

## **SERMON**

**DATE: Saturday/Sunday, December 8-9, 2018**

**SERIES TITLE: THE TRUTHS OF CHRISTMAS**

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**SCRIPTURE: Matthew 1:18-25**

[18] This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

[19] Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

[20] But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

[21] She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

[22] All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

[23] “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

[24] When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

[25] But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

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**1. Christmas truth is about Hope.**

- As long as there is God, there is hope.

**2. Christmas truth is about Forever Things.**

- The only things in this life that will survive are not “things”.

**3. Christmas truth is about Opening a Way to God.**

**4. Christmas truth is about Trust and Obedience.**

# Lagniappe

Today, I want to write about two things.

**First, I want to remind you of the opportunities we have to worship God and to fellowship with one another during this Christmas time.**

Next weekend will be our Christmas musical, *O Come Let Us Adore*. *O Come Let Us Adore* is a joint effort of our children, youth, and adult choirs to exalt Christ and to lead us in worship together.

This musical will be performed three times: Friday, December 14, at 7:00 PM, and Saturday, December 16, at 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM.

Please encourage your friends and family to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ.

We also will have our very special Christmas Eve services at 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM. These will be the first Christmas Eve services in our new worship center. For the first time in a long time, we should have plenty of room for you to bring your entire family and worship with us. Both services will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

**Second, I want to tell you of blessings.** As of this week, we are in our new office building. This is a wonderful building that allows us to have adequate space and to put our pastors and staff in one place, a real blessing.

But, it's not just the building that's a blessing. We were blessed this week with a large group of volunteers who took a week-long job and cut it down to Monday and Tuesday. We were blessed by these volunteers who gave such effort to get us moved. By the end of the day Monday, we were already set up and functioning with phones and computers.

We simply can't thank these volunteers enough for what they did.

You blessed us! Thank you for making this move go so smoothly.