You are invited

come and celebrate Christmas with us

Christmas Day Service 9:15 - 10:15 AM

or join us for

Carols in the Park

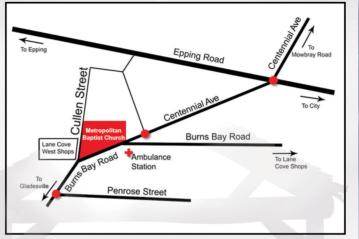
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Away for Christmas? Why not come and visit us this Sunday?

You are always welcome!



How to find us:



As the angel said to Joseph:

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for He shall save His people from their sins. - Matthew 1:21

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What is Christmas all about?

Many people are distracted from the true meaning of Christmas with parties, gifts and holidays. However, the Bible tells us the true meaning of Christmas. Christmas is about Jesus Christ.

Christmas is about the birth of Jesus Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as His mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

- Matthew 1:18

Jesus Christ was prophesied to be miraculously born of a virgin.

Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel... which being interpreted is, God with us.

The Bible says that Jesus Christ is God.

God was manifest in the flesh. - 1 Timothy 3:16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. - John 1:1,14

- Isaiah 7:14 & Matthew 1:23

Christmas is about the Saviour of the world.

God is holy and His standard is perfection. We are all guilty of breaking God's law.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.
- Romans 3:23

Sin separates us from God and cannot be fixed by any good works or human effort.

Because God is holy, sin must be punished.

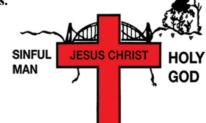
For the wages of sin is death... - Romans 6:23



And death and Hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. - Revelation 20:14

However, the Lord Jesus Christ paid our sin penalty when He died on the cross.

He took your punishment and in doing this, He paid in full God's demands. Now man can be reconciled to God through Jesus Christ.



Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Christmas is about the gift of God.

God offers us the gift of eternal life through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. - John 3:16

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Romans 6:23

God gave mankind the greatest gift ever offered, yet many have never received it. Are you willing to receive the gift of eternal life by turning from your sin and trusting Jesus Christ as the Lord and Saviour of your life? The Bible tells us how:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

- Romans 10:9

If this is what you recognise that you need to do, perhaps this prayer may help you to make a definite commitment.

"Dear God, I admit that I am a sinner & that I deserve death and Hell. I believe that Jesus Christ died for my sins, was buried and rose again the third day.

"I now turn from my sin & receive the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. Please forgive me of my sin, give me eternal

life, make me Your child & help me to grow as a Christian from this day forward. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray, Amen."