



HIGHLIGHTS *from* ONE HOPE CHURCH

December 19, 2024

THIS WEEK

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The Blessing of Joseph

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Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:18-23

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Last week this article talked about the blessing of Mary. Although there is controversy in modern Christianity on the role of Mary in our prayer life and salvation, the biblical account is clear: Mary is blessed. Her faith is also a blessing to all of us!

Enter Joseph. Joseph was born to be Jesus' earthly father. There is a point where he disappears from the New Testament accounts. Referring to Jesus' family, the adult years highlight his mother and brothers, with no Joseph. What happened? Later traditions believed he died, but we don't hear this from the Bible.

Now Joseph was at Jesus' birth. Joseph was also at the temple when they needed "purification" and gave the sacrifice of two pigeons (Luke 2:24), and prophetic words were spoken over Jesus by Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:29-32, 38).

When Jesus began his ministry at

about thirty, we read that the people know Joseph as Jesus' father and Luke adds "as was supposed." God is Jesus' actual Father. Joseph might not have even legally adopted Jesus, due to the scrutiny that he and Mary would face.

Here's what we do know about Joseph, he taught Jesus the trade of carpentry. Mark 6:3 says: "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him." We know the people thought of Jesus as a carpenter, like Joseph, not the Messiah.

We know this: Joseph is a blessing. He humbled himself to become the earthly father of Jesus. God would get the glory. Mary would get more recognition. Joseph raised Jesus the best he could. He poured into him and loved him. Thank you, Father God, for choosing Joseph to raise Jesus with Mary. He blessed Jesus and therefore, us! Amen.

DECEMBER SERMON SERIES

The Season of Expectation

- 12/1 - For His Return, Luke 21:25-36
- 12/8 - For Our Salvation, Luke 3:1-6
- 12/15 - For the Messiah, Luke 3:7-18
- 12/22 - From the Womb, Luke 1:39-45
- 12/24 - From the Manger, Luke 2:1-20



CONNECTIONS

Access the sign up for [Sunday Volunteers!](#)

Click [missed a sermon](#) to hear any sermon from the One Hope archives!

[Hope Builders interest form](#)

WORSHIP SONGS

Opening Song

O Come, Come Emmanuel

Hymn #162, verses 1 & 4

Worship Song

Away in a Manger

Hymn #197

Song of Response

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymn #163

Remember to invite your family, friends, & neighbors by sharing a Christmas Eve Invitation card!



One Hope Church

Join us Christmas Eve!

Candlelight Worship Service

December 24, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Christmas Message:
The Season of Expectations;
From the Manger

onehopekc.org (913) 232-7431
9400 Nall Ave | Overland Park, Kansas

PICNIC IN THE PARK OUTREACH MISSION

On December 15 following the service, One Hope Church volunteers collected donated items and traveled to Kansas City, Kansas where we set up a “camp” to help feed and clothe those in need. There were 14 One Hope Church volunteers. The Holy Spirit was moving, as everyone took some responsibility and started preparing the chili and hotdogs. By 12:30 as the team was leaving, 25 people had been served food, water, clothing, and Christlike love. We look forward to the next chance to serve in January!



12/22 VOLUNTEERS

Clean Up
Earl S.

Fellowship - Coffee
Randall S.

Fellowship - Treats
Earl S.

Prayer Group
Earl S., Randall S.

Prayer & Lord's Prayer
Randall S.

Music
Christian C.

Tech - Audio
Lisa S.

Tech - Video
Michelle G.



PRAYER CONCERNS

*“Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”
~ Philippians 4:6*

Prayers for:

- Earl S., recovering after hernia surgery
- Joanna G., doing better, kidney stone may have passed, and pregnant
- Becky S., stomach cancer, Sue S. sister-in-law
- Ruby, hospitalized for possible TIA, Sheryl A.'s mom

Healing for all who are struggling with allergies, illness, and/or seasonal stress

For those who have lost their hope in Jesus Christ, may their hearts be softened to hear His voice again

One Hope Church, to find its own affordable and spacious worship location

Global Methodist Church Heartland Conference

Peace for Israel, Ukraine & Taiwan



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- Prayer | 8:30am
- Worship | 9:00am
- Children | 9:15am
- Fellowship | 9:50am
- Youth | e-mail for info

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