# Calendar for Immediate Week



Today

9:15 am Bible Study live & via Zoom

10:30 am Morning Worship live and online

- Friday

# Happy New Yearl

#### Announcements

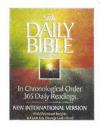
### This Sunday

Advent is generally viewed as looking forward to, and preparing for, the birth of Christ. Thus, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent we celebrated the "joy" of the coming of the Savior. Today, after Christmas, we rejoice, i.e., 're-joy' knowing that the Savior is here. This is also a good time to remember the coming of the Wise men to see Jesus. This is called "Epiphany" meaning a time of great insight.

#### Reading suggestion

Lentz is recommending to us a book that he believes will help read the Bible with greater understanding: it is "How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth" by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart. The goal of the book is to help understand the different genres of Scripture as they were intended. You can purchase a new 4th edition of the book on Amazon for about \$15 (also on Kindle), or you can purchase a used, 3rd edition on Alibris for about \$10 less. The 3rd and 4th versions are similar except for an updated bibliography and updating the Scripture version used. The content will be very nearly identical. Ouestions? Contact the office.

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#### 2020 Bible Readers

This is the last time you'll see this little Bible logo as you finish up your Bible reading for 2020. If you haven't finished, don't stop, read on!

### 2021 Book-at-a-time Bible Reading Plan

(aka hereafter known as "the 2021 Plan") Printed copies of the 2021 Plan are now on the table in the front foyer. You may also get the Plan and use it on your phone/table via the YourVersion Bible App. Using the app, go to "plans," search for "Discipleship Journal's Book-at-a-Time." You can start using it immediately or save it in order to start on Jan. 1st. Questions or Help? Call the church office.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering We are at 92% of our \$3000 goal. Have you given?

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BORN IS THE

King of Israel.



REJOICE



# Symbols of the Christ

The Five-pointed Star (this is sometimes called the star of Jacob, the star of Bethlehem, or the star of Jesse). This is the great symbol of the epiphany, when Christ was manifested to the Gentiles by the guiding of the star. The Old Testament prophecies read, "there shall come a star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel ..." (Num. 24:17); "And the Gentiles shall come to the brightness of the rising." (Is. 60:3). Their fulfillment is given in Matthew 2:1-2; "There came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, 'where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Christ also called himself "the bright and morning Star" in Revelation 22:16.

On our Christmas trees the star is usually shown as five-pointed, but in most pictures, like the one above, the star is shown with an even number of "points," or rays, for symmetry. There are other forms of the star that have been, and still are, used in reference to Jesus: the six-pointed "Jewish star" or "Star of David", the eight-pointed one, and the twelve-pointed one usually called the "sun of righteousness." As the star directed the wise men to Jesus, so we should also be a light directing seekers to Him.



God asked <u>Mary</u> to bring Jesus into <u>her</u> world; and now He is asking <u>us</u> to bring Him into <u>ours</u>.



# Welcome to the Morning Worship of the College Heights Baptist Church on December twenty-seventh, 2020



## REJOICE, HE IS HEREI

### Service begins at 10:30 AM

But may all who seek you **rejoice** and **be glad** in you; may those who love your salvation always say, "Let God be exalted!"

Psalm 70:4

**Prelude** 

Music "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

**Welcome & Announcements** 

**Lentz Upshaw** 

**Scripture & Prayer** 

John 15:1-11

"Way Maker"
"Lion and the Lamb"

**Prayer** 

**Bible Readers Testimonies** 

Message "Welcoming the Word of God" Lentz Upshaw

(Colossians 3:16)

**Response** "Jesus, Thank You"

**Benediction** Romans 11:33, 36

Postlude

So rejoice in the Lord and be glad, all you who obey him! Shout for joy, all you whose hearts are pure!

PSALM 32:11 (NLT)