



# PARKLANDS BAPTIST CHURCH

*Arise and Shine - Isaiah 60:1*

2017: The Year of The Lord's Covenant Blessings

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## Pastors Word

### CHRISTMAS: THE JOY OF THE WORLD

(Luke 2:10-14)

"Breaking news: It is reported that something amazing happened last night in our small town of Bethlehem. Some shepherds went around excitedly announcing that while they were quietly taking care of their flock, the sky was brightened by the appearance of an angel. This angel announced that an unusual Child had been born to a humble couple in an inn. The Shepherds were asked to verify their story and they took the witnesses to this house where the Child was born. The Child looked very ordinary and the couple seemed full of joy and wonder. We shall keep you posted as the story unfolds. This is the Bethlehem News Network station"

Many years later we are celebrating that awesome event that brought joy to the entire world. God had brought His Son to live among us naming Him Immanuel. Today it is important to enter the Joy of the Eternal Father.

#### This Child has brought:

1. **The Joy of awesome love demonstrated. (John 3:16)**
2. **The Joy of eternal peace realized. (Lk 2:14)**
3. **The Joy of precious redemption brought to light. (Mat 1:21-23)**
4. **The Joy of glorious promises fulfilled. (Lk 1:46-50)**

We join the angels today to sing with joy. It does not matter what you are going through in this season. You have a reason to celebrate. Because of Jesus, God lives among us. God cares for us. God has provided for us. God is lifting us up to a heavenly destiny. Rejoice in the Lord!

#### Arise & Shine

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## CHRISTMAS!

Joseph

How could it be, that the one he spoke of as her rib was beholding the gift reserved for him? "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"

In the bottomless depths of his masculine thoughts, these are the words that strengthened his boat struggling to paddle in the sinking sand of betrayal and law.

Purposed to mentor the saviour of the world, he laid aside his earthly thoughts and honoured the gift of a Saviour's touch.

Virgin Mary

"Greetings you who are highly favoured! The Lord is with you."

Amidst the thoughts of a virgin girl, these are the words that brought delight trying to stay afloat from the sinking ship of doubt for she asked "How can this be".

With thoughts suspended by the strings of reality, her mind was bent to the written script of forever after with Joseph as king, obscuring her sight from the one who authors life. And then it dawned on her, revealed in the splendour of her servitude -

"Let it be unto me as the Lord wills", that joy had found its way on earth for through her a Saviour was to be born.

Shepherds "Do not be afraid for I bring you good news that will cause great joy" As they laid asleep in grazing fields, consumed by warmth from bleating sheep, these are the words from a glorious host that sparked a joy to the shepherds yawn to announce the birth of a new born king.

Wise Men And led by the star in glorious reign, they resisted the sparkle of Herod's tame to honour the gift in Bethlehem.

With myrrh and gold and frankincense, they came from the East with royal gifts to bow and behold the new born King.

Disguised as a child in a manger's raft, a Saviour laid in the silent night.

**Joy to the world!**

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