

Gloster Baptist Church

May 2014

“Reaching families to equip them to serve, to go and to glorify God.”

Mark Your Calendar

12.3

Joy to the World

12.7

“The First Noel”

12.14

Men’s Breakfast

12.14

“David’s Dynasty”

12.16

NGO

12.20

Women’s Ministry

Christmas Party

12.21

Birthday Party for Jesus
11:30 a.m.

12.21

Candlelight Service

FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN

What is Christmas? What is Christmas? That’s what I want to know!

My oldest son, Ronnie, had to memorize a portion of a Christmas recitation when he was only five years old. The question repeated over and over was “What is Christmas?” and that poem revealed the true meaning of Christmas. As I reminisce over Christmases past and look forward to this year I am reminded how easy it is to allow the influences of this world to obscure the meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is important to retailers because of the purchases that will make cash registers hum a profitable tune. The creators of cards for these holidays will benefit too as the season generates more mail than most other holidays during the year. Postal workers will be busy with the delivery of parcels exchanged between family and friends. Church calendars will be dotted

with pageants, plays and musical performances that will attract proud parents and parishioners. Parties will be held in homes and at offices celebrating the

season where food will abound to tempt the taste buds.



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Families will gather on or around December 25, and shortly thereafter mounds of trash will be set out for garbage collectors. Decorations will be boxed and stored for another year as families return to the familiar routines of life.

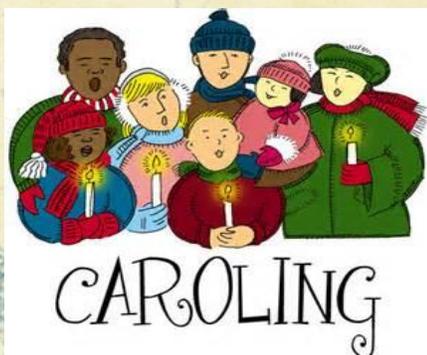
Christmas will be over and we will turn our attention to paying for all this fun. A resolve to lose weight and a desire to get spending under control will become the focus as the year concludes. Are you tired just reading about all of these upcoming activities?

What is Christmas? Christmas is the celebration of the day that hope was born for all mankind in a manger at Bethlehem. December 25 is the day we recognize that God's Indescribable gift was given to those who didn't deserve Him. Christmas is the day God became little because He wanted to express His great love for us. This celebration ought to be time to stop as the shepherds did and spend time worshipping the Savior! After the shepherds went to Bethlehem they returned praising God and telling everyone the good news!

Why not make this Christmas more like that first Christmas? Simplify your schedule spending more time worshipping the Savior and sharing the good news with those who don't yet know Him! Contemplate how dark the world would be without Jesus and choose to light the world by shining for Him in your community! Make a gift to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering so that others can hear about Jesus in the uttermost parts of the earth! By your actions answer the question, "What is Christmas?"

Merry Christmas!
Ron McLellan, Pastor

Winter Youth Events



December 10 from 630pm-715pm



PRIZES FOR MOST CREATIVE AND THE UGLIEST
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17 FROM 630-830 p.m.

Christmas at Gloster

Join us on Sunday Nights as we
Celebrate the Christmas Season

"The First Noel"

Adult Christmas Musical
presented by the GBC Worship Choir

December 7th

6:30 pm

"David's Dynasty"

Children's Christmas Musical
presented by the GBC Children's Choir

December 14th

6:30 pm

Candlelight Service

A Special Service of Remembrance
and Celebration of Christ's Birth

December 21st

6:30 pm

***No Evening Activities on
Sunday,
December 28th***



Matthew 28:5

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said to the women,**

**"Do not be afraid, for I
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