

Don't Miss Christmas

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"Joy to the world! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her King. Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room." —"Joy to the World"

This Christmas, don't miss the point of celebrating Christmas. Don't be like the innkeeper who missed Jesus because he was too busy (see Luke 2). Make time for the Lord. Don't be like King Herod who was too afraid to let Christ rule his life (see Matthew 2). Turn your heart over to Christ.

Finally, don't run your life like those in the Roman Empire, who missed Christmas because other gods took the place of Christ in their lives. Allow nothing else to take the place of worshipping Jesus Christ.

On Christmas morning we will unwrap our Christmas presents, but eventually the novelty of it all will wear off. The present that was once so precious to you will end up stuffed in the closet or handed off to someone else. A newer version of your latest gadget will arrive that has more megapixels, or is smaller, or faster, or has better battery life. In time, your Christmas gifts will mostly be forgotten. But God has given us the ultimate gift—the gift of His Son Jesus Christ.

Don't miss Christmas this year. As Watts and Handel once wrote, "Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room."

News and Notes

- If you have a prayer request you would like added please fill out the prayer request card in the pocket of the seat in front of you or email prayer@scottsbluffchurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays

Shayla Goracke	12/15	Sharon Griffiths	12/17
Tarra Lee Wood	12/20	Amy Reinpold	12/21
Ruger Sanderson	12/21	Graceon Stillahn	12/21

If your birthday has been inadvertently left off this list please let Shannon know.

Those Serving

12/24/2017

Opening Prayer	Shane	Table: West	Jay
Song Leader	Chris	Center	Gary
Scripture Reader	Shane	East	Shane
Closing Prayer	Jeremy	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Jay	Song Leader:	Tom

12/31/2017

Opening Prayer	Jeremy	Table: West	Chris
Song Leader	Shane	Center	Shane
Scripture Reader	Tim	East	Tim
Closing Prayer	Gary	Preacher:	Tom
Devotion:	Chris	Song Leader:	Shane

