

Temple News



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The True Light of Christmas

"In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not." John 1:4, 5

Around this time of year nearly everyone gets a little happier and friendly. The beautiful Christmas lights start showing up on homes and stores, and everything gets decorated. In fact, it almost seems that the decorations went up a little earlier this year – some of them even before Thanksgiving.

Taking in the Christmas lights in the neighborhood is something that many people do by driving around and looking at the decorations that some homes have. As you know, some homes are extensively decorated and their light can often be seen quite a way off. It is a pretty sight.

Sometimes, however, the decorations have nothing to do with the original meaning – that of Christ being born into our world. At the time of His birth, the world was indeed a dark place. Although they had the Bible (Old Testament), and even though they claimed to be expecting the Messiah, no one from the region showed up – except the shepherds. Of course, they were given a special invitation by the angels (Luke 2). Their lowly position shows us that Christ's birth, though a King, was for all mankind – not just a select few.

Apart from the shepherds, there really was no celebration at that time. As you probably know, there was no room in the inn, so Joseph and Mary had to sleep in a lowly stable. Where is Jesus? In a common manger – certainly not a fit welcome for the One who was King over all.

Here was the One who brought light and hope into a world of sin – yet unrecognized. There was no celebration for Him. No lights and no glitter. The wise men did not get there until much later.

Believers need to remember what Christmas is really about. While the lights and tinsel may be beautiful, they certainly cannot hold a candle to the King of Glory and the great sacrifice He later became for us! The meaning of Christmas is a time to rejoice – but not with lights, trees, and garlands alone. He wants us to recognize Him with our hearts, too.

Jesus brought the light of redemption to this world as no other one could, and saves the soul of all who believe on Him. With all the hustle and bustle at Christmas, I have to wonder, though, will He spend this Christmas alone, too – with almost no one to truly worship and honor Him?



Christmas – A Time for Reflection and Evaluation

As Long as There's a Christmas --by Jack Zavada.

The first few lights glow brightly, as you watch the season start. You know you should be happy, but don't feel it in your heart. Instead, you think about a time when someone laughed with you, and the love you shared then filled your soul. But too soon it was through. So Christmas comes with sadness, and a yearning deep inside, a thirst for love and peace and hope that will not be denied. Late one night you hear a voice, so soft, and without blame, and then, surprised, you realize, He's calling you by name. "I know your hurt and loneliness, the heartache that you bear. I listen and I cry with you through every single prayer. "I promised in the manger and fulfilled it from the cross. I built a home that's filled with love for all those who are lost. "So let me come and heal your heart and give you rest within. For my way is kind and gentle and will bring you joy again." His words still echo through the years, a vow that He made true, "As long as there's a Christmas, I will be in love with you."

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder. For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor. Every warrior's boot used in battle and every garment rolled in blood will be destined for burning, will be fuel for the fire. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this. (*Isaiah 9:2-7*)



2020 Theme: The 20/20 GLAIR

"God's Loving, Anointed & Influential Revelations"

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16)

Not Only Christmas Day--By Mary Fairchild
Lord, this is my prayer not only on Christmas Day, But until I see you face to face may I live my life this way: Just like the baby Jesus I ever hope to be, Resting in your loving arms trusting in your sovereignty. And like the growing Christ child in wisdom daily learning, May I ever seek to know you with my mind and spirit yearning. Like the Son so faithful let me follow in your light, Meek and bold, humble and strong not afraid to face the night. Nor cowardly to suffer and stand for truth alone, Knowing that your kingdom awaits my going home. Not afraid to sacrifice though great may be the cost, Mindful how you rescued me from broken-hearted loss. Like my risen Savior the babe, the child, the Son, May my life forever speak of who you are and all you've done. So while this world rejoices and celebrates your birth, I treasure you, the greatest gift unequalled in your worth. I long to hear the same words that welcomed home your Son, "Come, good and faithful servant," Your Master says, "Well done." And may heaven welcome others who will join with me in praise, Because I lived for Jesus Christ not only Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS IS.....

1. A Time Of Sharing John 3:1-21
2. A Time Of Memories Luke 1:68-79
3. A Time For Greeting Luke 1:39-55
4. A Time For Charity Matthew 25:31-40
5. A Time For Visiting Romans 15:1-7
6. A Time Of Hope John 14:1-6
7. A Time Of Faith Isaiah 55:6-11
8. A Time Of Promise Galatians 3:23-4:7
9. A Time For Candles John 11-14
10. A Time For Music Psalm 150
11. A Time For Being In Touch John 15:1-11
12. A Time Of Rushing Luke 10:38-42
13. A Time For Singing Colossians 3:12-17
14. A Time For Family Luke 1:5-80
15. A Time For Decorations Psalm 118:19-29
16. A Time For Baking John 6:32-40
17. A Time For Love 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13
18. A Time Of Solitude 2 Corinthians 1:3-7
19. A Time For Remembering Isaiah 25:6-9
20. A Time Of Peace Matthew 11:25-30
21. A Holiday Hebrews 4:9-16
22. A Time To Give Thanks 2 Corinthians 9:6-15
23. A Time Of Blessing Ephesians 3:14-21
24. A Time For Gifts Ephesians 2:4-10
25. God With Us Luke 2:1-20

December Kingdom Schedule

December Scriptures

12/6 Matthew 1:18-23
 12/13 Matthew 2:7-11
 12/20 John 1:9-14
 12/27 Revelation 19:11-16

Welcome Schedule

12/6 Elder Karen Lee
 12/13 Jai'Ciana Brock
 12/20 Sis. Sylvia Gundy
 12/27 Sis. Turekia White

Door Opener

Bro. James Green Sr.



Worship Leaders Schedule

12/6 Min. Cynthia Edwards
 12/13 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 12/20 Young Adult
 12/27 Min. Ernest Ruffin

Servant Leaders Schedule

12/6 Sis. Shirley Haskins
 12/13 Sis. Wendy Johnson
 12/20 Sis. Turekia White
 12/27 Sis. Kathy Greene

Communion Bowls

Sis. Turekia White
 Sis. Kathy Greene



NEW

New to Solomon's Temple?

First of all **WELCOME!**
 We are so pleased that you have come to visit our church. Whether you are just inquiring about our church, a new visitor, or simply want to see if Solomon's Temple is the right fit for you and your family, we are grateful to have you with us. We hope you will find your spiritual home here.

Here at Solomon's Temple, we offer many exciting ministries to assist in your daily walk. Solomon's Temple New Disciple Orientation sessions provide information about our church, what we offer and what to expect from your church family.

If you have any questions, please contact Elder Sarah Hatton, Elder Wayne Hatton or Sis. Phyllis Duck.

December 2020 CID Lessons

Elder Sarah Hatton, Min. Ernest Ruffin, Sis. Wendy Green & Sis. Phyllis Duck

12/1 Min. Ernest Ruffin | Called to be Heir | Matthew 1:1-6, 16-17 & Hebrews 1:1-5

12/8 Sis. Phyllis Duck | Called to be Emmanuel | Matthew 1:18-25

12/15 Sis. Wendy Green | Called to Worship | Matthew 2:1-2, 7-15

12/22 No CID | Called to Prepare | Matthew 3:1-12

12/29 No CID | Called to Proclaim | Luke 4:14-22A



Explanation of the lesson can be found on our website www.solomonstemplechurch.net

"If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or objects."
 — Albert Einstein

Newsletter Submissions

Do you know someone who is doing great things in the community, school, or church? Nominate him or her to be the Solomonite of the Month. This person can be a youth or an adult. Don't forget to recognize those celebrating an anniversary, graduation (from high school, college, or any other), promotions or special occasions. We also want to know about students who have made the honor roll. Let's not forget baby announcements, bible humor or recipes. If you have a story or idea that you would like to incorporate into the newsletter, forward the story to the church administrator at stsecretary1@gmail.com.

December Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event
12/1/20	6:30pm	CID session
12/2/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/3/20	6:00pm	Praise Team rehearsal
12/8/20	6:30pm	CID session
12/9/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/10/20	6:00pm	Sons of Solomon rehearsal
12/15/20	6:30pm	CID session
12/16/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/17/20	6:00pm	Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal
12/18/20	7:00pm-8:30pm	Zoom session – Youth & Bridge Ministries in charge
12/20/20		Christmas Celebration – Youth & Bridge Ministries in charge
12/21/20	All Day	First Day of Winter
12/22/20	-----	No CID session
12/23/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/24/20	All Day	Christmas Eve
12/24/20	-----	No Choir rehearsal
12/25/20	All Day	Christmas Day – Happy Birthday Jesus
12/29/20	-----	No CID session
12/30/20	6:00am	Intercessory Prayer
12/31/20	All Day	New Year's Eve

Bereavement Ministry

The purpose of the Bereavement Ministry is to provide comfort and support to disciples of Solomon's Temple during time of loss of a loved one, and to show love to our disciples and assure them that they are not alone during this difficult time in their lives. We have "Spiritual Support Care Teams" available to assist you.

December "Spiritual Support Care Team"

Co-Pastor Edith Shivers & Sis. Lucy Watkins

He gives us **comfort** in all our troubles. Then we can **comfort** other people who have the same troubles.
We give the same kind of **comfort God** gives us." **2 Corinthians 1:4**

Solomon's Temple Outreach Ministry Is In Full Effect!

Please let us know if anyone is in the hospital, in-outpatient surgeries and death in the family or any other life changing event (medical or death). We have "Care Teams" for each month that is willing and ready to contact you. We love our church family and we believe love is not what it says – it's what it does.

December Care Team

Sis. Wanda Clarke, Sis. Ebony Clarke & Sis. Darnelle Jefferson

May the *spirit of Christmas* bring you **peace**, the *gladness of Christmas* give you **hope**; and the *warmth of Christmas* grant you **love**.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1. 6:30pm CID session	2. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	3. 6:00pm Praise Team rehearsal	4.	5.
6.	7.	8. 6:30pm CID session	9. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Quenten Turner	10. 6:00pm Sons of Solomon rehearsal Kimesia Burrell	11.	12.
13.	14.	15. 6:30pm CID session	16. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	17. 6:00pm Young Adult Praise Team rehearsal	18. 7:00pm – 8:30pm Zoom session	19.
20. Christmas Celebration Dana Cary	21. Happy Anniversary Sherman & Shirley Haskins	22. No CID session	23. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer	24. Christmas Eve Mor'Netra Johnson Christian Turner	25. Christmas Day <i>Happy Birthday Jesus</i>	26. Melvin Turner Sr.
27.	28. First Day of Winter	29. No CID session	30. 6:00am Intercessory Prayer Jordan Elliott Travis TJ Holloway Jr.	31. New Year's Eve		

Verse of the Month

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new (2 Corinthians 5:17)

December 2020 Music Ministry
Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Thursday before 1st Sunday

6:00pm – Praise Team

Thursday before 2nd Sunday

6:00pm – Sons of Solomon

Thursday before 3rd Sunday

6:00pm – Young Adult Praise Team

Thursday before 4th Sunday

No Choir rehearsal (Christmas Eve)



Congratulations to Seniah Shivers
 Seniah made the honor roll
 this nine weeks.



May the candle of peace and the
 spirit of love shine through your
 hearts and into your home this
 holiday God bless.



Inspirational Christmas Quotes

“All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ.”
David Jeremiah

"Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life." *Corrie Ten Boom*

“You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father’s face and tell him you have received his Christmas gift.” *John R. Rice*

“The only people who soul can truly magnify the Lord are...people who acknowledge their lowly estate and are overwhelmed by the condescension of the magnificent God.” *John Piper*

“The great challenge left to us is to cut through all the glitz and glam of the season that has grown increasingly secular and commercial, and be reminded of the beauty of the One who is Christmas.” *Bill Crowder*

"The very purpose of Christ's coming into the world was that he might offer up his life as a sacrifice for the sins of men. He came to die. This is the heart of Christmas." *Rev. Billy Graham*

Birthdays for the Month of December 6
Happy Birthday

Quenten Turner	December 9 th
Kimesia Burrell	December 10 th
Dana Cary	December 20 th
Christian Turner	December 24 th
Mor'Netra Johnson	December 24 th
Melvin Turner Sr.	December 26 th
Jordan Elliott	December 30 th
Travis "TJ" Holloway Jr.	December 30 th



Anniversary for the Month of December

Happy Anniversary

Sherman & Shirley Haskins
 December 21st



An anniversary is a time to celebrate the joys of today,
 the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow.

**A relationship with God is the
 best relationship you can have.**



Prayer List

- Pastor K. D. Shivers
- Co-Pastor E. R. Shivers
- Sis. Vernell Brown
- Sis. Mary Diggs
- Sis. Lonnie Batten
- Sis. Connie Payne
- Sis. Marion Smith
- Sis. Ruby Clarke
- Sis. Florence Turner
- Sis. Sheila Gatewood
- Sis. Mary Cornick
- Bro. Carl Duck
- Sis. Phyllis Duck
- Bro. Stanley Robinson
- Sis. Dorothy Robinson
- Bro. Charles Turner
- Bro. Isaiah Haskins
- Sis. Shirley Haskins
- Bro. Junious Little
- Sis. Deborah Williams
- Bereaved Families



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day!!

This is a summary of the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus. Almost 2,000 years ago a young woman from the town of Nazareth named Mary was visited by an angel named Gabriel. Gabriel told the Jewish woman that she would have a son named Jesus and that he would be the Son of God. At this time, Mary was engaged to her soon-to-be husband Joseph. When told Joseph he was hurt and confused because he did not believe Mary. The angel Gabriel visited Joseph and told him that Mary would be pregnant from the Lord and that she would have a son named Jesus who would save the people from their sins. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because of an order from the Roman emperor that a census, or record, of all people, be taken in their hometown. After traveling pregnant on a donkey for several days, Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem and were told that there were no places to stay. The inns were full. Seeing that Mary was due at any moment, an owner of an inn told Joseph that they could stay in his stable. Mary and Joseph settled down on the hay in a stable with animals sleeping. Mary went into labor and Jesus was born in the stable. The only place for the sleeping baby to rest was most likely in the animals' trough, known as the manger. During this time, an angel appeared to shepherds who were watching their flocks in the fields near Bethlehem. The angel told them the good news of the birth of the Savior and Messiah, Jesus Christ. The shepherds immediately went to find baby Jesus, which the angels told them they would find sleeping in the manger. After some time, three wise men, also known as magi, saw the brilliant star in that sky that rested over where Jesus was born. The three wise men traveled from a distant eastern country to find the new king. During the wise men's trip, Herod the king of Judah met with the wise men and told them to come back and let him know where the baby king was so that he could go worship him as well. The wise men continued to Bethlehem and found Jesus right where the star pointed. They knelt and worshipped the Savior and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They then traveled back home a different way knowing that King Herod was not intending to worship Jesus but that he planned to kill the baby. *Today we celebrate the birth of Jesus and the coming of our Savior at Christmas time.*

The *Seasoned Saints Ministry* was a blessing to Westside Elementary Staff on Sunday, November 22, 2020. Pictured: Bro. Ray Holmes, Asst. Principal Toni Brown and Bro. Barry Nichols

Christmas Tradition Ideas

- Make a Christmas Playlist of your favorite Christmas Carols
- Hang Up Christmas Stockings
- Set Gift-Giving Rules & Select a Gift-Giving Theme
- Make Homemade Christmas Cards
- Bake and Decorate Christmas Cookies
- Have a Family Slumber Party
- Wear Matching Christmas Pajamas
- Have a Christmas Eve Movie Night
- Have a Family Game Night
- Have a Christmas Eve Dinner
- Have a Christmas Morning Breakfast
- Wear Ugly Christmas Sweaters on Christmas Morning
- Show Gratitude



Powerful Prayers from the Bible

If you ever feel at a loss for what to pray, there's no better guidebook for petitions to our Heavenly Father than the very book He wrote - the Bible. Almost every book in the Bible contains a plea or request, and page after page points to another reason we need a Savior. So, when you feel like you just don't have words, turn first to Scripture. Although we could list hundreds of prayers, we plucked out five of our favorite prayers in the Bible to show just how filled to the brim Scripture is with ways to call upon our great God.

The Prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10)

When the author of Chronicles dutifully provides us with a list of Judah's descendants, he can't help but stop himself. Right in the midst of all these names, he comes to Jabez, a man he wants us to notice, a man of true honor. If you've ever felt like you've caused pain or if you've ever wanted to believe that God can do more than you can ask or imagine, this prayer is for you: "Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

This prayer is the true classic. Most of us have said this prayer and could likely recite it right now. But there's much more to this model that Jesus gave us than rote recitation. This is a prayer with real power: God's kingdom coming, God's will being done, all that we need for the day. It's truly power packed. So, take a closer look at what it teaches: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."