

Those To Serve

De. 21st, 2025

Morning Worship

Announcements

Steve Phillips

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Opening Prayer

Ed Hanson

Preside

George Thomas

Assist

Steve Phillips

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

George Thomas

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

Wednesday Dec. 24th

Song Leader

Zac Hall

Invitation

George Thomas

Building And Communion for The Week of Dec. 28th

Zac Hall

Lawn And Ground for The Week of Dec. 28th

Zac Hall

The Park Street Proclaimer

Those Fighting Cancer

Leanna Shafer, Cody Carr, and Don Stephenson

Prayer List

Susan Tigner, Pj McCray, Ed Jones, Drew Shinn, Joe Tigner, Linda Thomas, and Danne Hall.

Shut - Ins

Debbie McGuire, Millie Robertson, and Lee Brunner

Upcoming Events

Ladies Digging Deep Dec. 27th at 10:30am

Questions and Answers Dec. 28th

Singing Dec. 31st

Game Night Dec. 31st following singing

Birthdays

Tammy Marcum 27th

Passage to Ponder: Matthew 28:5-6

⁵ And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

⁶ He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

Sunday Sermons

Am – The Portraits of Christ: Jesus the Conqueror of Death

Pm – Do What is Right

Bible Studies

Sunday Morning – Acts 7:40

Wednesday Night – Isaiah 30:15



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship..... 10:30 AM
Evening Worship..... 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall

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----- **Are You a Christian?**

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully – Revelation
2:10

Got a Bible question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text your question to 913-764-2325 or email it to olathecoc@gmail.com
Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

What Is Really Important?

Zac Hall

This time of year, the world celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Everywhere we look we hear phrases like “*Joy to the world*” and “*Jesus is the reason for the season.*” December 25th is commonly accepted as the birthday of Christ, and for many people this date has become the center of their religious focus.

But when we slow down and think about it, an important question arises: What is really important about this day—if anything? The Bible never tells us the date of Jesus’ birth. In fact, there is no biblical record of Christians in the first century celebrating the birth of Christ at all. It was not until the middle of the second century that a religious leader ordered Christ’s birthday to be observed as a solemn feast. Later, in the fourth century, another religious leader—Julius I—chose December 25th as the date, largely to compete with a pagan celebration already taking place on that day. The undeniable truth is this: no one knows the actual day Jesus was born. Many historians suggest it was likely in the spring rather than winter. And if God had wanted us to know the exact date, He would have told us. Instead, God calls His people not to follow the traditions of the world, but to conform their lives to His will (Romans 12:2). What God *has* commanded Christians to remember is not the birth of Christ once a year, but the death of Christ every first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23–29).

While we do not know the date of Jesus’ birth, the Bible still tells us important things about it. The events surrounding His birth were foretold by prophecy:

- Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), which was fulfilled in Matthew 1:18 and Luke 2:4–6.
- Isaiah also said His name would be Immanuel, meaning “God with us” (Isaiah 7:14), fulfilled in Matthew 1:22–23.
- Micah prophesied that He would be born in Bethlehem of Judea (Micah 5:2), fulfilled in Matthew 2:1 and Luke 2:4–6.

These prophecies remind us that Jesus’ birth was part of God’s eternal plan. However, the Bible tells us very little about Jesus’ childhood. We know He lived a perfect, sinless life meaning He would have been the perfect child. The only detailed account we have is when Jesus was twelve years old, found in the temple, teaching and asking questions, and making it clear that He was about His Father’s business (Luke 2:41–52).

Jesus’ public ministry is vast, far more than could ever be covered in one lesson. John tells us that many things Jesus did were not even written down, and that the world itself could not contain all the books if everything were recorded (John 20:30–31; 21:24–25). The first miracle Jesus performed was turning water into wine at a wedding in Cana (John 2:1–12). This miracle revealed His power and confirmed His divine authority. Jesus always lived in perfect obedience to God’s law, and His actions never contradicted righteousness. Throughout His ministry, Jesus performed miracles that demonstrated His authority over every part of creation:

- He had power over physical needs, as seen in the feeding of the 5,000 (John 6:1–14).
- He had power over nature, calming the winds and the sea (Matthew 8:23–27).
- He had power over time and distance, instantly transporting the disciples’ boat (John 6:21).
- He had power over sickness, healing a man born blind (John 9).
- He had power over death—raising others from the dead, such as Lazarus (John 11), and ultimately overcoming death Himself (John 20).

The most important part of Jesus’ life is His death, burial, and resurrection—often referred to as the DBR.

His Death

- Jesus’ death was marked by suffering and betrayal:
- He was betrayed by one of His own friends (John 18:1–3).
- He was denied and abandoned by His followers (John 18:15–18, 25–27).
- He was falsely accused and condemned in an illegal trial (John 19:5–7).
- He was brutally beaten and scourged (John 19:1–4).
- Nails were driven through His hands and feet (John 20:25).
- His side was pierced to confirm His death (John 19:33–34).
- Jesus did not deserve any of this. He was sinless. Yet He willingly endured it all.

His Burial

- Jesus was buried in a new tomb that had never been used (John 19:41).
- The tomb was sealed and guarded by Roman soldiers to prevent any claim of deception (Matthew 27:62–66).
- Everything was done to ensure that no one could steal the body.

His Resurrection

- Three days later, the tomb was empty. Jesus rose from the dead just as He said He would (John 20:1–10).
- He appeared to many witnesses to prove that His resurrection was real—not a myth or a story.
- He appeared on at least eleven different occasions and, at one time, to more than 500 people at once (1 Corinthians 15:6).

Why the DBR is so important. The apostle Paul makes it clear that if Jesus did not rise from the dead, then our faith is useless and we have no hope (1 Corinthians 15:12–19). Jesus died so that our sins could be forgiven. His resurrection proves that the sacrifice was accepted by God. This is why Christians gather every first day of the week to partake of the Lord’s Supper to remember His death, not His birth.

Hopefully, this lesson has helped you better appreciate the life of Jesus Christ and, even more, the sacrifice He made for us. Hopefully, you now understand what is really important. While the world focuses on December 25th, Christians are called to remember Jesus every day not just His birth, but His death, burial, and resurrection. Jesus is not honored by seasonal celebrations. He is honored when we live for Him, obey His teachings, and remember His sacrifice as He commanded.