![MCj03248160000[1]]() ***Message from the Pastor’s Desk***

 ***“A Good Word for Tough Times”***

***As we prepare for this advent season, I encourage each of us to focus on the good that has happened and is happening in our lives. Our Savior is on the throne and He reigns…Glory in the highest He reigns! During this time, the world spends millions of dollars in advertisements trying to convince us that the lights, the trees, the presents and holiday parties matter most. It’s so easy in the rush of it all to miss the quiet, still voice of The Master. He’s given us a precious invitation; in fact, it’s a standing invite—each year He’s throwing a birthday party for His Son, the one He gave as a spotless lamb for us. Sadly, hardly anyone in Earth shows up—many of us are M.I.A. This year’s global market meltdown will no doubt have some singing ba hum bug, but the Heavens are still singing with one angelic voice…Happy Birthday to The King. Let’s not be so wrapped in the world’s despair that retail spending is down over thirty percent, but rather let’s be counted among the voices in earth and in heaven worshipping the birth of the baby boy who came to save the world! This is truly a sacred time…a time of thanksgiving…a time to give thanks, for Jesus Christ was born…He lives and is coming back again.…………………………..…Hallelujah! We have much to celebrate…Emmanuel…God is with us. He promised to never leave nor forsake us. His word gives us assurance that if we “wait on the Lord he shall strengthen thy heart” His word says that He supplies “new mercy every day” and “the Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.” His word says “He shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory through Christ Jesus.” His word says “Do not be weary in well doing, for in due season you shall reap if you faint not.” I encourage us during this holiday season to focus on becoming closer to God, rest in His promises and tune out the messages of the world. We are children of the Most High…no doubt, the times ahead will be tough, but our God’s promises are true. Just think, celebrating this season means that we celebrate His promise to send His son as a ransom for us through a virgin…and…yes…He did. He WILL bring us through tough times and closer to Him! I want to thank you for a wonderful year and look forward to an exciting New Year.***

 ***Your Humble Servant, Rev. Ned Armstrong Jr., Pastor***

***PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS***

**Please pray for everyone as we continue face challenging times with COVID-19 disease.**

**Please continue pray for all GMP members who have experienced loss of loved one during this time.**

***Please pray for one another, Morning, Noon, and Evening. “When I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." Psalm 55:17***

***Please see Sis. Green by 2nd Sunday of each month***

***to add to prayer list.***

***Mission Statement: To teach God’s word in a manner that inspires individuals to reach new heights in their personal relationships with God.***

***Vision Statement: Create an environment that enriches lives that holds to traditional values while encompassing conventional methods.***

 ***Our Standard***

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***EXCELLENCE***

***Sunday School Lessons for Month of December 2024***

 ***JESUS , THE HEIR OF DAVID***

**December 2nd A Noble Family Tree- Ruth 4:9-17; Luke 3:23, 31-32**

**December 8th A Very Fine House – Samue1 7:4-17**

**December 15Th Get Ready- Luke 1:67-80**

**December 22nd Breaking News! Luke 2:1-6**

**December 29th A Miracle in Jericho - Luke 18:35-43**

 ***Bible Study for the Month of December 2024***

***“Workbook Topic”***

 **December 4th Workbook Topic**

 **December 11th Workbook Topic**

 **December 18th Workbook Topic**

 **December 25th Workbook Topic**

 ***Calendar of Events December 2024***

**December 8th, 2024 GMP Senior's Day @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Dec.14th GMP Christmas Gala – 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Dec.22th GMP Annual Soc Drive Donation – due date**

**December 22th, 2024 GMP Christmas Program @ 10:00 a.m.**

**December 31st, 2024, Watch Night Service @ GMP @ 10:00 p.m.**

 ***\*Any other calendar of events – TBA***

***GREATER MT. PILGRIM BAPTIST CHURCH***

***"Enter To Worship / Exit to Serve"***

***December***

***Order of Service***

***Devotion...............………....................................Deacons***

***Praise/Worship …………...………..…….………Choir***

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**Altar Prayer.................................……….……..Minister**

***Selection........................... ..............………..….....Choir***

***Announcements and Recognition of Visitors***

***Pastor Emphasis.........……......Pastor or Appointee***

 ***Mission Statement***

 ***Vision Statement***

 ***Scripture: Jeremiah 29:11***

***Tithes and Offering***

***Selection..........................................……….……....Choir***

***The Word..........................................................Minister***

***Invitation to discipleship........................…….....Minister***

***Scripture for the Month***

# For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6-0 NIV

 ***Thought for the Month***

***This is Christmas: not the tinsel, not the giving and receiving, not even the carols, but the humble heart that receives anew the wondrous gift, the Christ***.

***WEEKLY MEETINGS***

***SUNDAY***

**9:00 a.m. ..........Sunday School & Stewardship Class**

**10:00 a.m. ..........................................Morning Worship**

***MONDAY***

**7:00 p.m. ................ Mission & Brotherhood Auxiliary**

***GMP DAILY PRAYER LINE***

**\*6:00 a.m. ................................................................Prayer Line**

**\*8:00 p.m. ………………… ………………...Prayer Line**

***(Call our prayer @ (425) 436- 6352***

***Access code 6780827#***

***SATURDAY***

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***Youth Rehearsal - \*Every Saturday (second) @10:00 a.m.***

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***Responsive Reading***

***"Our Saviour’s Birth”***

***Luke 2:1, 4-14***

***Minister: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.***

*Congregation: And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city Nazareth, into Judaea, unto city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)*

 ***Minister: To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.***

*Congregation****:*** *And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.*

***Minister:******And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.***

 *Congregation:**And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.*

 ***Minister:******And Lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.***

*Congregation:**And the angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.*

***Minister: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.***

*Congregation: And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.*

***Minister: And suddenly there was with the angel multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying.***

***ALL: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.***