
The St. Mark Messenger

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Merry Christmas



¹ In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while^{qu} Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

Celebration of Jesus

A CELEBRATION OF JESUS' BIRTH

You are cordially invited to help us celebrate the birth of
Jesus with songs of praise and praise dancing

December 18, 2011

4p.m.



Spiritual Gifts Training



I am currently updating the roster for the Spiritual Gift Class.

This is the current list at this time: Diane Talley, Cecily King, Margaret Freeman, Joyce Lewis, Mack Culbertson, Jerry Murry, Levelle Marshall, Calvin Slade, Twana Cruell, Kelly Garrison, and Faurtina Martin.

If there are others interested in this class please see Faurtina Martin by December 11, 2011. Please let me know if you would like to sign up for the class because I have to order books for the class. The cost of books is 19.95 "Serving from the Heart". I look forward to hearing from you. Let's take this journey and discover what God has given us and cultivate the gift to uplift God's Kingdom.

To God be the Glory

Faurtina Martin

Keeping you connected

All student recognitions, achievements, and other accomplishments will be announced on 4th Sunday. Parents and students please get this information to the Church office by Wednesday before the 4th Sunday.

DEADLINES! Don't forget--- the deadline for newsletter articles is the **3rd Sunday** in each month. Articles may be submitted to any member of communications.

Church news at your finger tips. Visit the new St. Mark Info Line. This telephone service features voicemail, weekly activities and Sunday school updates. Simply dial the church's

main number, 864-848-7141, and follow the prompts.

Effective immediately, weekly reminders and meetings will be printed and given to each member by the ushers. Please read and take these home with you each week.

Kelly Garrison is your new contact for announcements beginning February 1st. Please send all announcements to her at garrison.kelly@gmail.com.

Gena Bunch is your contact for the newsletter and website. Her email address is gena140@att.net.

All announcements and reminders will also be sent out in a weekly email. If our secretary does not have your email contact information, please be sure to give it to her so

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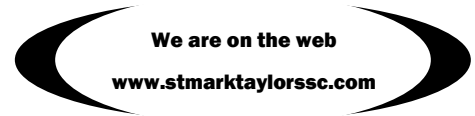
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