

## Worship Service

Dec. 25, 2011

202 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee  
264 O Come, Let Us Adore Him  
1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
779 I Love You, Lord  
790 Lord, Take Control  
792 My Eyes Are Dry

### Scripture Reading

#### Prayer

269 Thomas' Song

#### \*\*\*\*Lords Supper \*\*\*\*

*All Christians are invited to partake in this feast of remembrance. The bread & fruit of the vine symbolize the body and blood of our Savior who died and was raised for us. In eating together we proclaim our unity with Him and with one another until He comes again.*

#### Offering:

#### Children Down Front:

962 Were You There?

#### Message By Johnathan Dobbs

943 Do You Know My Jesus?

#### Announcements

1018 Joy To The World

#### Closing Prayer

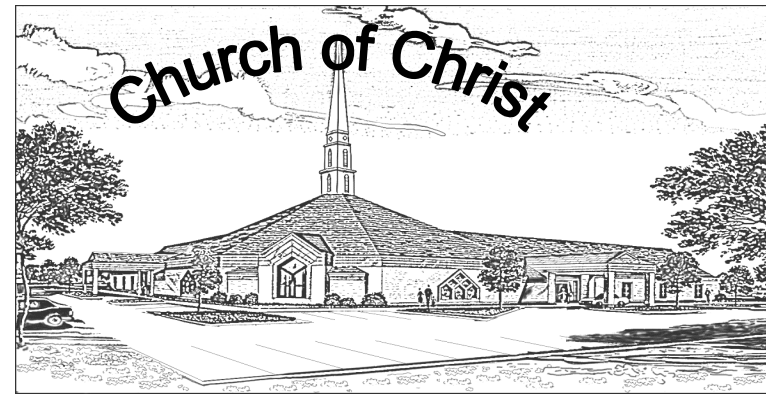
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*Welcome Visitors!!!!*

## Sermon Notes

Presented by Johnathan Dobbs



*Seek Life - Share Life - Obey One Life  
Focusing Our Lives Around ONE Savior, Jesus Christ*

## Extravagance

I have to confess: I like looking at extravagant Christmas gifts. Not out of any desire to give or receive them. I just like to marvel at what's available. Some of them are amazingly expensive. Like the Ferrari FF listed at Neiman Marcus; it can be yours for only \$390,000. You may want to hurry. They only have 10 available. For mom, Amazon lists a black pearl necklace for a mere 76,500 dollars. Don't worry... the item ships for free. Another option is a gift card from Halcyon jets. A \$5 million gift card! Actually, it's called a Dream Card, and it gives you full access to their complete fleet of jets, as well as a private aviation specialist and a personal concierge. For the truly discriminating, might I suggest you consider purchasing an island? You can get a lovely 20-acre island off the coast of Rio de Janeiro for a mere \$8 million. Sorry... only one per customer.

Most of us won't be spending quite as much on Christmas gifts, though many will spend more than they should. There's something about the Christmas season that makes us want to give gifts in a big way. However, we know that the greatest gift has already been given. No one can match the extravagance of our Heavenly Father, who gave us what the apostle Paul calls an "indefinable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15). God gave us His own Son, not as a Christmas gift, but as the gift that never stops giving. God's Son, Jesus, came and died, to give us all the right to claim the gift of eternal life. The apostle John famously wrote, "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 3:16-17).

In this season of giving and receiving, let's take time to remember the greatest gift of all: God's Son. And let's make sure that we've claimed the gift He offers each of us: the gift of eternal life.

**Pulpit Minister**  
Larry Macomber

**Youth Minister**  
Johnathan Dobbs

**Children's Ministry**  
Diane Beyer

**Elders**  
Doug Anderson  
David Carroll  
Bob Noster  
Glenn Organ  
John Rawlings  
Willie Rollins  
John Westbrook

Tim Archer  
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Our only limitation is the size of our faith!

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## Harvest House Food Ministry

2204 Nichols  
245-0306  
Open on Wednesdays ONLY  
9:00a.m. – 12:00 noon

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## For the Records December 18, 2011

Bible Study.....128  
AM Worship.....233  
Wed. (12/14) ..... 97  
Love Offering Received.....\$10,510.94  
Weekly Budget Needed .....\$7720.94  
Budget Year to Date  
(Plus+ or Minus -).....\$40,449.93+  
Weekly difference.....\$ 793.14+  
Missions Offering.....\$ 35.00

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## Nursery Volunteers Today

Dixi Howery  
Karen Sharp

*There is an attended nursery in room #4. You may stay with your child if you wish, audio feed there.*

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## Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday:  
Bible Classes .....9:00a.m.  
Worship .....10:00a.m.  
Life Groups & Seekers.....5:00p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Bible Classes for all ages.....7:00p.m.

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## Elder of the Month

Doug Anderson  
If you have a matter that needs to be brought to the attention of the elders, please talk to the elder of the month.

## Prayer List Updates

Rita Rawlings taking chemo in Sugarland. Tests show that the tumor in her lung has shrunk to half its size & no new ones have come up.

Cindy Phillips the cancer in the liver is growing again. Also a tumor in the ovary has more than doubled in size. They took her off the chemo drug she was on & are putting her on another Chemo drug that is stronger & may make her sicker. It is 5 days on 28 days off.

Jimmy Crum having chemo treatments.

Thomas Petter (Cindy Phillips' brother) esophageal cancer  
Geordan Burt (G.W. & Tricia Burt's son) has Chronic Kidney Disease. He is on a high dosage of Prednisone Steroids. They will know in 3-6 mo. if it is working.

Barbara Gates recovering from broken hip at home  
Rachel Ashworth has a mass in her cheek. She has put off any activity until after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year

Pat Miller (Bob Fraley's niece) was in a bus accident from ACU on a mission trip to Medina Children's Home. She is in the hospital with injuries. She has slightly improved.

Crystal Roy (Niece of Bill & Suzanne Beaver) had a heart attack. She has multiple blockages, plaque, & a birth defect they found in her heart that prevents them from doing either by-pass surgery or stents. Medications are her only option.

Jesse Jackson fell & broke his hip. Home address is 3223 Belmont Lane, Terrell Texas 75160 Phone # 972-564-5877

Norma Gates is in Matagorda Nursing & Rehab for dizziness & is falling.

Blaine Newton (Kerri Schurtz' cousin's 18 yr. old son) began chemo treatment for Grey Area Lymphoma..

James Cantu (Friend of G.W. & Tricia Burt) was in a serious car accident suffering from many broken bones. He came home but has a long road to recovery ahead.

Crystal Allison recovering from surgery on her neck.

Bradley Sabrsula has several swollen lymph nodes.

James Williams has blockage in his heart.

J.T. Carlton (Elaine Cox' son-in-law) has a bacterial infection in his blood. He has pneumonia & it is affecting his heart & lungs.

James Folmar (Bill & Suzanne Beaver's son-in-law) recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Don Schmehsahl had hernia surgery on Tues. He is doing good.

Larry Macomber recovering from surgery on his foot.

**The complete Prayer list is on table at the back of the Auditorium.**

## Shut-Ins

Sheila Kunz Artie Hicks James White

## Nursing Home

Legacy: Martha Jane Etie #724 Gerry Rogers #214  
Marguerite Kettle #216  
Bay Villa: Matthew Smith  
Matagorda Nursing & Rehab: Norma Gates

## Independent Living

Copperfield Estates Betty McNeill #238

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## Upcoming Events

**Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>** Office closed for the Holidays

**Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>** Toy Frog Sewing

**Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>** Military Family Support Group

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**There will not be a Children's Bible Hour today due to the holiday.**

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## Toy Frog Sewing

We are having a Toy Frog sewing day Tues. morning, Jan. 3rd, from 9:00-12:00. These are made to give to the sick children at Matagorda Regional Hospital. Volunteers are needed!

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## Military Family Support Group

The next meeting will be on Tues. Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00p.m.

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Our Blood Drive will be on Sun. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>. It is from 12noon to 5:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To schedule an appointment, visit [www.giveblood.org](http://www.giveblood.org) & log in to Digital Donor. Enter sponsor code 1285 or call 1-888-482-5663 or contact Duane Ryman at 245-5857.

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## Deepest Sympathy

*Our deepest sympathy is extended to Ron Hyde & family in the loss of his mother. Her funeral was on Thurs. at Port Arthur.*

Youth Group News

We will be having an NSYG New Year's party again this year at the Anderson's house. Come any time after 6p.m. We'll be shooting fireworks as well. Bring some goodies to eat and an air-soft gun if you have it. The air-soft gun is NOT a requirement to come have fun that night. For more info see Johnathan.

The Youth are selling beautiful scenic calendars with scripture for \$6.00 each. They will get \$3.00 to go on their individual accounts for the trips & retreats & other activities with this money. They make beautiful gifts!

## Our Emmanuel

*His birth in the manger was only the start  
the crib lies empty today  
He brought joy to all the earth  
but He knew He could not stay*

*As He lay there in swaddling clothes  
the shepherds were declaring His birth  
Telling the world that had waited so long  
that the savior has come to earth*

*Wise men would come from afar  
as gifts for the child they would bring  
But a far greater gift our EMMANUEL  
throughout the ages would ring*

*Let us return to that lowly manger  
and rejoice because of His birth  
We now have hope of life everlasting  
because God sent His Son to earth  
Eddie Roush*

*May Jesus be your joy, your hope, your song  
and may this Christmas and each day of the new  
year  
be directed by His guiding hand of love!*