



Northway Community Church

December 18, 2022

find your destiny in Christ

Pastor

Dr. Bill Blanchard

Worship Leader

Mr. David C. Adams

Ministers

Every Member

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Children's Church
- FAMILY WORSHIP -
(Last Sunday of Month)
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Play
Church-wide Fellowship

Welcome
to
Northway
Community Church

This is the Lord's place, and all who are seeking Him are welcome! We strive to make a relationship with God as intelligent as science, as appealing as art, as vital as a good day's work, as intimate as a healthy home, as inspiring as genuine love, and as redeeming as God's grace!

Remember in Prayer

Betty Belcher, Mulligan Park, Tallahassee

Carolyn Bergquist, Carrollton Club

Dale Braswell

Evelyn Cantrell, Presbyterian Home, Quitman

Shirley Cantrell, Presbyterian Home, Quitman

Mayra Colon

Georgia Egan

Cleo Kapilla, Pruitt Health, Lakehaven

Elaine Walker, Moffitt Cancer Center

Out-of-town Senior Adults:

Sharon Morgan

Bob & Suzy Scheuring

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Nursery 0 - 3 Years

Susan Mitchell

Preschool

Lisa Eisenhower and Janelle Strathman

CUSTODIAL MINISTRY

December 11 - 17, 2022

Mile Columna

December 18 - 24, 2022

Sue Long and Anna Kate Walker



MESSAGE NOTES

“THE CRADLE THAT ROCKED THE WORLD”

Luke 1:26-38
and other selected texts

If you do not accept the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, then you have some problems with:

- #1 The character of Mary
- #2 The character of Jesus
- #3 The character of the Bible
- #4 Your own character too

The gospels of Matthew and Luke explicitly describe the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, but there are also some important allusions to the virgin birth in:

Mark 12:35-37
John 1:14
John 8:41-59

2 lessons about the virgin birth of Jesus Christ:

- #1 The Sacred Mystery of His Birth
- #2 The Saving Ministry of His Birth

UPCOMING DATES

December 18, 2022
6:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Play

December 23, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve/Eve Worship
(in lieu of Sunday Morning Dec. 25th)

January 1, 2023
Guest Speaker: Mark Heffelfinger

January 15, 2023
Baptismal

January 22, 2023
The Lord's Supper

Contact Information

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GOD'S CHRISTMAS PLAN

Suppose that today we decided to stage an event through one individual that was designed to affect the world forevermore. Would we choose to start with a baby? Probably not, because millions of babies are born each year and precious few affect their own country, much less the world. So [#1], we would probably pick a young man or woman who had demonstrated great natural abilities, and who had influential parents and a great education. Moreover [#2], he would need to have good contacts if he were to reach any position of authority and influence. Finally [#3], we would never select one from a minority race.

Once we had chosen our candidate, we would need to decide what position he should hold. In the first century, he would surely have been a military leader because power was respected in the Roman Empire. Today he would probably be a politician. He would need to be coached very carefully to ensure that he never said anything too controversial that might be used against him later. We certainly wouldn't allow him to work as a carpenter, because there he wouldn't rub shoulders with the intelligent, the sophisticated, and the affluent.

If we had been present 2,000+ years ago to counsel our Heavenly Father about His plan to save the world, we would have told Him that He was doing it all improperly. And yet the best minds on this earth couldn't conceive of a plan that would alter history more than what God accomplished through the humble birth of Baby Jesus. Through this Babe of Bethlehem, God changed the course of human history forever. Even the Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, and Communists all count time backwards and forwards from the birth of Jesus Christ. Try as they might, not one ruler has been able to obliterate the season that celebrates His birth.

Against this backdrop, it is my joy to wish you a Merry Christmas as we honor the birthday of our Savior and King!

Devotedly your pastor,

Bill Blanchard

JOY TO THE WORLD!

The child is born. He takes a breath, and cries while joyful parents tend to him with love. Welcome to the world! Everyone loves a little new born baby. How sweet they are with their soft coos and the adorable gestures and stretches?

Think of the helplessness and vulnerability of a newborn child. Then imagine that this little one is our great God. The “Word” cannot speak. The “Almighty” has no strength. The “Wise One” has no knowledge. The “Lord” of all is totally dependent on His mother, Mary, even for nourishment to live.

Isn't it interesting that God would become helpless on earth in order to help us? It often seems that even though we are grown-ups, we are helpless just like a baby. We might think that we have it all together but in reality we are dependent on someone far superior than us to survive. It is also interesting that our hope depends on the help of the helpless baby, whose birth we celebrate during this Christmas season? Joy To The World!

Stay Tuned!

Blessings, David C. Adams, Worship Leader