

The Hinge of History

A well-known preacher once said, “The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.”

Christ was born at just the right moment in history, not a day too soon or too late. “When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth His Son” (Galatians 4:4), wrote Paul.

He was born in the right place—Bethlehem—just as Micah 5:2 has announced centuries before.

He was born of a virgin, just as Isaiah 7:14 prophesied 700 years before.

Yes, Jesus Christ’s birth is the hinge of history: all history prepared the way for His birth; and all history has felt His influence since His birth, life, death and resurrection. To leave out Jesus Christ is to make a mockery of history and to ignore the greatest Person who ever walked this earth.

But He also wants to be the center of our lives. He wants to be born in our hearts! He wants to give us the gift of forgiveness and eternal life!

This Christmas season, as our hearts are fixed on a holiday, why not lift your heart to the Christ of Christmas and make it a holy day? It can be a day of salvation, a day of new beginning for you. For Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

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Covenant Church

3115 N.W. 16th Avenue Gainesville FL 32605

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Call to Worship

Sounds of Hope

Invocation

Pastor Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #270 Joy to the World

Welcome and Announcements

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Worship in Song

Hymn #265 The First Noel

Offertory Prayer

Joe Morgan

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sermon: "Joseph and the Angel"

Pastor Don Mauldin

Scripture: Matthew 1:18

Hymn of Benediction

Hymn #260 Worthy, You Are Worthy

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Covenant News

Our ministry for December is Helping Hands. Helping Hands is a group of volunteer health professionals who have provided free healthcare to the poor and/or homeless for over 30 years. The clinic is staffed by social workers, registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners, physicians, and community service volunteers. 140 people in all! Over the years, there have been over 50,000 visits with over 12,000 individuals seeking care. Half of those served are homeless, ranging from months to decades on the streets.

We plan to have a Covenant Christmas Social on Sunday December 19 at 5 PM. The get together will be a time for fellowship and food for Covenant members and friends and their families. Covenant Church will provide plenty of boiled shrimp with cocktail sauce and drinks. Attendees will be asked to bring a favorite finger food to share with others. It will not be a complete meal like the Thanksgiving dinner but there should be plenty of food and time to visit with each other.

Christmas Eve service

Friday, December 24 at 5 P.M

The YAH group is planning to meet on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at Covenant Church at 10:00 am. We need to get together to discuss the future of our YAH group since we have lost our Beloved leader, Madge Bush. Those of you who belong and those of you who would like to join--PLEASE COME