



MAKING JESUS KNOWN – TOGETHER.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Sunday's 10:00am – inside OR watch livestream
Children's Ministry (birth – 6<sup>th</sup> grade) available

- Welcome/Prayer Pastor Josh
Songs to God Worship Team
Bible Teaching Pastor John
Song of Reflection Worship Team

Please wear masks at all times unless seated – respect the space of others.

Special Upcoming Opportunities

- 2022 BUDGET & OFFICERS VOTE: 99% affirmed. Thank you.
WOMEN'S RETREAT SAVE THE DATE: January 29-30<sup>th</sup> @ Open Arms
DISCOVERING OPEN ARMS LUNCHEON: February 27 - 11:30-2:30pm
FALL/WINTER REC SPORTS: A great time to connect and compete:

Everyday Life at OAC

- NEW GUESTS: Please visit the WELCOME BOOTH in cafe after the service today to receive a gift just for you!
GROWTH / CONNECTIONS: Desiring to grow in your faith?
BAPTISM: Baptism is a special time to celebrate your journey of faith
EVERYBODY SERVES: Let us help you serve the Lord as you serve others
PRAYER: Express a prayer need at any time via our website.
GIVING OPTIONS: 1) Drop in offering boxes by worship center doors

For more information & other opportunities, visit us at:

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Better Prepared for 2022

Luke 2:1-20

1In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. 2This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3And all went to be registered, each to his own town. 4And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, 5to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. 6And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. 7And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

8And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. 10And the angel said to them: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." 13And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!

15When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us". 16And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. 17And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. 18And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. 19But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.

20And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

God works His plans thru all kinds of people – be humble:

- 1. Plan diligently – then commit "all" to God's final say. v1-7
2. Peace w/Him & from Him is ours - especially in trials. v8-14
3. Ponder over His Word – it prepares us for everything. v15-19
4. Praise comes from personal encounters – seek Him daily v20