



**Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

**Location:** Residence Inn San Antonio Sea World  
(Meeting Room) – 2838 Cinema Ridge, San Antonio, Texas 78238

**Service Time:** 7:00am – 8:20pm (Room from 6:00pm – 9:00pm; [Pre-Service Prayer: 6:15pm – 6:45pm])

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017:**

**Location:** Holiday Inn Northwest – Sea World  
(Worship Service in Terra Room and SKA Children's Church in Canyon Boardroom) – 10135 State Highway 151, San Antonio, Texas 78251

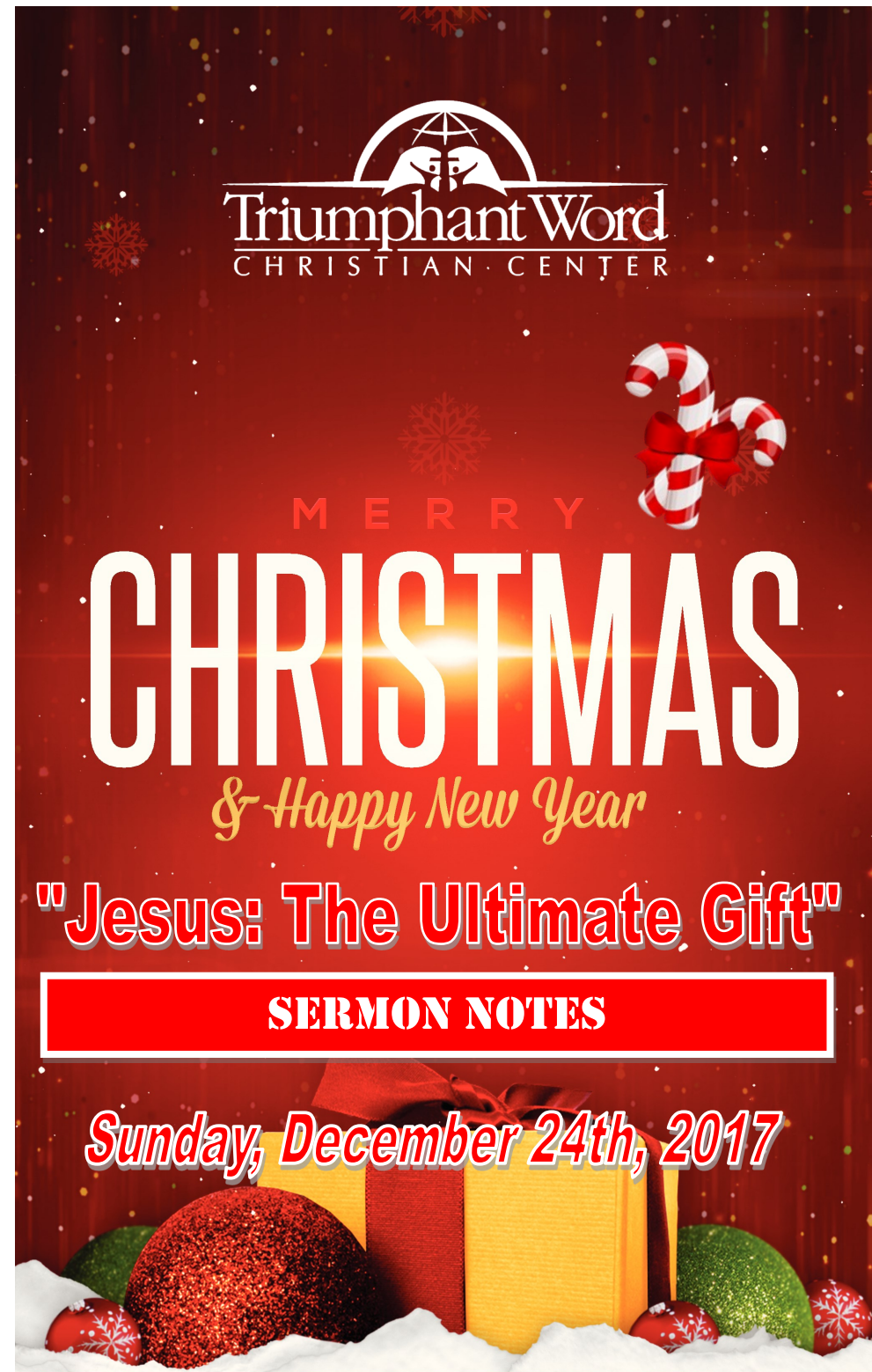
**Service Time:** 10:30am – 12:00noon; SKA: Yes  
(Rooms from 9:00am – 1:00pm [Pre-Service Prayer: 9:50am – 10:15am])



*For we walk by*  
**Faith**  
*not by sight*

*2 Corinthians 5:7*

**2 Week Total = \$339.00; 4.2%** of Overall Goal of **\$8,000.00** (Weekly Goal is **\$470.58** over and above regular tithes and offerings)





Merry Christmas



## "JESUS: THE ULTIMATE GIFT" NOTES:

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**Sermon: "JESUS: The Ultimate Gift" Sunday, December 24th, 2017**

**Read Luke 2:1 - 21 (NKJV)** Let's re-examine this wonderful "Story" of Jesus' Birth and key events and the significance surrounding Our Lord's coming to earth as the Christ child. In verses, 1 - 3 of this passage we just read, Mary and Joseph has to travel nearly 100-miles south from their hometown of Nazareth in order to comply with the emperor's edict, a census taken for the purposes of taxation and conscription. (Conscription is the practice of ordering people by law to serve in the armed forces)

- Centuries after King David's birth, Bethlehem ("House of Bread") would also be the birthplace of Jesus. **Micah 5:2 (NKJV)** - "*But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.*"
- Significantly, this is the town where the eternal Son of God became flesh - the \_\_\_\_\_ of God coming down from Heaven. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, deity invaded humanity, eternity invaded time, and royalty invaded poverty.
- God chose the \_\_\_\_\_ of all cities (Bethlehem) to host the birth of His Son, and He chose the least of society (shepherds) as the first witnesses. Shepherds were considered ceremonially unclean because they invariably had to engage in financial transactions with Gentiles; therefore, they were not allowed to worship in the temple. Neither were they allowed to testify in court, because they were considered unreliable witnesses. The angels' message contained three components:
  - a song of \_\_\_\_\_ (glory to God)
  - a song of \_\_\_\_\_ (on earth peace)
  - a song of \_\_\_\_\_ (goodwill toward men)

**Matthew 2:1 - 11 (NKJV)**

**THE GIFTS FROM THE WISE MEN:** They not only offered Him gifts, but they **worshipped** Him as well. Christ came at the right \_\_\_\_\_ and at the right \_\_\_\_\_ to the right \_\_\_\_\_. **Galatians 4:4 (NLT)** - "*But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.*"

- The Lord Jesus Christ is the gift that **KEEPS ON GIVING!** Jesus Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ gift of God and gift of love! His Birth signifies ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ to all people! We must \_\_\_\_\_ Christ in \_\_\_\_\_ by bringing Christ into our daily living: Time; Place and Conditions. **In other words, Christmas and Christ is also about WORSHIP! Read John 4:20 - 24 (NKJV)**
- WORSHIP IS FUNDAMENTALLY AN APPRAISAL OF GOD! WHAT IS HE WORTH TO YOU??!!** Worship helps us to zoom out from what is wrong with us and our circumstances, and zoom in on what is right with the Lord and what is right about the Lord Jesus Christ!
- Worship is any activity— individual or corporate—that causes us to encounter the presence of God. And in those encounters, God is blessed and we're changed.
- The gifts they brought to Jesus are very interesting, and I want us to look at what these gifts might represent. Much like we discussed and examined Abel in our faith series and how his example of faith taught us the **WORSHIP OF FAITH**. Abel's faith in action worshipped God and offered to God an excellent sacrifice! These Wise Men worshipped and offered gifts to Jesus. Let's examine these gifts a little closer, but I want to be careful not to over-spiritualize matters and try to make everything symbolic. On the other hand, though, it would seem that these three gifts - gold, frankincense, and myrrh - speak of three major aspects of what this child would accomplish. **Gifts should reflect something about the receiver.**
- (1)** \_\_\_\_\_ was a gift for one who would die. Among other things, myrrh was a perfume used in embalming and in preparing bodies for the grave.
- (2)** \_\_\_\_\_ was a gift suited for a priest. Under the Old Covenant, the priests would offer up frankincense... 1. Along with the sacrifices. 2. At the golden altar of incense in the Holy Place. When Jesus rose from the dead, He began to function as our great High Priest. So much of our thinking and preaching had focused on what Jesus did for us, but it's very important that we understand what Jesus is doing for us now at the right hand of God.
- (3)** \_\_\_\_\_ is a gift for a king: a precious metal suitable for royalty.

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