

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus,  
for He will save His people from their sins.

MATTHEW 1:21 NKJV



**Berean Bible Church**

Service of  
**Worship & Communion**

Sunday, 3 December, 2017

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Sunday School 9:30am  
Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm  
Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm  
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**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

# A Matter of Faith

## Who Started This Christmas Stuff?

**CLAREMORE, OK (ANS) –** *“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” Matthew 1:21 (NIV).*

In all the rush to find the perfect gift and have the perfect Christmas, it is so easy to forget the only perfection was born to peasants in a dirty manger in a small obscure village over 2,000 years ago. He wasn't born into a royal family but He is royalty indeed. He is our Jesus, the One who came so that we might have everlasting life.

John 3:16, the most often-quoted scripture in the Bible tells us,

***“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”***

However, consumers, even Christians, have forgotten the true meaning of the most wonderful time of the year. Black Friday has led to Grey Thursday while some businesses tout a month-long cyber sale to lure people to part with their hard-earned dollars. The rush to get the best bargains on big-screen TVs and other electronics, soon to be obsolete when replaced with an upgrade, is leading to the demise of the traditional Thanksgiving Day celebration.

I wanted to share the following story I received via email. May it remind you “Who” started all this Christmas stuff and why we say, “Merry Christmas,” instead of “Happy Holidays.”

A woman was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable, and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the elevator with her two kids.

She was feeling what so many experience during this season of the year: overwhelming pressure to go to every party and house warming, taste all the holiday food and treats, finding that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally, the elevator doors opened. There was already a crowd in the car. She pushed her way into the car and dragged her two kids in with her along with all the bags of stuff. When the doors closed, she couldn't take it anymore and she stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."

From the back of the car, everyone heard a quiet, calm voice respond, "Don't worry, we already crucified Him."

For the rest of the trip down in the elevator, it was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. This year, don't forget to keep "the One who started this whole Christmas thing" in your every thought, deed and words. If we all did it, just think of how different this whole world would be.

Let God open your eyes and heart to the real beauty of this sacred season.

by Carol Round



## Join us this evening at 6pm for an engaging Bible Study

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

Acts 17:11 NIV

## Order of Service

Ministry of Music – Choir

Invocation

Hymn 105 - O come, all ye faithful

Hymn 107 - Angels we have heard

Hymn 121 - Away in a manger

1st Scripture Reading: Matt 1:18-25

Hymn 108 - Angels from the realms

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Choir

Hymn 112 - There's a song in the air

Sermon – Rev. Ronald Trotman

Hymn 103 - Thou didst leave Thy throne

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Scripture Reading

Ministry of Music – Sis. Naomi Williams

Benediction – Choir



# In Memoriam



**Sis. Trudy Rogers**

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:15



## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- The Rogers & Jackson families during this difficult period
- Those less fortunate during the Christmas season
- Our students taking exams
- The revival of our Youth Dept.
- Our Outreach Ministries
- The sick and shut-ins
- The work of the Gideons, CEF, ISCF and The Bible Society
- The Persecuted Church
- A Holy Spirit led 2018

## December Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 3rd - Julia Lowe       | 21st - Winston Clarke     | 29th - Dolores Codrington    |
| 4th - Joan Aimey       | - Carol Maycock           | 31st - Muriel Clarke-Pilgrim |
| 8th - Maria Shepherd   | 24th - Maureen Burnett    | <b>January</b>               |
| 11th - Florence Gibbs  | - Steve Vaughn            | 3rd - Leslie Hull            |
| - Chrystolene Harewood | 25th - Stephen Peniston   | - Patricia Welch             |
| - Dana Williams        | 26th - Pauline Jones      | 4th - Harold Lucas           |
| 14th - Brigitte James  | 27th - Leandre Brathwaite | 5th - Bertram Hoyte          |
| 16th - Eileen Yarde    | - Ricardo Licorish        | 6th - Christopher Boyce      |
| 20th - Maureen Branch  | 28th - Hermes Nurse       | - Pauline Williams           |

## Anniversaries

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| 7th - Bernadette & Clarence Holder | 22nd - Charmaine & Darwin Brathwaite |
| 18th - Steve & Shirley Vaughn      | 31st - Beverly & Jefferson Wason     |