

# The Voice

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## The Dayspring

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In the midst of this Christmas season, the world is in turmoil; wars, beheadings, police brutality, and Christian persecution. Yet as Christians, we don't succumb to fear and hopelessness, we endure with the joy and peace that comes with having a personal relationship with our Savior, Jesus Christ. In fact, our response to chaos reflects who God is. While the world is in a panic and fear-stricken state, we have the perfect opportunity to share where our hope comes from.

This Christmas, let's remember the true reason for this season, to celebrate the birth of our Savior and to spread the good news about Jesus Christ. What better way to honor our Savior, than by following in His footsteps and give to others what He so graciously gave to us, hope of eternal life.

Let's unwrap ways we can give others the greatest gift ever:

- 1- Let Our Light Shine-** Scripture tells us that we are to "let our light shine before men, so that they may see our good works, and glorify God" (Matthew 5:16). Just as the wise men followed the stars that led them to baby Jesus, may others be drawn to the light of our godly conduct; to our fruit of the Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23).
- 2- Humbly Serve-** From his birth to His death, Jesus exemplified true humility. Even with ALL power in His hands, our Savior chose to be born in a foul-smelling manger, and to die beaten, bloodied and exposed on a cross. Likewise, may we deny our pride, our ego, and become humble servants who meet the needs of others before ourselves..."for even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". (Mark 10:45)
- 3- Share the Good News-** The wise men all brought gifts to Jesus. Although he was too young to appreciate the gifts at that age, I can only imagine His thoughts when he grew up and reflected on the meaning of each gift He received. May it be so with our unsaved family, friends, neighbors or strangers that we come across. Although they are lost, in darkness, rejecting our invitations to church and the Gospel message; our prayer is that one day they will come to know Jesus as Savior. That they will reflect back on the gifts of light, humility and the Word we shared with them, and will proclaim, "Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:78-79 KJV)  
Give the gift that keeps on giving...Jesus Christ, the Light of World!!

### Mark Your Calendar

**Sunday, 12.07.14 @ 1:30pm**  
Financial Report Meeting

**Saturday, 12.20.14 @ 4pm**  
WOW Fellowship

**Sunday, 12.21.14 @ 11am**  
Christmas Service

**Sunday, 1.11.14 @ 3pm**  
Revive Life Event

### BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. God with us.
2. False. The exact date of Christ birth is unknown but scripture (Luke 2:8) suggests that it was NOT in the winter since shepherds are described "keeping watch over flocks by night" which was not done during the coldest winter months.
3. False. Luke 2:15-16 describes shepherds going and seeing baby Jesus lying in a manger **BUT** Matthew 2 describes that wise men (at a later date) came into the house and saw a young child.

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### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

**"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."~Romans 6:23**

# Member Spotlight

December is already here! Christmas is here! Can you believe it?! As CHRISTians we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Yes Christmas was initially a pagan Holiday, but in the 1600's the reformist combatted the pagan tradition with a Holy one. Here are some members comments about the Christmas Holiday.

**Zion Wilson** "Christmas is a time of a lot of good deeds and giving and sharing for the remembrance of Christ."

**Charles Blake Copeland** "Christmas is the day that we praise the Lord on his birthday!"

**Thelma Gatlin** "It's the day Jesus Christ was born. It's not the precise day but it's the day we celebrate. I'm really happy on that day. He was born and he died for our sins. When I think back I remember how my mom used to try to hide the gifts under the tree and how she used to give us those big oranges and apples in our stockings. I really enjoy Christmas."

As we remember what Christ has done for us don't forget CHRISTMAS is about giving, not receiving. The greatest gift that was given to mankind was **JESUS CHRIST!** Merry Christmas to all!! Love you!!- *Tinaya Hughes*

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## BIBLE TRIVIA

Answers found under the "Mark Your Calendar" section on page 1.

1. **Fill in the blank.** According to Matthew 1:23 "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is \_\_\_\_\_."
2. **True/False** December 25<sup>th</sup> is the exact birth date of Jesus Christ?
3. **True/False** when Jesus was born shepherds and wise men visited Jesus when he was a babe in a manger?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMING SOON...

DaySpring Mobile APP!!

- **Saturday, 12/20 @ 4pm-6:30pm-** The last WOW Fellowship of 2014! All ladies 18-over are encouraged to join the Women of the Word Ministry for a great time at their Christmas Potluck Fellowship. To RSVP and for the location, contact Tanya Bryant at 323.369.5345 **by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Sunday, 12/21 @ 11am-** Invite your family and friends to celebrate with us the reason for this season, the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- **Sunday, 1/11 @ 3pm-** Join us for our Revive Life 2015! Great praise and worship, awesome message, fellowship... a time to get spiritually revived for the new year.

### END OF THE YEAR REMINDERS!!

- ✓ If you've recently moved or changed any of your contact information, please send your updated information to [membership@dayspringcc.org](mailto:membership@dayspringcc.org).
- ✓ **DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>** is the last day to give a donation to the DaySpring church and receive a tax-deduction for 2014. If mailing a donation, it must be postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

### CHURCH SERVICES:

Sundays 11am | Bible Class- Tuesdays 7pm

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