

December 25, 2016

**Faith Missionary  
Baptist Church**

2243 Burbank Avenue  
Nashville TN 37210



**PASTOR – Eld Ron Spurgeon**

**Sunday -                      Sunday School – 10 am**  
**Worship Service – 11 am**  
**Eve Service – 6 pm**

**Wednesday -              Eve Service – 7 pm**

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**Merry Christmas to all!**



## Calendar & events

Should you not be able to attend these events, they would certainly appreciate your prayers for their efforts. Events are also on the website calendar.

**Sun, Dec 25** – No Evening Service

This is the last of the bulletins until someone else is led to do them. All events can be found on the calendar on the church website as well as downloaded to your google calendar on your phones (for those inclined to do so). The calendar is kept up to date.

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for all Services tonight
- Callis family without heat
- Isaiah & Sawyer
- Remember the Bruce & Denton Families
- Stephen Langford as he recovers from his fall
- Bro Ron that he will have Power in the Pulpit
- Our Missions & Missionaries
- Revivals

*Thank you, Jean!*

## GET RIGHT or GET LEFT

*Thank you, Rhonda!*

**Lord, You found parts of me I didn't know existed and in You I found a love and peace I didn't know existed.**

# FINDING

is reserved for those who search.

## "JOY TO THE WORLD THE LORD IS COME"

*Joy to the World* was written in 1719 by Isaac Watts and based on Psalm 98: *Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise. Sing unto the LORD with the harp; with the harp, and the voice of a psalm. With trumpets and sound of cornet make a joyful noise before the LORD, the King. Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together. Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.*

If you notice the lyrics of the song, *Joy to the World*, you will see nothing about shepherds, a manger, wise men, angels, or any other character or element that we normally associate with the Christmas story. The reason being that Isaac Watts did not write *Joy to the World* to be a Christmas song. The original theme of this song was the second coming of the Lord. Christmas won't always be a joyful time, but when Jesus comes back, even the rocks will sing!

Over 100 years later, in 1839, Lowell Mason adapted and arranged this song into a melody many believe to have been written by Handel. In my research, however, I have not been able to establish when or why this hymn became associated with Christmas. Certainly we can look at the message in the song and see that it can be applied to Christ's appearance as a babe in Bethlehem. We must prepare room for Him in our hearts and lives. This is a joyous occasion!

As you hear and sing this beloved carol this season, think about the words. Yes, they apply to the Christmas story in that the Lord is come! We should rejoice! But, let the lyrics all point you to the reason Jesus came: to save the world. Be ready because He is coming again! What a glorious day THAT will be when the whole earth celebrates His appearing!

*From a blog by Monica Hunter*

### **Joy to the World**

*Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let every heart prepare him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven, and  
nature sing.*

*No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground;  
He comes to make His blessings  
flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as, far as, the curse is found.*

*Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills,  
and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy*

*He rules the world with truth and  
grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, wonders, of His love.*

What should I do (action)? \_\_\_\_\_

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