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## A REVERENT CHRISTMAS

Although we usually associate Christmas with happy celebrations, it's also an appropriate time for serious reflection about eternal matters. When we're busy with holiday activities and surrounded by friends, family, food, and fun, it's easy to forget about the temporary nature of earthly life. Preoccupation with plans and dreams makes death seem distant. But there will come a day when our bodies are laid in the grave and we must stand before God.

The event in Luke 2:21-35 happened just eight days after Jesus' birth. While Mary was experiencing the joy of being a new mother and the wonder of being chosen to care for God's Son, she came face-to-face with the pain that awaited her in the future. Simeon prophesied that a sword would pierce her soul (Luke 2:35). Although she couldn't understand it at the time, this was a prediction of her precious son's death.

The cross hangs like a shadow over the manger because this tiny baby was destined to die for the sins of mankind—33 years later He bore God's wrath on the cross for our transgressions so we could be forgiven. His resurrection proved that the Father accepted His sacrifice as full payment for our sins. Now, because Jesus Christ lives, all who believe in Him will permanently live in His presence when their earthly life is done.

In the midst of all your celebrations, don't lose sight of preparing for eternity. Reflecting on your life, death, and eternal future makes Christmas more meaningful because you understand why Jesus was born. He came to earth to die so all who believe in Him could go to heaven and be with Him forever.



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## Prayer List

Pastor Boone, Lady Boone & Family

Our Church

Our Family Life Center

Our Military & Their Families

Our Youth

Our Bereaved

Our Community & Surrounding Area

Our Government

#### Hospital - Rehab - Shut In

Deacon Henry Williams Deacon Charles Patton & Family

Brother Roosevelt Williams Sister Emma Darden

Mother Lela Harris Sister Flora James

Mother Audria Sewell Sister Margaret Simington

Mother Jessie Henderson Sister Olevia Legardye

Mother Verdell Nelson Sister Katherine Legardye

Mother Mary Bennett Sister Beverly Lewis
Sister Earlene Sewell Pastor James Harris

Pastor & Lady Cardell Jackson

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

December 1 230pm Annual Mission Program. Rev. E. Eason & St. John B.C., Hugo, OK are our special guests.

December 14 500pm NHMBC Ministry Appreciation Banquet – 1007 Jefferson Ave. Texarkana, AR.

December 22 1030 Morning Worship Service/Christmas Program.



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## Merry Christmas

