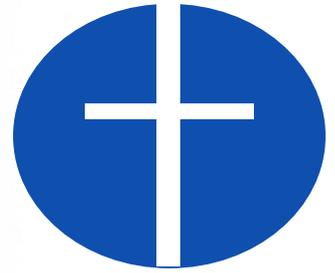


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## Welcome to the Loco Baptist Church newsletter.

We can find the historic record of the birth of Jesus Christ in Mark 1:18-25 and in Luke 2:1-20. The baby that was born that night in Bethlehem was unique in history and not like any other baby. The baby born that night was not conceived by a human father or mother, but had a Heavenly pre-existence. That baby, born in manger and wrapped in swaddling cloth, is God- the Son and Creator of the Universe (Philippians 2:5-11). Christmas is referred to as the incarnation meaning "*in the flesh*" because in the birth of Jesus, God the all-powerful, all-knowing, eternal Creator came to earth *in the flesh*.

Why would God do this?- we may ask. Why would God come to earth as a baby instead of coming as a King, appearing in power and majesty? Why would the all-knowing God come to the earth as a true man, knowing how He would be treated by the very men that He created? The answer is because He loved us.

John 3:16 reminds us why He would come to earth to dwell among men.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*  
John 3:16 NIV

As we enter this holiday season, let us not get caught up in a season that has been so commercialized that the true meaning has been lost. Yes it is a season of giving but remember it is the giving of the Son of God who became the babe of the cradle that He might become the man of the cross and one day reign on earth with the crown that should not be forgotten, rejected or ignored.

*Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. Isaiah 7:14*

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

*But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup> Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup> This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the Heavenly Host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:10-14*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 18: Church Conference

December 18: Christmas meal after evening services

December 21: Christmas caroling @ 6pm (meet at the church)

December 24: Candlelight Services @5pm

December 31: White Elephant gift party with finger foods @7pm

**Answer to November trivia:** For some bread and stew of lentils (Genesis 25:29-34)

Trivia question: (NOT IN THE BIBLE- USE THE INTERNET, IF NEEDED) For what event in February 1964 did evangelist Billy Graham break his strict rule against watching TV on Sunday? (answer in next month's newsletter)