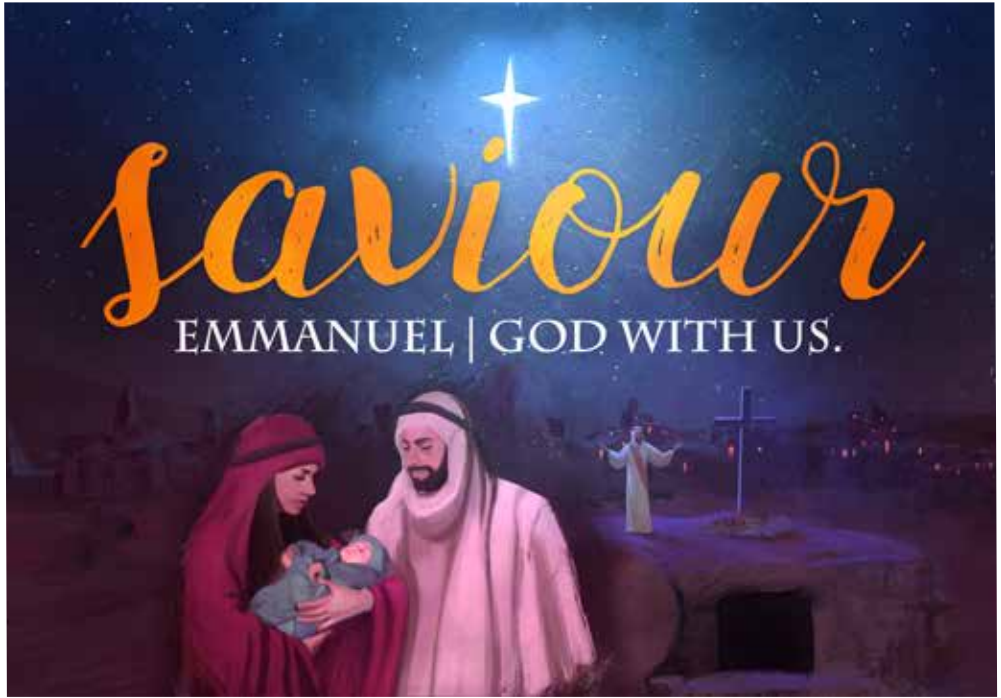


“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name **Immanuel**,” which is translated, “**God with us.**”

MATTHEW 1:23 NKJV



**Berean Bible Church**

Service of  
**Worship & Communion**

Sunday, 2 December, 2018

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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!**

# Gimme, Getting - and Greed

## Four Tips to Turn the 'Gimme Season' into the 'Giving Season'

**Let's face it, Christmas seems to be a lot more about "gimme, getting, and greed" than "generosity, giving, and gratefulness."**

So what can we do to be more generous - and help raise generous kids - not only at Christmas but all year around?

From my experience, here are 4 E's that give practical ways to do this.

**Events:** Before Christmas a number of years ago, I asked our kids, "Whose birthday is it? Who should get the biggest presents?" They answered it was Jesus' birthday and He should get the biggest presents. But then they asked, "How can we give birthday presents to Jesus?" I explained to them that when we give gifts to the lonely and the least, we are giving "birthday presents" to Jesus.

So, we started something in our family that has now become a Christmas tradition. On Christmas Eve after our kids open up their presents, we give each of them an envelope with some dollars and a list of "approved" needy people, organizations, or projects. Each child has the choice of where they want the money in their envelope to go so they can help give birthday presents to Jesus. Each child then explains to the rest of the family where they gave the money and why.

**Envelopes:** Have kids create their own envelopes for Giving, Saving, and Spending. Whenever they get any money during the year, the money is divided into the three envelopes to help shape their understanding of the three primary purposes of money. We started this practice when our children were very little and it is still happening now that our kids are teenagers. Research has shown that many adults who are faithful and generous givers to religious or charitable causes started this practice when they were living at home.

**Experiences:** Take your children to help feed the homeless, or be a Secret Santa to a needy family at Christmas by leaving presents on their front step, then knocking on the door and hurrying away before they come to open it.

**Exposure:** It is important to expose your yourself and your family to information on generosity and your personal financial practices. One day with our children around our kitchen table we were going through one of the lists about what organizations we had helped.

Suddenly our 7-year-old stopped us and said, "Dad, if we hadn't given \$1000 to that camp, do you know how many more videos you could buy me?!" I explained to my 7-year-old that the most exciting thing we can do is to give to help others and that we would never want to buy \$1000 in video games. This was a teachable moment for my 7-year-old that none of us has ever forgotten.

With these 4 E's in place, you will be headed in the right direction and will raise generous, giving, and grateful kids that will likely turn into generous, giving, and grateful adults! And you'll have the very best Christmas of all!

*Dr. Brian Kluth, ASSIST News Service*

A thousand times in history  
a baby has become a king,  
but only once in history  
did a King become a baby.



# Order of Service

Ministry of Music – Choir

Invocation

Hymn 93 - That Beautiful Name

Hymn 96 - Wonderful

Hymn 107 - Angels we have heard...

1st Scripture Reading: Matt 1:18-25

Hymn 108 - Angels from the realms

Prayer

Notices & Offering

Ministry of Music – Choir

Hymn 115 – While shepherds watched...

Sermon – Rev. Ronald Trotman

Hymn 117 - O little town of Bethlehem

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

2nd Scripture Reading: Lam 3:19-27

Ministry of Music – Sis. Cecile Reid

Benediction – Choir



## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- Pastoral succession
- 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 2019

*Let's Talk About Christmas!*

**Sunday Dec. 2nd at 6pm. Come and experience a joyous time!**

**"An Amazing Love" Christmas Drama**

**Sunday Dec. 16th at 6pm. Bring your friends and be Amazed!**

## December Birthdays

3rd – Julia Lowe

4th – Joan Aimey

8th – Maria Shepherd

11th – Florence Gibbs

– Chrystolene Harewood

– Dana Williams

14th – Brigette James

16th – Eileen Yarde

20th – Maureen Branch

21st – Winston Clarke

– Carol Maycock

24th – Maureen Burnett

– Steve Vaughn

25th – Stephen Peniston

27th – Leandre Brathwaite

– Ricardo Licorish

28th – Hermes Nurse

29th – Dolores Codrington

31st – Muriel Clarke-Pilgrim

### January

3rd – Leslie Hull

– Patricia Welch

5th – Bertram Hoyte

## Anniversaries

7th – Bernadette & Clarence Holder

18th – Steve & Shirley Vaughn

22nd – Charmaine & Darwin Brathwaite

31st – Beverly & Jefferson Wason