**12/22/24 A Christmas Message: God’s Greatest Gift Luke 2:15-20**

* Will your gift last past this holiday season?
* Our God has given us the greatest gift of all!

**1. God does not hide His intentions from us.**

* As believers, scriptures reveal God’s plan for our lives.
* The name Immanuel means God with us.
* God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty,
* God chose lowly shepherds instead of royalty to be the first to see the promised Messiah.

**Isaiah 7:14, 9:6; Micah 5:2; Matthew 1:23; 1 Corinthians 1:27; Luke 2:8-14**

**2. What did you do when you first received the Good News?**

* The Good News is the Full Gospel, which is Jesus’ death, burial and resurrection of Christ.
* Will you be like the shepherds and share the Gospel message with those that you come into contact with?
* The shepherds spoke from the heart, and their words connected to the deepest needs of others.
* Do you have a testimony about what God has done for you?

**Luke 2:15-18**

**3. How humble are you about receiving your “Special Gift?”**

* We should be thankful for receiving the seal of the Holy Spirit of promise.
* Mary’s song called “Magnificat” and her full experience with God and the angel showed her humility toward her “special gift.”
* The wise men humbly chose to listen to God and go the other way, instead of honoring King Herod’s request to report back to him.

**Luke 2:10,19-20; Matthew 2:1-16; John 8:12; Isaiah 9:6**

**Upcoming Events**

Union at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, 411 E. Crane Ave., Friday, December 27 at 7 PM, Saturday, December 28 at 10 AM, and Sunday, December 29 at 11 AM.

Pastor and Wife’s 22nd Anniversary, January 12th, 19th, and 26th at 11 AM.

New Member Class, Saturday, January 18th, 9 AM-1 PM in the fellowship hall.

**Thought for the Week**: For God so **LOVED** the world that He **GAVE** His only begotten Son so that you might believe in Him and have everlasting life!