

## Praise God!

- 1 Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty heavens!
- 2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him  
according to his excellent greatness!
- 3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him  
with lute and harp!
- 4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise  
him with strings and pipe!
- 5 Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him  
with loud clashing cymbals!
- 6 Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!  
Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

In the South Foyer you might notice a large bulletin board covered in snowflakes. At the base there is an envelope filled with blank snowflakes. If you have a moment or two, please take a snowflake and write one way you praise God and place it on the board! We ask that you limit it to 1-3 snowflakes.

Even when the world is dark and dreary we can always praise God! Whether that is through song, enjoying His creation, or reflecting on how God has worked in the world despite the evil that tries to envelope it.



## Wednesday Night Dinners

Meals served on Wednesday at 5:00 PM

### Week 1 - 12/1

Fried Chicken, Roasted Potatoes and  
Roasted Cauliflower & Broccoli

### Week 2 - 12/8

Meatball Sandwiches, Veggies & Dip and  
Chips

### Week 4 - 12/15

Ham & Veggie Casserole, Salad  
and Applesauce

\$2/Child (3-11) | \$4/Adult (12 & Up)

## Worship Christ This Christmas

Some Sundays I feel as though I forget why I am here why I attend church. Is it to make sure we have enough teachers for Sunday School? Or is it to make sure things run smoothly? Sometimes I am so focused on my own selfish reasons for being here that I forget the real reason for coming to church. To worship God and learn more about Him. I remember that I need to be dwelling on His Word and to be in awe of how He has given us this opportunity to worship Him.

Take a moment to step back from Christmas shopping and plans for family gatherings. Look at Christmas the same way you look at attending church. Why are we celebrating Christmas? Is it for our own happiness? Or is it in celebration of the birth of a Savior. A gift that we in no way will ever be able to repay. This holiday season take time to reflect on Jesus and the miraculous nature of his birth. Especially when it feels like the world is falling apart around us.

As we gather together at church let us refocus that why we are here is to worship and praise God for what He has done for us by sending His Son. Not only to live among us but to also die for us and rise again. To take our sin so that we might be able to fellowship with Him for all eternity.

Let us also take the time to encourage and strive to bring one another closer to Christ and farther from the world. To live out the Scriptures.

As I reflect on 5 years as the Church Secretary I praise God for each person I have had the opportunity to know better. While sometimes it can be challenging but I am thankful for the many opportunities and your graciousness toward me as I continue to learn and strive to do well for our God!

~ Hannah Merrick



## Book Review

### THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS

by Lee Strobel

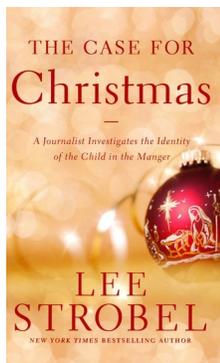
Lee Strobel, former legal editor of The Chicago Tribune, spent nearly two years investigating the true identity of the Christmas Child. Was this baby the Christ? The long awaited Messiah?

Strobel, who at the time, was not a Christian, set out to solve these questions. Having honed his research tools as an investigative reporter, this small volume is a thorough examination of the mysteries that abound in both the Old and the New Testament. He analyses the omnis -- omniscience, omnipotence and omnipresence of Jesus' earthly existence. Can it be proved that He is God in these forms? What does the phrase, "spirit takes on flesh" mean?

Today Strobel is the Founding Director of the Lee Strobel Center for Evangelism and Applied Apologetics at Colorado Christian University.

As you delve into these 100 pages of exploration, your Christmas will be more meaningful. If you had any doubts, you will come to know that Jesus indeed is the fulfillment of the Messiah. The Christ.

~ Reviewed by Bev. Myers



## Bible Studies

### Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday | 9:15am  
1st Corinthians  
Nancy Grossman  
Fellowship Hall

### Ladies Bible Study

2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
6:30pm  
"Reflections on the  
Words of Jesus"  
Dottie Haines  
at her home

### Men's Bible Study

Every other  
Saturday | 8:30am  
The Book of Judges  
Pastor Sandy  
Fellowship Hall

### SOLO Bible Study

Saturdays | 7:30pm  
Studying Psalms  
Matt Piatt  
Fellowship Hall

## Events

### December

- 12 Pastor Open House | 12pm-2pm
- 13 Youth Group at Hannah's Hope
- 15 Youth Group Christmas Party
- 19 Sunday School Christmas Program
- 19 Drop off your Christmas Cards!
- 20 Poinsettia forms are due!
- 24 Christmas Eve Service | 6:30pm

## Volunteer Opportunities

**CEF Berks** [cefberks.com](http://cefberks.com)

### **Hannah's Hope**

[hannahshopeministriesreading.org](http://hannahshopeministriesreading.org)

**Hope Rescue Mission** [hopeforreading.org](http://hopeforreading.org)

**Life's Choices** [lifeschoicessupport.org](http://lifeschoicessupport.org)

### **Mercy Crisis Pregnancy Center**

[mercypregnancycenter.org](http://mercypregnancycenter.org)

### **Operation Christmas Child**

[Samaritanspurse.org](http://Samaritanspurse.org)

Talk to Beckie Merrick for more details.

### **Pinebrook Bible Conference**

[pinebrook.org](http://pinebrook.org)

**Victory Valley** [victoryvalleycamp.org](http://victoryvalleycamp.org)