel led to contribute, please designate your gift to the *Designated Fund - Boiler*.

Thank you for your continued support and stewardship.

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