

"The Surprises of Christmas", Luke 2:1-21 December 26-27, 2015: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

I. The Christmas Journey Was Surprising!

II. The Christmas Message Was Amazingly Inclusive!

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

At that first Christmas God was making a revolutionary statement about His own heart. *Revelation 22:17 NIV*

III. The Christmas Promise Is Life-changing!

When the announcement was made that a Savior has been born...the initial reaction of the Shepherds was not joy...but fear.

A life changing relationship with Jesus usually starts with a period of exploration.

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

The word "angel" means messenger from God.

"It is by grace that we are saved through faith." Ephesians 2:8

Faith is putting your whole <u>trust</u> in what Jesus did for you when He came to a stable in Bethlehem and then died on a cross outside Jerusalem to pay for the sins that separate you from God.

A life-changing relationship with Jesus starts when you say "I believe":

- I believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
- I believe that He is the only Savior of the world.
- I believe that I am a moral failure and Jesus is the only one who can <u>forgive</u> my sins and make me right with God.

I pray, Jesus, that you will become the <u>Leader</u> and Forgiver of my life. I come today and give my life to You.

Ministry Opportunities

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Dates for Final 2015 Giving

Contributions for 2015 can be made online and through the mobile app through Thursday, Dec. 31. The last opportunity to make a 2015 contribution during services will be Wednesday, Dec. 30. Gifts made after Dec. 31 will be counted as 2016 contributions.

School Supplies Collection Through January Collection Bin in the Lobby

Choose compassion and bless students and teachers in need in local schools by donating essential classroom supplies to help them finish the school year. Please leave donations in the collection bins in the lobby, available through January.

Financial Peace University 4:15 - 6 p.m. Saturdays, Feb. 6 - April 9 Adult Ministry Center across the street

Learn practical skills for managing money from a biblical perspective in this DVD-based course taught by Dave Ramsey. It's appropriate for all income levels and life circumstances. Topics include personal savings, eliminating debt, investing for retirement and more. Sign up and purchase your course materials at SavannahChristian.com by Sunday, Jan. 31.

Father Daughter Banquet 6:30 - 9 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, Feb. 25 - 27 National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force

Fathers, this is an opportunity to spend a special evening with your daughters, taking time to invest in your father-daughter relationship. You'll spend quality time with each other over a nice dinner followed by music and dancing. Purchase \$35 father tickets and \$5 daughter tickets at The Source bookstore.

It's Your Day Women's Conference 7 – 9 p.m. Friday, March 4 and 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5 Worship Center

We all want to be known and loved. Although we can experience deep relationships with others, our hearts will always long for the perfect love of Christ. Ladies, join us for this conference with guest speaker Lisa Harper as we explore the Song of Solomon and find out how we can experience true closeness and intimacy with God, both when life seems golden and in times of trouble. Tickets cost \$25 each. A limited number of group rate tickets are available at \$20 each for groups of 10 or more. Purchase tickets at SavannahChristian.com.