

"Glory to God in the highest..."
Luke 2:14 (CSB)

Share the Good News

Let your mind travel back over 2,000 years ago to Bethlehem, the town of David, in Judea. Caesar Augustus had decreed that everyone must return to their own town to register for a census. Joseph, from the line of David, came with Mary, to whom he was engaged. Mary was expecting a baby and the birth was near. Because the inn they planned to stay in was filled with travelers, the inn-keeper provided a simple stable where the animals stayed. Later that night, the infant was born. And Mary placed the baby in a manger filled with soft hay.

Nearby, shepherds kept watch over their sheep. Being a shepherd was considered one of the lowest professions, as they lived with sheep. Yet, a shepherd's job was important, as they protected the flock from predators, kept the animals together, and if one became lost, they searched until it was found and back safe in the fold.

On this star-lit night, an angel appeared, frightening the men and telling them "Don't be afraid," The good news was that the long-awaited Messiah had been born in Bethlehem. When the angels left, the shepherds hurried to Bethlehem and found the baby. Then, they spread the word that had been told them concerning the child.

The first visitors to see the Christ Child were the lowly shepherds—not a king or ruler. God planned for His Son to be a Savior to all people.

How can you tell others the Good News about Christ? Encourage your church to support the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering so others may hear this Good News!

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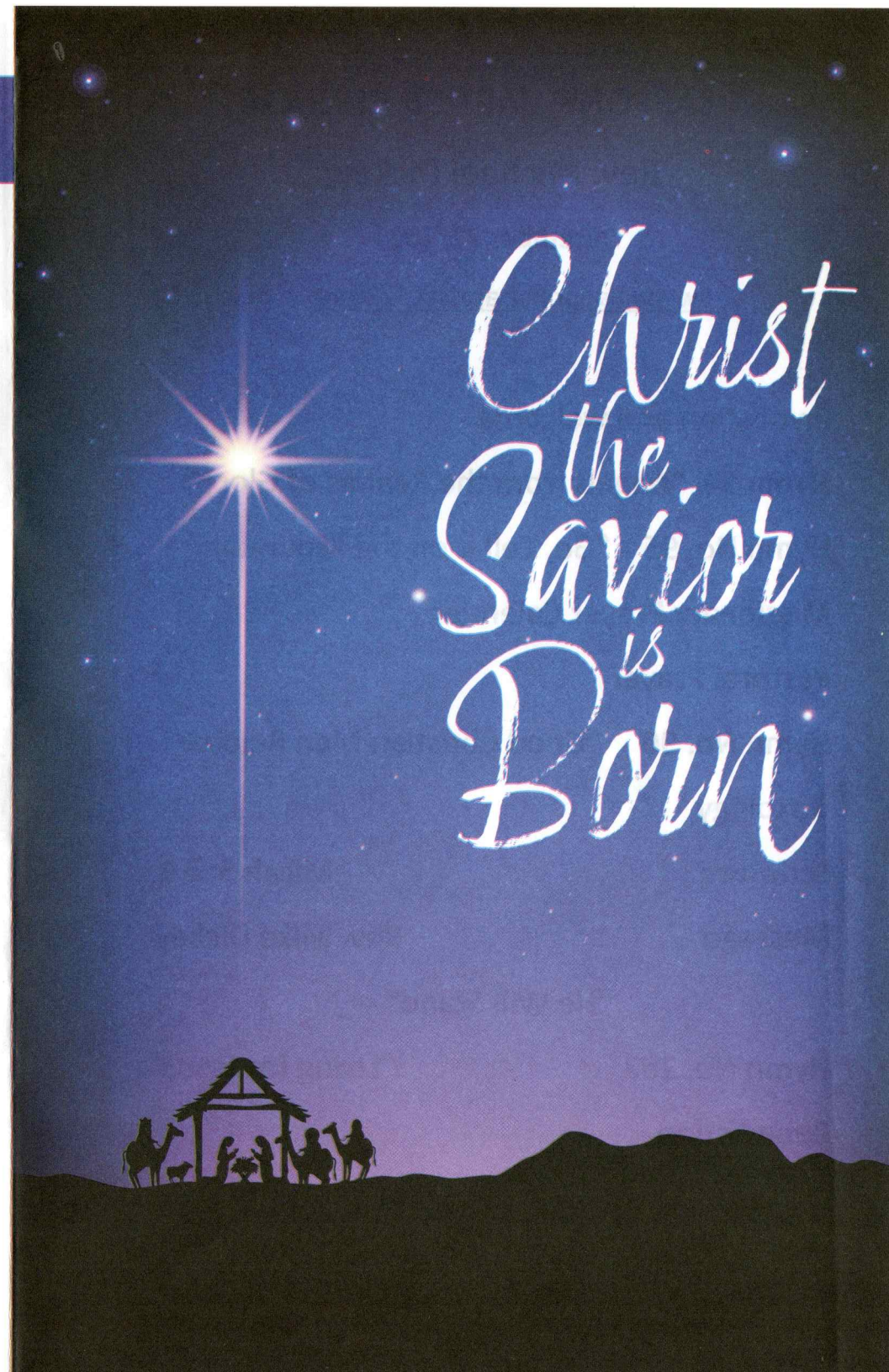
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Invocation and welcome

Hymn 94 "Angels from the Realms of Glory"

Hymn No. 95 "Go, Tell it on the Mountain"

Missionary Prayer Calendar

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn No. 96 "Good Christian Men Rejoice"

Doxology

Scripture Micah 5:2-4

Message Rev. Mike Dickey

"He Will Stand"

Hymn No. 282 "Living for Jesus"

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be in prayer for our sick and shut-ins as they are unable to be with us.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: There will be no Wednesday Bible Study on December 25th (Christmas), or January 1st. (New Year's Eve). We will resume meeting as normal on January 8th.

We have an app for your smartphone, in the app store find "Our Church-By ChurchDev.com." When you open it, search for Sappony Baptist Church. There you will have access to our Sermons, daily devotions, and other content.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be on Tuesday, Dec. 24th at 5pm.

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PRE-READ FOR NEXT WEEK: Colossians 3:12-17

*Wishing Everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year*