

"Owd you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32

# Welcome Visitors

We are blessed by your attendance and worshipping with us.

## **Prayer Request**

Linzie Otwell
Jason Rowell
Deborah Finnell
Teddy Cauthen
Bonnie Godwin
Jeremy Isabell
Maddox Willingham
Linda Rider
Pete Bridges

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Shane Buchanan	1
Betty May Mallory	3
Candyce Isabell	6
Sarah Stapler	27
carrot at martina raying	18
Lupe & Misty Medina	22

# The Christmas Before Us... Doug Dingley

'Tis the season! With 'Black Friday' behind us, Christmas before us, and December upon us, 'tis definitely the season! 'Tis the season when more good-will, gift-giving, and gratefully focusing on the God of heaven and His Son Jesus is done by the oft-times zealous but biblically-uninformed masses than at any other time of the year. Christmas lights twinkle everywhere as plastic Santas, reindeer, and manger scenes – complete with their three visiting wise men – adorn homes, consume store shelves, and light up lawns all over... and that's where <u>we</u> come in.



Who came and why?

We, as God's blood-bought children, must be ever-aware of this much more widespread attitude of welcome discussion about the Savior and why and how He came to earth in the first place. We must be constantly vigilant

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#### God's Plan of Salvation

- Hearing the Word of God (Rom. 10:17;
   Acts 16:32)
- 2. Believe what is taught (Mark 16:16; Heb 11:6)
- 3. Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- 4. Confession (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:9-10)
- 5. Baptism (1Peter 3:21; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Rom. 6:3-4)
- 6. After the above five steps, faithful

### This Week Leading Worship:

Sunday Morning:



Announcements Kelly Cauthen

Song Leader Harel Otwell

Opening Prayer Jeremy Isabell

Table Tony Hotalen

Kenny Laminack

Assisting Korbin Cauthen

**Troy Stapler** 

Closing Prayer Steve Cole

Sunday Evening:

Announcements Tony Hotalen

Song Leader Brennan Mallory

Opening Prayer/Table Carlos Payne

Closing Prayer Wayne Aldridge

# **Next Week Leading Worship:**

**Sunday Morning:** 



Announcements Alan Wilkerson

Song Leader Cory Payne

Opening Prayer Joe Mallory

Table Carlos Payne

Kelly Cauthen

Assisting Shane Buchanan

Steve Cole

Closing Prayer Cody Payne

Sunday Evening:

Announcements Joe Mallory

Song Leader Caden Mallory

Opening Prayer/Table Tony Hotalen

Closing Prayer Jeremy Isabell

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and always looking for and to take advantage of the slightest opening to talk about what Jesus' arrival, love, and sacrifice means to us and our lives. And one of the best ways I know of to do that, is found in the very manger and wise men depiction described above. You see, we don't have any idea whatsoever – biblically speaking – how many magi there were who made the trip to Bethlehem. No gospel or divinely-inspired writer anywhere ever tells us the number. There may have been two, three, two hundred and thirty-three – or any other number. We simply don't know because the Bible doesn't say. But most people don't know that no one really knows. However, the one thing we DO know, is that no matter how many magi there may or may not have been, they NEVER went to the manger, nor did they visit the newborn baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling cloths that night alongside the shepherds who actually did (Lk. 2:1-17). The magi showed up some considerable time later, visiting the house instead (See: Matt. 2:1-11)!

The reason this becomes so important right now is because if we can get folks this time of year to consider some of the blatantly biblical errors which they've always just blindly assumed and accepted without ever examining them "book, chapter, and verse," then maybe we can get them to question other, more eternally-impacting, commonly-held erroneous beliefs... beliefs such as thinking one can be saved by saying some man-made 'sinner's prayer' (1 Ptr. 3:21), or that it doesn't matter what you believe as long as you believe (Mk. 7:5-13; Eph. 4:4-6). After all, while we must "be ready in season and out of season" (2 Tim. 4:2) to share our awesome God's truth, 'tis more welcome when 'tis the season!

#### Reminders:

Check bulletin board in foyer or website

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Sunday Bible study: 10AM Sunday Worship: 11AM Sunday Evening Worship: 5PM Wednesday Bible study: 7PM

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