

December 2018

Merry Christmas!

Gospel Tabernacle Newsletter

## THE SACRIFICIAL LAMB!

by Pastor Josh Brown

Don't you just love the holiday season. You know the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas. It's always a special time for families, parties, decorations, gift exchange, etc. Seldom do we really stop and remember what the Christmas season is really all about. Natalie and I recently got back from a very special trip to Israel. While we were there, we visited the location that scholars and historians believe that Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Bethlehem is not the quiet, pretty little town that you imagine when you think about the place where the Savior of the world was born. Bethlehem is under Palestinian authority and the only way to describe the feeling there is "dark oppression". Most of us see the stable as a wooden structure like we see in plays, however it was really nothing more than a cave.

While in Israel, we learned that this same cave that Jesus was born in was one of the caves that was used in the Old Testament to birth and protect new born lambs that were going to be used as a sacrifice during Passover. They called them "birthing caves." Isn't it just like God to orchestrate the same cave that was used to protect the sacrificial lambs so they would remain "without spot or blemish" would also be used as the birthplace for the ultimate Sacrificial Lamb? The Father knew that that same cave would be used to birth something great, the Redeemer of all mankind. I don't know how many lambs were born in that little cave, but I know One that finished the job. We no longer need a sacrificial lamb. He was our Sacrificial Lamb. He is no longer a baby in the cave. He is no longer on the Cross. Where the Cross once stood is now a bus parking lot, just outside the city gate. He is no longer in the tomb. It is empty. He is risen. I was just there and His body is not. He is our Savior, our Redeemer. He is Emmanuel, Counselor, soon coming King. He is the Bright Morning Star. Before the foundations of the world God ordained Him to save all mankind.

The wait to get a glimpse of that cave was over three hours. I am thankful for that cave, but the cave is only significant because of the Cross and the tomb. This Christmas season don't take for granted the things in your life that He is hiding in a cave. He is trying to protect it. Maybe He is trying to keep you from being hurt or defected. This Christmas season, thank Him for the cave, you won't be there forever. He will resurrect in you what has been hidden, even if it's out of darkness. Merry CHRISTmas.

# CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING

at the Tabernacle

Gospel Tabernacle Presents

## Church Christmas Party

December 16th @ 6:00 PM

Please bring a Meat with  
Dessert/or Side

Don't forget your ugly Christmas Sweater!

**\*Contest\***

## GT Christmas Events

LightHouse  
Christmas  
Party

Dec. 7th @6pm

Children Ministry  
Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 9th

LIFE  
Rudy Christmas  
Show

Dec. 13th  
@10:15am

LIFE Luncheon  
Dec. 20th  
@12pm

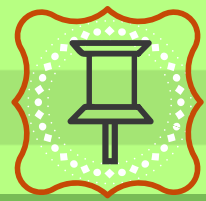
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## Reminders:

1. Dynamic Middle School Service Sunday Evenings.  
@6pm.
2. Church Offices closed  
December 24th-  
January 1st

## Testimonies:

We would love to hear the testimonies of God's goodness and the miracles He is doing in your life!

Please share with us and email GT at [contact@gtchurch.net](mailto:contact@gtchurch.net)!

## Upcoming Events:

- **Dec. 2nd**  
Night of Training-Frontline ministry @5:30 pm.
- **Dec.1-2nd**  
Conference Royal Rangers  
Pow Wow
- **Dec.19th**  
LH Night of Outreach at Nursing Homes
- **Dec.23rd**  
Special Family Service

## Want to Connect?

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