

Discovering Truth

"Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk and live in Your truth" - Psalm 86:11

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:45 am

Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class: 7:00 pm

Our Elders:

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Gus Rodriguez.....408-914-5762

Our Evangelist:

Kevin Harrington.....714-364-7428

2013 Theme:

"Seek and Save"

"For the Son of
Man came to seek
and save the lost"

- Lk. 19:10



WELCOME to our visitors!

You are our honored guests.
Please let us know how we may
assist you. Our
church family
welcomes
you.



Happy Birthday Jesus?

On Wednesday, many people will wake up very early in the morning to rush down stairs and see what Santa has left under their tree. Santa, of course, is a secular tradition that pulls from multiple stories from around the world. Through the years, the big, jolly, gift-giving old man with a white beard became an icon for the holiday of Christmas. Besides Santa, there is one other person that people place a lot of value on this time of year: Jesus Christ. Many Christians believe that Jesus' birthday is December 25th. Is Christmas Day really Jesus' birthday? Should we celebrate Christmas as a remembrance of Jesus' birthday?

Let me give you some facts to think about:

1. No Biblical or non-biblical historical writings can tell us an accurate month, day, or time Jesus was born.
2. There are no mentions in the Bible or non-Biblical writings of birth celebrations.
3. The fact that shepherds were in the field watching their flock at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:7-8) shows us that December 25th is most likely nowhere close to Jesus' birthday. December is cold, rainy, and sometimes snowy. Shepherds would have not had their sheep grazing in the field in the middle of December.
4. Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem for the census at the time of Jesus' birth (Luke 2:1-4). Censuses were never taken in winter, when temperatures would often drop below freezing and the roads were in poor condition.
5. The apostles and early Christians never talked about, wrote about, or celebrated the birth of Jesus.



I think there is a reason that the birth of Jesus was never mentioned after the actual event occurred. The main focus of the New Testament church is not to praise a Savior that was born, but to praise a Savior that has been resurrected. Jesus never told us to remember or celebrate his birth, but He did command us to remember the Lord's Supper in connection with His death and resurrection (Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26). He knew His birth was far less important than His death and resurrection.

As you celebrate Christmas this week with your friends and loved ones, take a few moments to consider these things. Christmas is a fun time to celebrate love, joy, and cheer between family and friends, but it's not a time to throw a party for Jesus. Instead, we remember Jesus every Sunday when we come together to partake of the communion (Acts. 20:7).

~ Kevin

**Sunday Worship – AM
10:45 am (12/22)**

Announc.	C. Williamson
Reading	A. Gonzales
Singing	K. Sicat
Lord's	By. Canada,
Supper	Bry. Canada,
	O. Fronda,
	E. Rivera
Sermon	K. Harrington
Prayers	Dem. Carbin,
	L. Boesch,
	L. Enriquez
Greeters	Owens
Count	P. Cachela,
Collec.	Sicat

**Sunday Worship – PM
5:00 pm (12/22)**

Announc.	C. Williamson
Reading	Dar. Carbin
Singing	R. Kirchner
Lord's	By. Canada
Supper	
Sermon	K. Harrington
Prayers	Der. Carbin,
	E. Fernandez

NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday Worship – AM
10:45 am (12/29)**

Announc.	C. Cooper
Reading	Q. Thompson
Singing	K. Sicat
Lord's	Der. Carbin,
Supper	Dem. Carbin,
	Dar. Carbin,
	A. Gonzales
Sermon	K. Harrington
Prayers	V.R. Hogan,
	R. Almazan,
	E. Rivera
Greeters	Rodriguez
Count	P. Cachela,
Collec.	Owens

**Sunday Worship– PM
5:00 pm (12/29)**

Announc.	C. Cooper
Reading	Dem. Carbin
Singing	Devotional
Lord's	Der. Carbin
Supper	
Sermon	K. Harrington
Prayers	K. Sicat,
	P. Cachela

L. Boesch	E. Boesch
A. Owens	C. Owens

This Morning's Sermon:

Blessed Among Women

Kevin Harrington

This Evening's Sermon:

"Seek and Save"

Kevin Harrington

Blessed Among Women

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:37-38

- ❖ Misconceptions about Mary
 - Giver of _____
 - _____-like
 - Center of _____
 - Appears in _____
- ❖ Luke 1:26-38
 - Mary was _____
 - Mary had "found _____ with God"
 - Mary was chosen for the most _____ task
 - Mary was _____
 - Mary _____ God
- ❖ Misconceptions debunked
 - Mary never became _____
 - Luke 11:27-28
 - Mary never _____ herself
 - Luke 1:46-47
 - Mary understood that Jesus was her _____
- ❖ You and I...
 - Are _____
 - Can find _____ with God
 - Are _____
 - Are _____
 - Have to _____ God

"For with God nothing will be impossible"

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For Your Prayers

CONFINED to home, hospital or care facility:

- Anita Kaye Bland, Donna Summers,
Michelle Salas

OTHER NEEDS:

- Eileen and Lenard Boesch need continued prayers.
 - Byron Canada has an infected jaw.
 - Ernie Fernandez needs continued prayers.
 - Kurla Fry had surgery on her eye.
 - Diana Garcia needs continued prayers.
 - Lillian Hall needs continued prayers
 - Carol Hogan needs continued prayers.
 - Nellie Pelache needs continued prayers
 - Gus and Juanita Rodriguez need continued prayers
 - Tom and Sally Rogers need continued prayers.
 - Judy Williamson continues to deal with complications from scleroderma
- Members in OTHER CONGREGATIONS:**
- ❖ Martha McCurdy, Dennis Kilgo, Candie, Ella Gean Carry (Scott Carry's mom)
- Please remember to call, visit, send cards, or help encourage in any way.**

News For You

- **Kevin** is preaching both sermons today.
- **Sunday morning, January 5th, the elders will have a special presentation looking at our past and future!**
- **Please help keep the back tables in the auditorium clean.**
- Please join us on Sunday mornings for our Bible class "Questions Christians Hope No One Will Ask."
- **Next Evangelism Class:** Tuesday, January 14th, 7 PM "Turning Points" –Luke 9:18-36 at the Harrington's home.
- Don't forget to be checking the back bulletin boards for news and updates about work groups!

Traveling

- Ashonte Threadgill is in and out of town for work.
- Marcus is traveling for the holidays
- The Harrington's will be in Southern California from Monday-Friday.

"You are near, O Lord, and all Your commandments are truth." - Psalm 119:151