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*Christmas Day  
Sunday, December 25, 2011*

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# *Christmas Day*

**Sunday, December 25, 2011**

**11:00 a.m.**

\*Please stand as you are able. Hearing assistance devices are available.

## *Entering Into Worship*

### **Processional**

#### **Welcome and Greeting**

Phyllis Crane

**Chimes** (Please be seated as chimes begin to play.)

#### **Prelude**

*Chorale Prelude on IN DULCI JUBILO*

-J.S. Bach

### **Call to Worship**

Susan Foote

Leader: God invites us here to celebrate the gift of new life, not only the birth of Jesus, but also the re-birth of our faith.

**People: Although God's presence is more than we can comprehend we can sense God-with-us in the sights, smells, sounds, tastes, and touches of this season.**

Leader: Let the reality of God's love surround us as we worship in the name of Christ, the Holy One of God.

### **Opening Prayer**

David Knecht

#### **\*Carol 89**

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

ADESTE FIDELIS

### **Pastoral Prayer of Concern**

Wayne Hager

## *Worship Through Tithes & Offerings*

**\*Offertory Carol 98** *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day* WALTHAM

#### **Offertory Prayer**

Bill Casteen, Deacon of the Week

#### **\*Offertory**

*What Child Is This*

-arr. by Jay Rouse

#### **\*Doxology**

*Christmas Doxology*

W ZLOBIE LEZY

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to Christ the Son,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit, Glory to the three in one.  
Here we offer to you gladly all the gifts that you impart,  
As we glory in your presence, giving from a grateful heart.**

# *Lighting the Advent Candles*

## **THE CHRISTMAS STORY BEGINS: "HEAR LOVE!"**

### **Scripture**

Luke 2:1-5

Lewis Ledford

### **Commentary**

#### **Carol 86**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

ST. LOUIS

## **ALL IS NOW READY: "SMELL HOPE!"**

### **Scripture**

Luke 2: 6-7

Barbara Chason

### **Commentary**

#### **Carol 101**

*Gentle Mary Laid Her Child* TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

## **THE ANGELS' ANNOUNCEMENT: "TASTE PEACE!"**

### **Scripture**

Luke 2:8-14

Jason Nance

### **Commentary**

#### **Carol 93**

*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

CAROL

## **THE STABLE IS CROWDED: "TOUCH JOY!"**

### **Scripture**

Luke 2:15-16

Bailey Metcalf

### **Commentary**

#### **Carol 103**

*Away in a Manger*

MUELLER

## **THE BABY IS JESUS: "SEE THE LIGHT!"**

### **Scripture**

Luke 2:17-20

Sandy Strickland

### **Commentary**

#### **Carol 96**

*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*

IN DULCI JUBILO

## *Invitation to Response and Dedication*

### **THE MESSAGE CONTINUES**

### **Scripture**

John 1:1-5

Wayne Hager

### **Commentary**

#### **\*Hymn of Response 95**

*Go Tell it on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*At this time you are invited to make public any decisions you have made for Christ, church membership, ministry, or to simply come for prayer at the altar or with the pastor.*

### **\*Benediction**

Esther Parker

### **\*Postlude**

*In Dulci Jubilo*

-J.S. Bach

## ***Winter Bible Study Begins January 11, 2011***

The pastor will begin the study of the Letter of James on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 6:30—7:20 p.m. in the dining room. This study will continue every Wednesday through February 8. Study books will be available for purchase in the Gathering Place and church office beginning January 1 for the cost of \$6.

James wrote in an extraordinary time in history and to a unique people. Unlike Paul, who wrote primarily to congregations defined by Gentile believers, James wrote to a dispersed and persecuted fellowship of Hebrew Christians who would soon endure even more difficulty in the coming years. James's letter had a two-fold intent:

1) Encourage these new believers to remain strong in the face of increasing persecution.

2) Equip them to continue in the faith throughout eras of hardship.

If the dispersed believers lived exemplary lives among unfamiliar people in new areas, they could be living witnesses to the reality of Jesus as the Hebrew Messiah. According to James, the way of God is accepting the reality of persecution and applying faith to each and every instance. This "holification" of suffering that had been modeled by Jesus could indeed provide excellent witness to the reality of their faith. As James "tells it like it is" he consistently offers paths to effective living that can only be accessed through a personal relationship with God.

## ***Opportunity for Spanish Speaking in our Community***

At the church conference, November 27, 2011 the church voted "That a Spanish Speaking Bible Study group, numbering 35-40, now meeting at the Duraleigh Woods apartment complex off Glenwood Avenue be allowed to meet at Tabernacle for study and worship." This group will begin meeting at Tabernacle on Wednesday evenings beginning in January. They will meet in the Dining Room each week. Pray for this group as they reach out to the Spanish speaking in our community.

## ***Looking Ahead in the New Year. . .***

. . . ***Lord's Supper***, Sunday, January 1, 2012, 11:00 a.m.

. . . ***Baptist Women*** will on Tuesday, January 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room of the church. The mission project for January is yarn for the Hands on Missions project.

. . . ***Baptist Men*** invite everyone to join them—new meeting time and location: Sunday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m. at Golden Corral on Glenwood Ave. Join them for the first meeting of the new year and help plan the mission activities for the new year.

## ***. . . Deacon Ordination and Installation***

Deacon Ordination and Installation will be Sunday, January 8, 2012 during the morning worship service. Those being ordained will be Charles Casteen and Kathy Sorrels. Those being installed will be Gary Cyrus, Peggy Gooch, Carol Jordan, Carolyn Kohring, Ray Kohring, and Stan Spurgeon.

## ***Christmas Missions Offerings***

The ***Global Missions Offering*** will help underwrite ministries of about 200 plus ***Cooperative Baptist Fellowship*** missionaries.

***The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*** will help to support about 5,000 ***Southern Baptist Convention International Mission Board*** missionaries overseas.

**Our church wide combined offering goal is \$2,500.**

Undesignated missions offerings go to ***CBF Global Missions*** per our church giving plan.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$ 745.00
CBF Global Missions Offering	\$1,665.00
Totals toward Goal	\$2,410.00

## ***Donate from Your IRA***

Now is the time for you to consider if you would like to make a charitable distribution to the church from your IRA. A qualified charitable distribution may be made directly from an IRA by the IRA trustee to the church after the date the IRA owner attains age 70 ½. This provision, which was scheduled to expire at the end of 2009, was extended through 2011 by the "Tax Relief and Jobs Creation Act of 2010." Please consult your tax professional regarding the benefits of this decision for your particular situation.

## ***Make Your Year-End Contributions Early!!***

Please deliver or mail (and postmark) checks on or by December 31, 2011 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2011. Checks that are placed in the church offering during the first Sunday in 2012 (January 1, 2012) will not qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2011, even if the check is predated to 2011 or was actually written in 2011. However, checks that are written, mailed, and postmarked in 2011 will be deductible in 2011, though they are not received by a church until 2012.

## ***Committee Annual Reports***

Committees are of vital importance to the ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church. Most do their work quietly without a lot of fanfare. For that reason the church is not always aware of what is being done by its committees. An annual report from our committees is a way to inform the church of what its committees are accomplishing. Therefore, 2011 committee chairpersons are requested to submit a brief report of their committee's activities no later than January 8, 2012 for inclusion in the January Conference Packet. E-mail your report to Clyde Smith, Smith82534@aol.com, or send by regular mail to Clyde Smith, 2615 Wells Ave, Raleigh, NC 27608.

# Welcome to Tabernacle

December 25, 2011

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St., Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a church member, where?

\_\_ 1st 2nd 3rd time guest

\_\_ regular attendee

Please circle (ages): 0-5 6-10  
11-17 18-29 30-49 50-64 65 +

Family /ages Attended with you?

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Y N

Children \_\_\_\_\_ Y N

\_\_\_\_\_ Y N

\_\_\_\_\_ Y N

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### I would like to:

\_\_\_ know more about becoming a Christian.

\_\_\_ share that I've recently received Christ.

\_\_\_ be baptized.

\_\_\_ join the church.

\_\_\_ have someone/pastor to contact me.

\_\_\_ receive the newsletter.

**(Please tear off & place in the offering plate.)**

## Opportunities for Blessings

### Sunday, December 25, 2011

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

1:00 p.m. Worship Raleigh Time Warner 22/  
U-Verse 99

### Monday, December 26, 2011

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27, 2011

Church Office Closed

### Wednesday, December 28, 2011

No supper or activities

### Sunday, January 1, 2012—New Year's Day

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship—Lord's Supper

1:00 p.m. Worship Raleigh Time Warner 22/  
U-Verse 99

### Monday, January 2, 2012

Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Metcalfe) (A19)

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts (Cox) (DR)

7:00 p.m. Table Tennis (Youth House)

7:15 p.m. Girl Scouts (Hicks) (A16)

### Tuesday, January 3, 2012

9:30 a.m. Tabernacle Learning Center

10:30 a.m. Baptist Women's Meeting (DR)

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Council (A19)

### Wednesday, January 4, 2012

9:30 a.m. Tabernacle Learning Center

7:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Building & Grounds Comm.

(Conf. Rm)

### Thursday, January 5, 2012

9:00 a.m. TBC Linen Closet (at 1st Pres)

9:30 a.m. Tabernacle Learning Center

2:45 p.m. Girl Scouts (Ewbank) (A20-21)

7:00 p.m. TLC Committee (DR)

### Friday, January 6, 2012 Epiphany

9:30 a.m. Tabernacle Learning Center

### Saturday, January 7, 2012

2:00 p.m. SCES Odyssey of the Mind

### Sunday, January 8, 2012

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
Deacon Ordination/Installation

12:00 p.m. Church Council (DR)

1:00 p.m. Worship Raleigh Time Warner 22/  
U-Verse 99

2:00 p.m. Deacon Communion to  
Homebound (DR)

2:00 p.m. SCES Odyssey of the Mind (A20)

6:00 p.m. Youth Activity

**Hands on Missions** is a church wide missions emphasis to give all members an opportunity for ministry and missions in our church and community.

### **Linen Closet**

As the weather gets colder, we will have more requests for linens. It would be helpful to indicate the size on the sheets. Place you items outside the coffee area as you come in the main entrance.

### **"Keep a Baby Warm"**

This is a collaborative project of **Durham County Cooperative Extension** and the **Butner Federal Correctional Center** in North Carolina. Inmates at the Butner Federal Correction Center will crochet afghans to be distributed during the holiday season through Cooperative Extension to appropriate Durham County families and charities. Please help the **"Keep a Baby Warm"** project by donating yarn. Any remaining yarn will be used by the inmates to make teddy bears for children in local hospitals and for future projects. A basket is in the Gathering Place for your yarn.

### **Operation Inasmuch – May 5, 2012**

Mark your calendar now for this opportunity to minister to our church family and community. Roy Davenport and Roberta Cyrus will be coordinating the activities for the day. We will also have a Community Health Fair that day. Watch after the new year for more information and how you can be involved.

### **Hands on Missions Brainstorming Session**

There will be a "brainstorming" session on Sunday, January 15 immediately following worship service in Dining Room. Everyone is invited to participate in this time of brainstorming about how TBC can be involved in our community for missions and ministry. If you have ideas but cannot come to the meeting, contact Phyllis Crane.

# Sign Up and Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Reminder...No Wednesday activities (except chapel choir) until January 11, 2012.

1. **I/We want a recording of the Sunday service. The suggested donation is \$3.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
\_\_\_\_\_ DVD \_\_\_\_\_ CD

2. **\_\_\_ I/We want a recording of the Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. The suggested donation is \$3.**

\_\_\_\_\_ DVD \_\_\_\_\_ CD

3. **\_\_\_ I/We would like more information about how we can help with the Youth lunches.**

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