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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Stay Safe & be Blessed and Prosperous in 2022

SPEAKER:

REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

Morning Worship on December 26, 2021 at 11:30 AM

Morning Service

SUNDAY, December 26. 2021

11:30 A.M.

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME.....
SUNDAY SCHOOL.....SIS BEVERLY DURST
DEVOTION.....DEACONS
PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....SIS LUCRETIA COLSTON BOLDEN
OFFERING.....
PRAISE AND WORSHIP.....SIS LUCRETIA COLSTON BOLDEN
THE SPOKEN WORD.....REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.

MESSAGE: "THANKS FOR THE HEADSUP"

SCRIPTURE: MATTHEW 2:13-22

TIME TO RECEIVE THOSE WHOM THE LORD HAS CALLED.....
BENEDICTION.....REV. JIMMY L. GATES, SR.
RECCESIONAL.....LET THE CHURCH SAY AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Responsive Reading today: Phil. 2:5-11; John 13:12-17

FROM THE PASTOR:

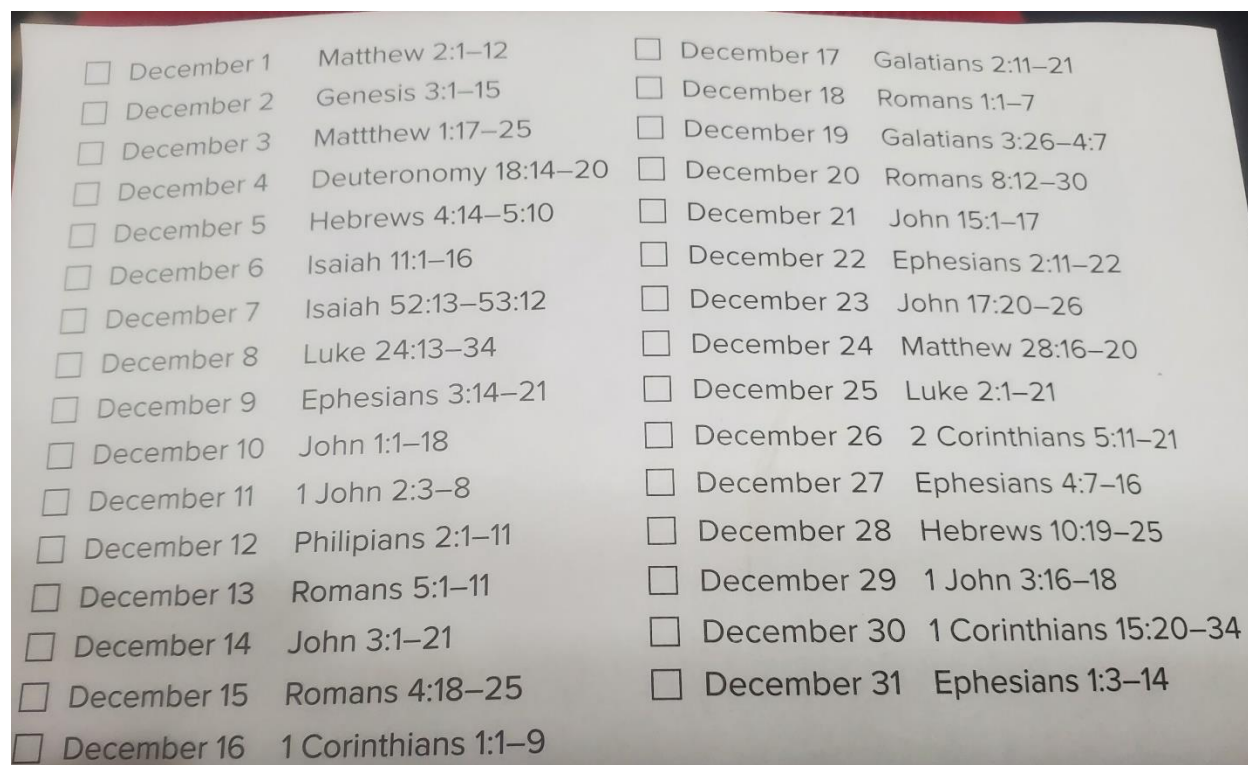
The **Precept Upon Precept Bible Study Class** meeting will start back on Thursday, January 6, 2021 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. We ask that you wear your face mask in class and social distancing is required. You may bring a light lunch if you so desire.

Sunday School online on Sunday's at 9:15 a.m. –

Call in: 978-990-5047 ~ Access Code 3312613#

Wednesday Bible Study online at 7 p.m. –

Call In: 701-802-5360 and Access Code: 7817353



<input type="checkbox"/> December 1	Matthew 2:1–12	<input type="checkbox"/> December 17	Galatians 2:11–21
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<input type="checkbox"/> December 3	Matthew 1:17–25	<input type="checkbox"/> December 19	Galatians 3:26–4:7
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<input type="checkbox"/> December 10	John 1:1–18	<input type="checkbox"/> December 26	2 Corinthians 5:11–21
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<input type="checkbox"/> December 12	Philippians 2:1–11	<input type="checkbox"/> December 28	Hebrews 10:19–25
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<input type="checkbox"/> December 15	Romans 4:18–25	<input type="checkbox"/> December 31	Ephesians 1:3–14
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FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So, he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Out of Egypt I called my son.”
Matthew 2:13-15

Matthew’s Gospel includes a number of parallels between Jesus and Moses, giving us a sense of Jesus as another Moses. This Gospel lesson includes several such parallels: Jesus’ flight to Egypt to escape Herod (2:13-15) parallels Moses being hidden in the bulrushes to escape Pharaoh, who schemed to murder infant Jewish boys to lessen Jewish power and the danger of a Jewish takeover (Exodus 1 – 2:10). It also parallels Moses’ flight to Midian to escape prosecution for murder (Exodus 2:11-22). The murder of baby boys by Herod (2:16-18) parallels the murder of baby boys by Pharaoh (Exodus 1:15-22). Both Moses and Jesus escaped the murderous plans of their respective rulers.

However, there is a significant twist in the New Testament account. When Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, God killed the firstborn sons of the Egyptians. Moses then led the Israelites through the Red Sea, killing the Egyptian soldiers. God led by might. The story in Matthew is quite different. God does not kill Herod or his soldiers (although verse 19 does report Herod’s death of ordinary causes). Instead, Herod kills the infants and other men will, in a few years, kill Jesus. In the Old Testament, God leads by power. In the New Testament, God leads by vulnerability.

In the text, first, Matthew recounts how Jesus’ family was spared from Herod’s furor. His duplicity and fear were evident the very moment the magi arrived in his kingdom (2:3). Herod’s reputation for brutality was well known in antiquity. Neither his spouses nor his children could escape the effects of his paranoia. Thus, an angel tells Joseph to flee his home and head into exile. For Matthew, this escape is not simply an expedient move or an accident of history. Instead, scripture foresaw this geographical detour on the way to Jesus’ true hometown. God chose this path in the distant past. Citing Hosea 11:1, Matthew appeals to a prophecy originally focused on the people of Israel but now referring to Jesus alone. Matthew’s claim then is that Jesus in some significant sense embodies the people of Israel. He is the recipient, bearer, and fulfillment of the promises made to Israel by God.

Once Herod realizes that the magi have circumvented the conspiracy to eliminate this newly regnant king of the Jews, his instinct to preserve his power at all costs kicks in. He knows the approximate date of the child’s birth thanks to the magi’s calculations, and so he orders the extermination of all children born “in and around Bethlehem.” Herod will not take the chance that this child has slipped out of the city. According to Matthew, Jeremiah 31:15 had already prophesied the cries of anguish that would arise in Israel over such grievous oppression. **“THANKS FOR THE HEADS UP”**

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE

DATE _____ SPEAKER _____

TEXT _____

SCRIPTURE _____

NOTES FROM THE MESSAGE:

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Etiquette

- *Please refrain from walking and using the middle aisle during worship service
- *Exiting/Entering the sanctuary during prayer and ministry of giving is not permitted
 - *No food, gum or drink permitted in the sanctuary
 - *Please silence cell phones
 - *Please no talking during offertory service
- *Pray for the Sick, and Shut-in and those in bereavement
- *Come to Bible Study and hear the speakers on people who had relationships in the Bible