

THIS ADVENT...

Worship Fully

It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. It's a season where we are called to put down our burdens and life a song to our God.

Give More

The most powerful memorable gift you can give to someone else is yourself. And nobody modeled this more than Jesus. The main point is simple: when it comes to spending time with those you love, it's all about quality, not quantity.

Spend Less

Spending less isn't a call to stop giving gifts, it's a call to stop spending money on gifts we won't remember in less than a year. America spends around \$600 billion dollars during the Christmas season, and much of it is joyless and goes right onto a credit card.

Love All

It all boils down to love. Love from a savior. Love to a neighbor in need. By spending just a little less on gifts, we free up our resources to love as Jesus loves by giving to those who really need help.

CONNECTION CARD Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to **"MEASURE"** our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

EXPECT the Unexpected™ | CONNECTION CARD

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in... I'm here to give I'm here to serve I'm here to help

I'm here to help I'm here to serve I'm here to help



JUDSON
UNIVERSITY

*ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
CONCERT OF WORSHIP*

Saturday 05, 2015 @ 7:00 P.M. | Herrick Chapel





December Teaching Series

EXPECT the Unexpected

Nov 29 / The Unexpected Gift
Dic 06 / The Unexpected Way
Dic 13 / The Unexpected Place
Dic 20 / The Unexpected Time

PRAYER REQUESTS

Breanna V.	▶ Health Issues
Lily M.	▶ Dementia
Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
Danny L.	▶ Peace Corps Assignment
Sean L.	▶ Loss of His Brother
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
Mary H.	▶ Mobility Issues
Jane G.	▶ Hospice Care
Darryck T.	▶ Spiritual Strength
Bill L.	▶ Post-Surgical Healing
Suzie S.	▶ Health Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“God is more powerful than anybody’s past, no matter how wretched. He can make us forget – not by erasing the memory but by taking the sting and paralyzing effect out of it.” —Jim Cymbala

11/22/15



21 ATTENDANCE \$222.00 GIVING
 5 GUESTS 09 VOLUNTEERS
 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

EXPECT *the* Unexpected

Luke
2:1-20

THE WORLD *Was Not* Ready

- A lot of promises were made—many were not kept.
- God was making good on His promise of a Messiah.
- Mary had an angelic appearance.
- Joseph had a dream.
- God was going to become a baby—the Incarnation.
- God curved himself into a fetal ball.
- Good news of great joy!

Not A **DESIGNER BRAND** Messiah

» The Messiah is coming! » His mother is an unmarried teenager.



» He will be born in a shed.



The Fulness **OF TIME**

- Babies come when babies come.
- Mary was hoping labor pains would take place in Nazareth. God had other plans.
- Jesus was a Bethlehem baby.
- Mary hid this (about the miracle) in her heart.

People Missed **THE MIRACLE**

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.” ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” ¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” **Luke 2:10-15**

» Shepherds had an angelic visitation. » They were sent to honor the small child that had been born. » They brought their treasures of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. » This confirmed that Mary already knew—this was no ordinary child.

What Child IS THIS ?



- His first throne was a cattle feed box filled with hay.
- He was welcomed by shepherds, not dignitaries.
- He became a carpenter—a tradesman.
- He's the real Messiah—don't let the overalls fool you!

HE'S THE *Real Messiah*

- Not a pretender or a wanna-be.
- He calms the storms.
- He opens blinded eyes.
- He unstops deaf ears.
- He casts out demons.
- He restores lepers.
- He forgives sinners.
- He transforms lives.



but they weren't ready for Him. . .when He claimed to be King of the Jews they rejected Him. His coronation took place on a Roman cross—He was God's lamb for you and me! He left the worship of angels, the glory of heaven and the companionship of his Father to step into human time and treachery. He came to do what no one else could do—to bring healing to the brokenhearted and bind up our wounds.

