

JESUS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

There is an old, old story about a king who ruled over a very large kingdom. It was decided that His birthday should be celebrated so that He might be honored among His people. Many preparations were made months in advance, and great care was taken to be sure the event was a regal one.

Many people held parties and had great banquets. However, they did not invite the King. They sang songs, and had merry parades, but they did not invite the King, or even talk about him. Everyone exchanged gifts and talked about love, peace, and good will, but no one gave the King a gift. No one spoke about the King. No one even sent him a card, or went to see him. In fact... they forgot all about him.

There is a true story, written in the Bible, about an actual event that took place about 2,000 years ago. The King of the universe sent His Son as a small baby for one purpose and one purpose only....so that He might grow up to die, and take upon Himself the sin of all mankind. The day of His birth is what we now call Christmas. We celebrate His birth because we know without it, there would never have been His death. It is His death on the cross that cleanses us

from our sins. Our unconditional and humble surrender to Him as Lord and King enables us to live with Him forever.

Such an event is too important to spend celebrating with parties for ourselves, and fanfare about “peace and good will”. How could we forget about Jesus??

But, how do you give a gift to Jesus? It is difficult to give a gift to someone who is in Heaven, isn't it? We have a tradition at First Conservative Baptist Church to celebrate His birthday by giving gifts to be used in His ministry here. The gifts are given to honor and glorify HIM and the work He enables us to accomplish each day in the ministry to families all over the world. A gift is not required when you attend the celebration, but should you like to do so, there are many useful possibilities for office, kitchen, restrooms, halls, indoors and outdoors. A gift may consist of your time, your talents, or your knowledge. You probably have some ideas of your own.

We look forward to seeing you at the celebration!!