

God with Us

The Shadow of Bethlehem

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Matthew 1:18-25 • December 9, 2018

**The birth of Jesus ushers in God's _____
with us and provides us peace.**

**1. Jesus is God and the one who _____ us
from our sin.**

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

**2. Jesus is God who _____ his presence into
our world so we can experience grace and truth.**

²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

**Will you trust Jesus – the Son of the Living God - to rescue
you from your sin?**

**In what areas of your life are you not allowing Jesus to be
God with you?**

This Week

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
9:25 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 th , 5 th & 6 th Grade Group	Lower Garage
	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	Coffee House Patio
	Focus Group	Belleview House
	Faith Still Matters	Belleview House
10:55 a.m.	Worship Service	Worship Center
	LIFEkids Ministries	Rooms 101-111
	4 th , 5 th & 6 th Grade Group	Lower Garage
4:30 p.m.	LIFEkids Christmas Choir	Worship Center

Monday, December 10

10 a.m.	Monday Mornings with Marnie	Belleview House
7 p.m.	Heart to Heart	Mont Vista 1

Tuesday, December 11

9 a.m.	Mom to Mom	Worship Center
6:30 p.m.	Flourish Women's Group	Off Campus

Wednesday, December 12

6:30 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Men's Group	Molly's Souper
6:30 p.m.	Radiant	Belleview House
7 p.m.	Exit83 Jr. High & High School Youth Group	The Garage
	Women at the Well	Room 104
	Wednesday Night Men's Study	Room 102

Thursday, December 13

6:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Men's Group	Chick-fil-A
7 p.m.	College/Post College Group	Garcia's Home
	A Quilter's Prayer	Room 104
	Thursday Night Men's Group	Belleview House

Friday, December 14

7 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery	The Garage
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Pray

1. Pray for those families who have broken relationships, that they will experience healing during this Christmas season.
2. Pray that our Christmas Eve services would find people receiving Jesus as their Savior

Giving Update

Fiscal Year July 2018-June 2019 **Total Budget: \$2,459,200**

	Budget Goal	Giving Received	Over/Under
October	\$189,659	\$189,438	(\$221)
November	\$185,185	\$182,289	(\$2,896)
Fiscal YTD	\$935,113	\$980,837	\$45,724

Debt Reduction Fund

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- LBF App (tap "give")
- Text "GIVE" to (909) 891-0115
- Offering boxes located at each exit

	Giving Received
October	\$5,469
November	\$4,452
Fiscal YTD	\$26,994

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