

SERMON NOTES

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, December 23

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship
 4:30 PM Christmas Fellowship
 6:00 PM Candlelight Service

Monday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Reopens
 No Evening Activities

Sunday, December 30

9:15 AM Sunday School
 10:30 AM Worship

CHURCH STAFF

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METAIRIE BAPTIST CHURCH

*So the world will know,
 the saved will grow,
 and the church will go*

Join Us This Evening

Christmas Fellowship – 4:30 pm

Candlelight Service – 6:00 pm



December 23, 2012

DR. THOMAS STRONG, SENIOR PASTOR
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Order of Worship

Prelude

"From Heaven Above to Earth He Comes"
Dr. Marcus St. Julien

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" #96

Baptism

Levi Mares

"The First Noel" #85

"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come" #87

Worship through Prayer

"O Come, All Ye Faithful" #89

"What Can I Give Him?" #610

Worship through Giving

"O Holy Night"
Melissa Jackson, Soloist

Message From God's Word

"Spirit of Christmas"
Dr. Thomas Strong

Time of Commitment

"Meet Him at the Manger"

Benediction

Postlude

"In Thee Is Joy"

This Evening's Schedule

4:30 pm—Christmas Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)

The hospitality committee asks that you consider bringing either a savory dish or a desert. Savory dishes we are looking for include: chips and dip, meatballs, crackers and cheese, sausage balls, any grab and go finger food items. Please bring all items that must accompany your dish (ex: chips for your dip). Also, please bring your dishes prepared, as there will be no time to heat dishes. We hope to see our church family come together in celebration during this Christmas time.

6:00 pm—Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

We look forward to meeting together tonight. Invite your friends and family as we join in singing carols, reading Scripture, and celebrating God's gift of Jesus.



Deacon of the Week: Tom Brown (504-613-8518)

Please contact Tom for any ministry need or illness.

December 16, 2012

Sunday School: 133

Worship: 238

December Stewardship

Weekly Budget: \$9,282

Offering (12/16/12): \$11,590

Dec. Budget to Date: \$27,846

Dec. Offering to Date: \$28,106

Wednesday

Night

Suppers

will resume

January 2nd.

Verse of the Month: Matthew 1:21

"She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His People from their sins."

Lottie Moon Post Office

The Lottie Moon Post Office is open and ready to receive your Christmas wishes for our MBC family. Place your cards in the appropriate alphabetical boxes (in the Orion Foyer), and deposit twenty-five cents per card in the offering box located near the post office. Remember to check for greetings left for you! All proceeds go to the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering.

21 Days of Prayer

Beginning January 6, the church is encouraged to participate in the Louisiana Baptist Convention's 21 Days of Prayer emphasis to prepare our hearts for what God has in store for His people. Devotional guides will be available soon.

MERRY
christmas
celebrate the new born king