

Look At What's Comin'

Dec. 24th, Sun. Christmas Eve
One morning service beginning at 10 a.m.
No evening service on Christmas eve.

Dec. 31st New Years eve Sunday. Morning services at regular Times, (10 & 11 a.m.) with **No Evening Service**

Jan. 12th, (Friday) Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m. (tentative)
Deacons and Trustees

Jan. 21st, (Sunday) 6:00 p.m. Annual church business meeting

Special Christmas Offering will be used for a New Chair Lift.
\$ 1,360 has been given so far. Thanks so much! \$ 3,900 needed

Jan. 6th, (First church wide visitation of the new year.
Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, devotion, prayer, visitation.

Schedule of Services

Sun. Sch. 10 am / Worship 11 am
Sun. Evening - 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Last Sunday's Report

Attendance	68
General Offering	\$ 3,674.00.
Missions	834.00

And she brought forth
her firstborn **SON**



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



Friendship Baptist Church

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Dec. 24, 2017

"What Shall I Do Then With Jesus?" Mt. 27:22

This is what Pilate asked the ruling Jews, as Jesus was brought before him. The thing is, everyone must do something with Jesus...reject Him or accept Him. Here are several people from the Christmas scene who made a decision on what to do with Christ. Some made good decisions...some not.

Joseph and Mary PROTECTED Him. About two years after Jesus' birth, Herod put out a decree that would have taken the life of the Holy Child. Life meant nothing to Herod, not even the life of a small child. He had put people to death before, even those of his own family. In fact, he was called "Herod the butcher" by his own people. Joseph & Mary protected Jesus.

The inn keeper NEGLECTED Him. He said, there was "no room in the inn." One might think he surely could have done more for the expectant mother, but he's in the business world with connections, family, and friends. He had no compassion for the young couple. Forever he will be seen as the one who neglected Him. There was "no room."

The shepherds ACCEPTED Him. A typical night during lambing season, they were up all night watching their sheep. Fear captivated them as they heard the angelic choir announcing His birth. They said, "Let us go and see..." They were first to visit the "nursery" and accepted Him

The wise men EXPECTED Him. Being students of the prophets, they followed God's special Star for over 1,000 miles to Bethlehem and found what they had expected.

The king REJECTED Him. Herod the king, "sought the young child's life to destroy Him," showing utter rejection.

Here's a question for you: What have you done with Jesus? If you are unsaved, by default you have rejected Him. Why not make a personal choice to accept Him today!

*We Cannot Do Without Our
Missionaries*

Bill Anderson
Philippines, retired

Bill Anderson was actually sent out of our church to the Philippines in the mid 1950's. Having done a great work there, and because of physical limitations and age, he is retired and living in Springfield, Mo. He does keep in touch with those works in the Philippines.

Dear pastor and church family,

Where has this year gone? Time is passing so fast, especially at my age. Thanksgiving has come and gone, which should not be just a day we celebrate...it needs to be a way of life.

In a short time, we'll celebrate Christmas again. We think of what Isaiah has given us..."Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a SON and shall call HIS name Immanuel...God with us." What a wonderful Savior! However, we look for the return of Christ our Lord, the "Rapture" of the church, and for His reign over this world. So "look up, for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lk. 21:28)

Thank you for your support and prayers. God has been so good to me for another year with strength and health to minister to those less fortunate in hospitals, retirement homes, and nursing homes. Daily I ask God to set my day and to use me to lead someone to Christ before it is too late. I am often amazed as He guides and rearranges my schedule to cross others on our pathway, or just to be in a certain place at a certain time for His divine purpose and plan. It is truly a joy to serve our Jesus and to celebrate His birth.

Love and blessings for each of you for the new year.

Your fellow laborer in Christ,

Bill Anderson