



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

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~Luke 2:11

Welcome to the Final Newsletter of 2024

As we turn the final pages of this year, we are overjoyed to welcome you to the last newsletter of 2024. December holds a special place in our hearts, reminding us of the reason for the season and the abundant blessings that have carried us through.

In this edition, we reflect on the love and grace of God in our featured article, *Reason for the Season*, a heartfelt reminder of Christ's ultimate gift to the world. We also explore what it means to walk boldly in faith with *Representing Christ as Kingdom Representatives*. Lastly, we are honored to dedicate this edition's final piece, *Tribute to Pastor & Only Lady McGee*, to express our deep gratitude and love for their unwavering leadership and service to Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church.

We pray this newsletter inspires you, uplifts your spirit, and helps you prepare for an even greater year ahead. From all of us at Mount Moriah MB Church, thank you for being part of this journey. May your heart overflow with the joy, peace, and love of Christ this holiday season.

With blessings and love,
MMMBC Newsletter Ministry

WE ARE
KINGDOM
REPRESENTATIVES



Here we are, then, speaking for Christ, as though God himself were making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf: let God change you from enemies into his friends!

2 Corinthians 5:20 (GNT)

Jesus Christ:

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As we approach the holiday season, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of decorating, shopping, and planning festive gatherings. But amid the twinkling lights and wrapped gifts lies the true meaning of Christmas: the celebration of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

The foundation of Christmas is found in the Gospel of Luke:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

This proclamation by the angel to the shepherds is a reminder that Christmas is not just about tradition—it is about God's greatest gift to humanity.

A Promise Fulfilled

Long before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah foretold of His coming:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6).

Christmas marks the fulfillment of this divine promise. God sent His Son into the world to bring salvation and peace to all who believe in Him.

A Gift of Love

At the heart of the Christmas story is love. John 3:16 encapsulates this:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

This love is the reason for the season. God's love for

humanity prompted Him to send His Son into the world, not as a king in a palace but as a baby in a manger—humble, approachable, and for all.

The Light in Darkness

The birth of Christ brought hope and light to a weary world:

"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone" (Isaiah 9:2).

In a world filled with challenges, the message of Christmas reminds us that Jesus is the light that dispels all darkness.

Our Response to the Season

As we reflect on the true reason for the season, let us remember the response of the shepherds who first heard the news of Jesus' birth:

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them" (Luke 2:20).

Their joy and worship are examples for us. Christmas is a time to glorify God, to share the good news, and to extend love and kindness to others.

Conclusion

The reason for the season is not found in gifts or decorations but in the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior. He came to bring hope, love, and salvation to all who believe in Him. As we celebrate this Christmas, may we keep our focus on the true meaning of the season and let His light shine through us to the world.

Merry Christmas, and may the joy of Christ fill your heart and home this season!

Dynamic Duo



A Special Tribute to Our Dynamic Duo

A Tribute to Pastor Gregory and Only Lady Vivian McGee

"Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." – Hebrews 13:7

With hearts overflowing with gratitude, we honor Pastor Gregory McGee and Only Lady Vivian McGee, whose lives embody the essence of what it means to serve God with unwavering devotion. Their dedication to Christ, their church family, their community, and their own family is a testament to the transformative power of faith and love.

Shepherds of the Church

Pastor McGee's commitment to leading Mount Moriah Baptist Church is unparalleled. Week after week, he delivers sermons that resonate with both spiritual depth and practical wisdom. His tireless preparation and prayerful discernment ensure that each message is rooted in Scripture and speaks to the heart. But his leadership goes beyond the pulpit. Pastor McGee walks alongside his congregation, counseling the hurting, guiding the wayward, and celebrating the joys of life with his flock. He exemplifies the charge in *1 Peter 5:2-3*: *"Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be."*

Only Lady Vivian McGee, a quiet yet powerful force in her own right, complements his ministry with grace and purpose. Her nurturing heart and servant's spirit have touched countless lives, whether through organizing church programs, mentoring young women, or simply offering a listening ear. She is a beacon of kindness and faith, always pointing others to the hope found in Christ.

A Legacy of Community Service

Pastor and Only Lady McGee's love for their community is as steadfast as their love for the church. They believe deeply in the call of *Matthew 25:40*: *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."* Whether feeding the hungry, clothing the needy, or providing

resources to struggling families, their outreach efforts reflect their heart for service. They are not just leaders; they are participants, rolling up their sleeves to work alongside others, showing that no task is too small or too great when done for the glory of God. Their impact goes beyond physical needs. They are spiritual warriors for the community, hosting prayer vigils, supporting local initiatives, and fostering unity among neighbors. Their commitment to building bridges and promoting peace has brought light into dark places and hope to weary souls.

Devotion to Family

At the heart of their ministry is a deep love for their own family. Pastor and Only Lady McGee are proud parents of four children and grandparents to a host of grandchildren. Their home is a sanctuary of love, faith, and encouragement, a reflection of Joshua's declaration: *"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"* (*Joshua 24:15*).

They have raised their children to walk in truth and to value service, integrity, and faithfulness. Through family prayers, life lessons, and shared joys, they have created a legacy that extends to future generations. Their grandchildren are blessed to have grandparents who not only love them unconditionally but also show them the beauty of living a life devoted to Christ.

Setting the Standard

Through their lives, Pastor Gregory and Only Lady Vivian McGee set a high standard for what it means to be devoted to Christ. Their unyielding faith, tireless service, and unshakeable love for others remind us daily of the call to be salt and light in the world (*Matthew 5:13-16*). They inspire us to be better—to love more, serve more, and trust God more deeply. *"Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain"* (*1 Corinthians 15:58*). Pastor and Only Lady McGee, your labor is not in vain. The seeds you have sown in this church, in this community, and in your family will bear fruit for generations to come.

With overflowing gratitude,
Your Mount Moriah Church Family

2024 Mantra:

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2024 Mantra of Mount Moriah MB Church: A Look Back

Mount Moriah MB Church embarks on 2024 with the powerful mantra: *"Representing Christ as Kingdom Representatives."* This divine call serves as a reminder that as believers, we are chosen to represent the Kingdom of God in every aspect of our lives. This mandate is not only a privilege but also a responsibility that requires intentional living, spiritual growth, and unwavering dedication to our faith.

What Does It Mean to Be a Kingdom Representative?

Being a Kingdom Representative means embodying the character of Christ and reflecting His love, grace, and righteousness in all we do. As ambassadors of Christ, our mission is clear: "We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us" (2 Corinthians 5:20). This role calls us to represent His Kingdom here on earth, demonstrating through our lives what it means to walk in His light and truth.

The Fruits of Life

A true Kingdom Representative bears fruit that aligns with the Spirit. Galatians 5:22-23 describes these fruits: "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." By cultivating these attributes, we reflect the transformative power of Christ in our daily interactions, fostering an environment where others can experience His presence.

Living a Kingdom Life

To live a Kingdom life is to prioritize God's will above our own. This includes obedience to His Word, faithfulness in worship, and dedication to service. Matthew 6:33 reminds us to "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." When we live with Heaven as our focus, we align ourselves with the purposes of God, allowing Him to guide our steps.

Raising Kingdom Families

Kingdom Representatives are also charged with the responsibility

of nurturing Kingdom families. Proverbs 22:6 instructs us to "train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Whether as parents, guardians, or mentors, we are called to instill Kingdom principles in the next generation, teaching them to walk in faith, integrity, and love.

Overcoming Distractions

In a world filled with distractions, it is easy to lose focus on our purpose. However, as Kingdom Representatives, we must guard our hearts and minds. Hebrews 12:1 encourages us to "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles" so that we can run our race with perseverance. By keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, we remain steadfast in our calling, refusing to let the world deter us from serving God.

Constant Development and Growth

Becoming a Kingdom Representative is a lifelong journey. Just as the Apostle Paul expressed in Philippians 3:12-14, we must "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called [us] heavenward in Christ Jesus." This means daily prayer, studying the Word, and embracing opportunities for spiritual growth, all while aspiring to be more like Christ.

Gratitude as Kingdom Representatives

Finally, as Kingdom Representatives, we have much to be thankful for. God's grace, provision, and love empower us to fulfill our calling. Ephesians 5:20 urges us to "always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." A heart of gratitude not only pleases God but also serves as a testimony of His goodness to those around us.

Conclusion

Representing Christ as Kingdom Representatives is more than a mantra; it is a way of life that requires commitment, faith, and a heart dedicated to God. Let us embrace this call with joy, allowing the light of Christ to shine through us as we strive to build His Kingdom on earth. Together, as Mount Moriah MB Church, we will walk boldly in our faith, growing, thriving, and giving God all the glory He deserves.

May we live each day as true ambassadors of His love, grace, and truth!

Do You Know? Test Your Knowledge

The Reason for Christmas: A 10-Question Quiz

Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

- a. To exchange gifts
- b. To honor the birth of Jesus Christ
- c. To enjoy time with family
- d. To mark the winter solstice

Where was Jesus born according to the Bible?

- a. Jerusalem
- b. Nazareth
- c. Bethlehem
- d. Galilee

What does the name "Emmanuel" mean, as referenced in the Christmas story?

- a. Savior of the world
- b. God with us
- c. Prince of Peace
- d. Light of the world

Who announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds?

- a. A star
- b. The prophet Isaiah
- c. An angel of the Lord
- d. King Herod

What gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus?

- a. Gold, silver, and copper
- b. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh
- c. Pearls, spices, and silk
- d. Gold, incense, and oil

Who tried to have baby Jesus killed by ordering the massacre of male infants?

- a. Pharaoh
- b. Pontius Pilate
- c. King Herod
- d. Caesar Augustus

According to Luke 2:14, what did the angels say to the shepherds?

- a. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men."
- b. "Fear not, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior."
- c. "Hallelujah! Praise be to God!"
- d. "Rejoice, for the King has come."

What is the significance of the star in the Christmas story?

- a. It guided the wise men to Jesus
- b. It symbolized peace on earth
- c. It marked the end of a prophecy
- d. It was a sign of God's covenant

What does the Bible say about why Jesus came into the world?

- a. To be a great teacher
- b. To bring judgment upon the world
- c. To save His people from their sins
- d. To establish a new religion

What does Christmas ultimately remind Christians of?

- a. The joy of giving and receiving gifts
- b. The fulfillment of God's promise of a Savior
- c. The importance of family gatherings
- d. The miracle of the virgin birth

The answers will be in the January 2025 Issue

Special Thanks!

To Pastor McGee, Only Lady McGee, ministers, ministries, members, and friends of MMMBC,

With hearts full of gratitude, we give thanks to each of you for your unwavering love, prayers, and dedication throughout this year. Your faithfulness and service have been a testament to the goodness of God, and together we have witnessed His glory in abundance.

As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:58, *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."* Your labor has truly made 2024 a glorious year in His name.

May the blessings of the Lord continue to overflow in your lives as we stand united in His love and purpose. Thank you for making this year one to remember, and let us press forward, knowing that greater things are yet to come!

With love and appreciation,
MMMBC Newsletter Ministry

WORSHIP SERVICES AND CLASSES

Life Class	Sundays	10:00 a.m.
Worship Service	Sundays	11:00 a.m.
Noon Day Bible Study	Wednesdays	12:00 p.m.
Bible Study	Wednesdays	7:00 p.m.
Power Hour of Prayer	Saturdays	8:00 a.m.
Holy Communion	First Sunday of Each Month	

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