



Welcome to First Baptist Church, Shreveport. We are a family of faith, from diverse backgrounds and ages, committed to following Jesus together. We strive to grow together in faith, to love God in our worship, and to embrace the call of Jesus in missions and ministry. I hope you experience God in a special way in worship today. We have Bible Study groups for all ages at 9:15 am each Sunday, and these are a great way to get to know the church.

Welcome to the First Baptist Family!
Jeff

Sermon Notes:

The Season of Anticipation & Celebration: We invite the church family to memorize Luke 2: 8-16 in the month of December. And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger.

Announcements:

Today's worship service will be broadcast on KPXJ CW21 next Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

FAMILY ADVENT
wreaths, candles, and devotion books are available for purchase in the front office for \$10.00

BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS
Week of Prayer for Global Missions December 6-13
Prayer Guides available at <http://www.fbcshreveport.org/main/lotie-moon> or in the church office

THE gathering
christmas 2015
Family Dinner, 5:15 - Tree decorating - Small Groups, Children & Youth, 6:00 - Choir, 6:30

BECAUSE OF WHO HE IS
Global Missions & Lottie Moon
WMU Program & Lunch Monday, December 7 10:30 am - Parlor - \$7.00
Guest Speakers: Lisa & Sam Paris, Missionaries to Venezuela

Join us this Wednesday to anticipate the birth of Jesus

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ADKINS' home - 2068 Fairwoods Drive
PROVENANCE off of 140 and the Southern Loop

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PEACE
A reflective service of music with guitar and voice
Sunday, December 6 5:00 pm - Chapel

Poinsettias

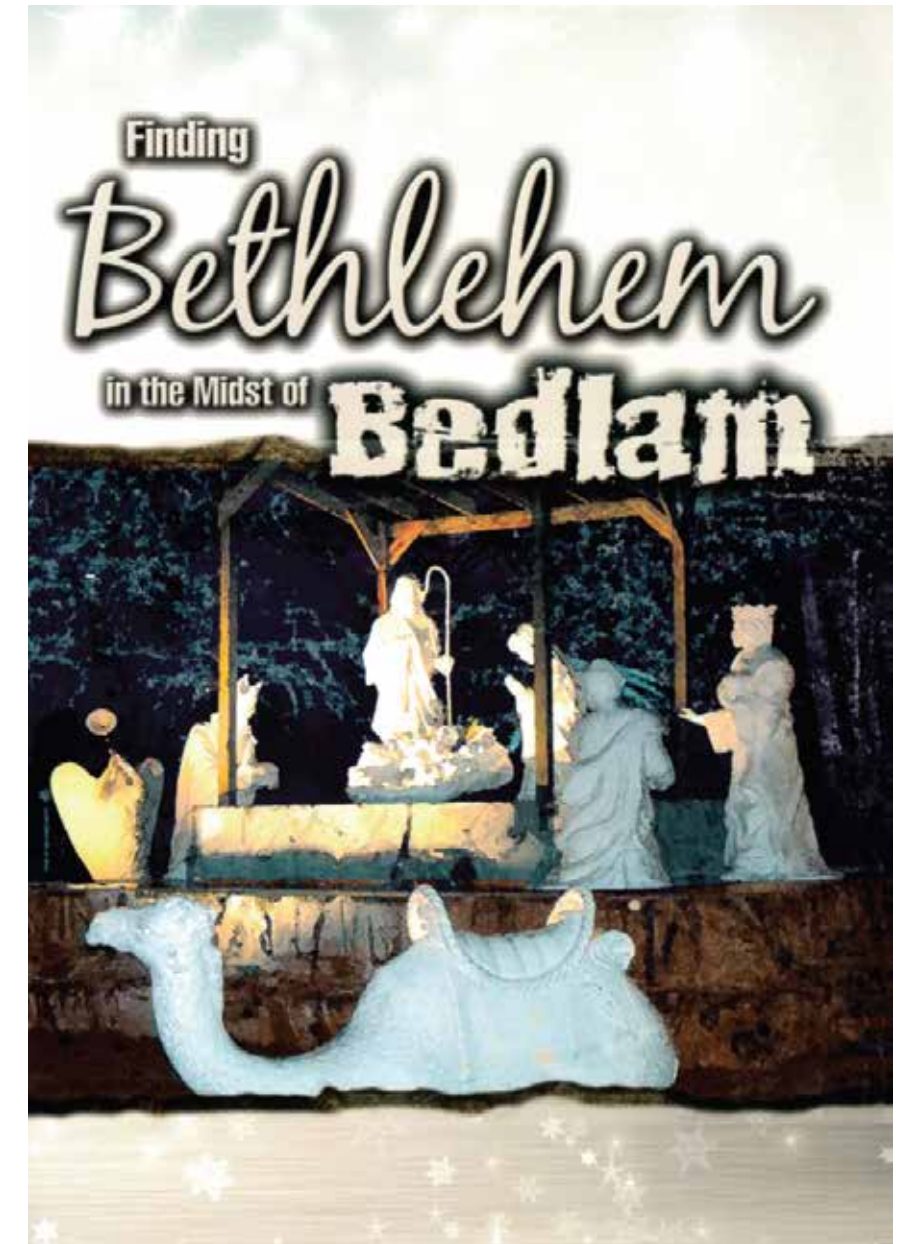
Poinsettias will be used in the Sanctuary again this year. If you wish to purchase one, please fill out the form below, attach \$8.50 per plant, and return it to the church office by **Sunday, December 6.**

Name of Purchaser(s): _____
 # of plants purchased _____ @ \$8.50 each.
 Amount attached: \$ _____
 Name of person(s) in whose _____ honor or _____ memory the plant is given. _____

Our Staff

- Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
- Rev. Clista Adkins, Minister of Discipleship
- Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
- Rev. Compi Chao, Chinese Mission Pastor
- Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
- Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
- Rev. Katie Mussat, Minister to Students
- Tara Partington, Music Associate - Organist
- Eric Vandiver, Music Associate - Pianist
- Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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November 29, 2015

Worship

Prelude *Sleepers Wake*
Tara Partington, organ *J. G. Walther*

Choral Introit *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*
Sanctuary Choir *Plainsong*

*Hymn of Praise 77 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

**Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal spirit, rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

*Lighting of the Advent Candle of Peace Lee, Korrie,
Jesse, Zeke, Clementine, Rosemary, Luke, Henry, and Emmett Harper

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Today is the First Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the Peace we have in Jesus Christ.

People: God so loved the world, that He sent His only Son to the world.

Leader: Today we light the Advent candle of Peace.

All: Behold the glow of God's light—the gift of Peace.

*Invocation

Welcome to Worshipers *Jeff Raines*

*Doxology

During the singing of the Doxology all children are invited to come to the front for the Children's Sermon

Children's Sermon *Jeff Raines*

*Hymn

**You hear me when I call, You are my morning song,
Though darkness fills the night, It cannot hide the light,
Whom shall I fear.**

**You crush the enemy, underneath my feet,
You are my sword and shield, though troubles linger still,
Whom shall I fear.**

Chorus:

**I know who goes before me, I know who stands behind,
The God of angel armies is always by my side,
The One who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine,
The God of angel armies is always by my side.**

**My strength is in Your name, for You alone can save,
You will deliver me, Yours is the victory,
Whom shall I fear. (Chorus)**

**And nothing formed against me shall stand,
You hold the whole world in Your hands,
I'm holding on to Your promises, You are faithful,
You are faithful, You are faithful (Chorus)**

Testimony

Robin Miller

Scripture Reading

Clista Adkins

Luke 2: 8-16

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*Hymn 94

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Whom Shall I Fear?

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Clovis Burch

Offertory Anthem
Sanctuary Choir

This Day of Celebration
John Purifoy

This day of celebration now has come and we rejoice,
The Lord has reached His hand to us, and we have heard His voice,
Glory in the highest to our God who reigns above,
And peace upon the earth to all who speak of His great love.

The people who have walked in darkness now have seen a light
He will set the captive free, the blind, restore to sight,
Justice for the poor, strength and mercy for the weak,
Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the lasting Prince of Peace.
Sing joy to the world, the Lord has come, let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing.

Solo

Jamie Huguet, soloist

Breath of Heaven

Amy Grant and Chris Eaton

Sermon: Finding Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam Clista Adkins
Philippians 4: 8-9

*Hymn of Response 93

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth,
To touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men
From heavens all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.**

**For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold,
When the new heaven and earth shall own
The Prince of Peace, their King,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.**

Opportunities for Service

Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

Jeff Raines

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand