

TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR MICHAEL A. REID, SR.

DECEMBER 18, 2022

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| HYMN 93 | “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” |
| WELCOME | |
| SONG | “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” |
| PRAYER | |
| HYMN 91 | “The First Noel” |
| HYMN 92 | “O Little Town of Bethlehem” |
| HYMN 99 | “Angels from the Realms of Glory” |
| OFFERING | |
| SCRIPTURE READING | Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 2:11-18 |
| HYMN 83 | “O Come, O Come Emmanuel” |
| MESSAGE | <i>The “Blues” of Christmas</i> |

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS GIFT

There’s a Christmas gift for every child present today in the lobby! We hope you all have a very merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS CARD INVITATIONS

We received an extra blessing—the printer sent us more Christmas cards than we ordered! Feel free to take some to give to friends, neighbors, etc. They make a great invitation to our Christmas service next Sunday! Also, don’t forget to take some Christmas tracts and spread the Good News this week!

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

Year-end statements (giving records) will be sent out during the coming weeks. This year we will be *emailing* all statements. We are happy to provide a paper copy by request, or if we do not have your email address on file. Please help us by notifying Michelle McBride or the church office in advance if you will need a paper copy of your statement.

UPDATES & EVENTS

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| TODAY | <p>EVENING SERVICE: “<i>Pondering</i>” Christmas – Luke 2:19</p> <p>COMMUNION DURING EVENING SERVICE</p> <p>OPEN GYM SOCCER Adults and teens 9th grade and up are welcome to join us in the gym after the evening service! Must attend evening service to participate.</p> |
| DEC 21-24 | SERVICES CANCELED FOR CHRISTMAS WEEK |
| SUN, DEC 25 | <p>CHRISTMAS DAY...MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p> <p>ONE SERVICE @ 10:30am</p> |
| WED, DEC 28 | <p>COMBINED MIDWEEK SERVICE IN AUDITORIUM</p> <p>Kids 4 Truth and Youth Alive programs will not meet. Families are welcome to the auditorium for the regular midweek service.</p> |
| FRI, DEC 30 | <p>ADULT 2 SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP – 6:30-9:30pm</p> <p>Young married couples are invited to the Keenes home for an end-of-the-year fellowship! Contact Greg or Bonita Keene for more info!</p> <p>RU RECOVERY PROGRAM CANCELED</p> |
| WED, JAN 4 | KIDS 4 TRUTH AND YOUTH ALIVE RESTART |
| SUN, JAN 22 | NATIONAL SANCTITY OF LIFE DAY |

UPDATING THE DATABASE FOR 2023

There’s always room for improvement—and our church’s online database is not an exception! Have you noticed any errors we’ve made regarding your personal information this year (misspellings, birthday/anniversary mistakes or oversights, address errors on received mail, etc.)? Or has any of your info changed (address, phone number, etc.)? Will you be so kind as to notify the church office about these errors or changes so we can improve our records? Call (540) 373-0944 or email church@abouttbc.org. Thank you so much!

MISSIONARY OF THE WEEK

Nate & Christy

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

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| 20 | Elijah |
| | Jennifer |
| | Anna |
| 22 | Phoebe |
| | Evelyn |
| 24 | Aidan |

HARK! *The Herald Angels Sing*

“Many of the carols we sing have a rich theological tradition, and ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!’ is no exception. It was written by Charles Wesley, who was an English Methodist leader and hymn writer. Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns, more than any other male writer (Fanny Crosby wrote 8,000).

His goal in writing hymns was to teach the poor and illiterate sound doctrine. His brother, John Wesley, a famous theologian and founder of Methodism, said that Charles’ hymnal was the best theological book in existence.

Wesley, inspired by the sounds of London church bells while walking to church on Christmas Day, wrote the ‘Hark’ poem about a year after his conversion to be read on Christmas Day. The poem first appeared in Hymns and Sacred Poems in 1739 with the opening line of ‘Hark, how the welkin (heaven) rings.’ In 1753, George Whitefield, a student and eventual colleague of Wesley’s, adapted the poem into the song we now know today. It was Whitefield who penned the phrase ‘newborn King.’

The first stanza describes the good news of the savior’s birth. God has sent the One who will reconcile the sinner back to Himself. Therefore, all the nations should rise and sing and proclaim the good news, which is Christ the King! The next stanza speaks to Christ’s coming and the good news in it. The final stanza tells of the accomplishment of Christ and the power that it brings.

For well over two hundred years, ‘Hark! The Herald Angels Sing’ has been a Gospel-saturated anthem pointing people to the Savior. This time of the year, our entire culture stops what it is doing and is compelled to turn its gaze toward a baby in a manger, a newborn King. The songs that many Americans, Christian or not, have on their lips and in their heads during this season are ripe with the message of the Gospel. As you sing carols this Christmas, take the time to think about the message of the songs and what they mean. Consider the words you are singing and the truths they proclaim about the Savior you are worshiping.” – Josh Longanecker



Hark! The Herald Angels Sing is number 93 in our hymnals.

WELCOME CARD

DATE: _____

NAMES(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

STATUS: Single Married

AGE GROUP: 13-19 20-29 30-39

40-49 50-59 60+

CHILDREN:

NAME: _____ AGE/GRADE: _____

NAME: _____ AGE/GRADE: _____

NAME: _____ AGE/GRADE: _____

NAME: _____ AGE/GRADE: _____

Please check all that apply to you:

First-time visitor Returning visitor

New to the area Would like a visit

Would like to know more about this church

Would like to know more about being a Christian

Guest of _____

How did you hear about us? _____

Pastor, would you pray for this need? _____

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CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

James Atnip
Marjorie Atnip
Mamie Balentine
Ralph Balentine
Sam Balentine
Mercer Berry
Perry Brock
William S. Burnley, III
Elizabeth Carter
Jessie Carter
George T. Carver, III
Terrence Chadwick
Francis Deal
Otis C. Deal, Sr.
Richard Deal
Dorothy Duffield
Eric Duffield
Walter Duffield
Jeremiah Drummond
Frank Eak
Creed Eller
The Ellingtons
Lille Ennis
Edward Evans
John Evans
Ruth Evans
Teresa Ferguson
Lashonda Gardner

David Graham
Gene Graham
Dorothy Gray
Herbert O. Hansen
Ralph Jewell, Sr.
Charlene Jividen
Donald Jividen
Donald Jones
Paige Jones
Edward H. Kerr, Jr.
Patrick W. Kerr
Virginia C. Kerr
Gabby Mason
Joseph Mazzone
Donald McLemore
Vernia McLemore
Ed McManemin
Lorraine McManemin
Paul Mills
Earl Musselman
Larry Norwood
Jean Oliver
Alonzo Ours
Doris Ours
Dora Parrish
Marsha Pratt
Sriratana Ratanamalaya
James E. Reed

Beverly Reid
Dale Reid
Jeanine Reid
Scott Reid
Haley Robertson
Roland Robertson
Virginia Robertson
Rosalie Rollins-Harrell
Evah Salmons
Russell Salmons
Allen Sayre
Antonette Schmidt
John Schmidt
Janice Scott
Guy P. Shumanski
Joseph Shumanski
Faith E. Smith
Thelma Smith
Tom Smith
Tommy Smith
Charles R. Sorrell
Mary Ann Sorrell
Ritchie Sorrell
Delia M. Soto
Samuel Steadman
Sybil Steele
Ben Ubiles
Albertina C. Vasquez

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Infant holy, Infant lowly, For His bed a cattle stall; Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ the Babe, is Lord of all. Swift are winging angels singing, Noels ringing, tidings
bringing: Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all! Christ, the Babe, is Lord of all!

Flocks were sleeping, Shepherds keeping Vigil till the morning new; Saw the glory,
Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true. Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow, Praises
voicing greet the morrow: Christ, the Babe, was born for you!
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WEEKLY EVENTS

SUNDAY

Sunday School, 9am
Morning Worship, 10:15am
Evening Worship, 6pm

Nursery is available for all weekly services

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study, 7pm

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS

Youth Alive (Teens 7th-12th Grade), 7pm
Kids 4 Truth (K4-6th Grade), 6:45pm
Sonshine Kids (2-3yr), 7pm

FRIDAY

RU Recovery Program, 7pm

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Glory

TO THE NEWBORN KING



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