

Christmas Through the Eyes of...The Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-12

December 18, 21-22, 2013: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Luke 2:13-14, 20; Numbers 24:17

I. Worship Is Demanding.

II. Worship Is Humble.

- The Magi were men and, yet, they stopped and asked for directions.
- The Wise Men were wealthy and, yet, they were spiritually sensitive.
- The Wise Men were mature adults and, yet, they worshiped a little child.

“Pride is spiritual cancer. It eats up the very possibility of love or contentment or even common sense.” C. S. Lewis

III. Worship Is Expensive. *Genesis 22:5; 1 Chronicles 16:29*

IV. Worship Is Focused on Jesus.

To Make this Christmas about Worshiping Jesus:

1. Make an Effort!
2. Humble Yourself.

When I become a wise person the motto of my life will be: it's not about me.

Joy Is an Acrostic for Building an Extraordinary Life:

- Jesus first,
 - Others second,
 - Yourself last.
3. Bring a Gift.
 4. Focus on Jesus. *John 3:16*

When you love someone you don't send a messenger—you tell them yourself. That's what God did by sending Jesus.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. Have you had to leave anything to follow Jesus? If so, what are some of those things?
2. Is there anything you need to leave in order to fully focus on Jesus?
3. How can you develop the same humility as the Magi demonstrated?
4. What is the “gold, incense, and myrrh” in your life? How have you offered this to Jesus?
5. What tangible way will you make an effort to worship Jesus this week as a family or individually?

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Men's Breakfast

8 – 9:30 a.m. Saturdays, starting Jan. 11

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Men, join us on Saturday mornings for breakfast, fellowship and Bible study. This is an excellent way to get connected at Savannah Christian. You will also have the opportunity to join a Small Group, discipleship classes and accountability groups as well as hear about upcoming Men's Ministry events. A \$5 donation is requested to cover the cost of the meal. No registration required.

It's Your Day Women's Conference

9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Saturday, March 8

Lucas Theatre for the Arts

Be a part of this special time for women to join together, laugh together and grow in faith together.

Jen Hatmaker, dynamic speaker and author of multiple books including *7: An Experimental Mutiny Against Excess*, joins us live with a message to inspire us to seek Jesus' presence. Find out what it really means to sit at the Rabbi's feet. This conference is for women who hunger to know what following Christ in discipleship looks like. Tickets cost \$25 and can be purchased at SavannahChristian.com, at The Source bookstore or at a Connection Kiosk starting Friday, Dec. 20.

Holy Land and Jordan Tour

Monday, May 19 – Friday, May 30, 2014

Join Cam and Sarah Huxford as they lead a spiritual pilgrimage that follows the footsteps of Jesus. Truly the trip of a lifetime, this will be a spiritual and historical tour of the places where Jesus lived, performed miracles, was crucified and rose from the dead. The New and Old Testaments will come to life as we experience the culture and history of the Jewish people and the land of Israel. We will also visit Jordan. For more information about the trip and how to book your place, visit SavannahChristian.com.

Dates for Final 2013 Giving

Online contributions for 2013 can be made through Tuesday, Dec. 31. However, the last opportunity for contributions to be made in the building will be during the services on Sunday, Dec. 29. Gifts made after Tuesday, Dec. 31, will be counted as 2014 contributions.