

Emmanuel Prayer Needs

Wellington Storehouse Food Bank

- Thankful for Leaders and volunteers of the food bank.
- Praise and thanks for faithful donors, service clubs, churches, businesses, stores, to keep the storehouse open and stocked.
- Pray for clients to be provided with food.
- Those struggling with finances to feed their families.
- Donations of money and food to exceed needs.
- May God's love and mercy be evident to all the workers and all the clients.

Study continued

7. On arrival in Bethlehem, they could find nowhere to stay. Note that it is also possible that Joseph has some relatives in Bethlehem, since he is of the house and line of David. Why would God have Jesus born in a stable. Mary had been told that her baby would be the Son of God. What was the Son of God doing being born in a stable?
8. Augustus had much too important things to deal with than to be concerned about a baby being born. King Herod felt threatened (Matthew 2:16), the religious leaders were too full of their own importance, the people of Bethlehem were too busy, or too unconcerned, to find room to a newborn child. What about you? Do you have room? Do you make time? Do important things, the busyness of life and the cares of this world come between you and your relationship with Jesus? Christmas is a great time to recommit yourself to getting to know your Saviour better.



“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.” Luke 2:6-7


Christmas Eve
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Christmas Carols. Special Music.
A heart-warming reminder of what the Christmas season is all about.
Thanks to popular demand this year will feature two services.
4:30pm | 6:30pm

Church Expenses

Expenses to Dec 12th:
\$765,635
Offerings to Dec 12th:
\$772,936

Please note that in order to receive a charitable receipt for 2024, offerings need to be in by December 29th, so that they can be processed before the end of the year.

**Thank you for your
faithfulness & generosity**

THE LOVE OF GOD Luke 2:1-7

The love of God:

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

Luke 2:1 In those days... (the culture and world that Jesus was born into):

Caesar Augustus' decree:

Jeremiah 23:5-6

Isaiah 7:14

Micah 5:2

THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON

The journey to Bethlehem:

Mary & Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, knowing that...
(Luke 1:28,30; Matthew 1:20-21)

Luke 2:6 While they were there:

Luke 2:7 ...the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son
What was the reason that Jesus came? (Romans 5:8)

THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WOULD NOT PERISH, BUT WOULD HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE

Whosoever =

Luke 2:7 She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because...

Is there room in your heart and life for Jesus?

1. Read Luke 2:1-7. Mary and Joseph are now making the journey to Bethlehem. What do you think is going through Mary's mind as she makes the journey?
2. Read Matthew 1:18-25. It is now nearly nine months since the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. There have undoubtedly been many conversations between the two of them, and with their families and people in the town of Nazareth. Now, as they make the journey to Bethlehem, what do you think are some of the things that Joseph is thinking about?
3. Based on how Mary and Joseph responded in faith to the message of the angel Gabriel, and the manner in which they are facing the future, what can we learn from them with regards to our own lives?
4. Read Luke 2:1-3. These verses begin with, "In those days..." From your notes opposite, what were some of the reasons that made this an ideal time for Jesus to come into the world?
5. When we realise how God has orchestrated the situations in the world at that time, to fulfill His purposes, what kind of confidence and peace should that instill in us, when we think about our own circumstances?
6. Read Luke 2:4-7. Now read the following prophecies and write down next to them what they say about the birth of Jesus.
Jeremiah 23:5-6
Isaiah 7:14
Micah 5:2
How significant is this, and the fact that more than 300 Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled by Jesus?