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## **WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**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 that 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??

**JESUS did not just begin at Bethlehem in a stable.** Jesus has always existed. The Bible tells us that Jesus was to be born in a stable in Bethlehem and would be rejected by his own. **According to the Bible**, JESUS created everything that is in the world and in heaven, (Col. 1:13-17), therefore JESUS was before the creation as recorded in Genesis chapters 1-2. When the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary as recorded in Luke 1:26-35, and announced that Jesus' birth would be via her womb, it was the fulfillment of all of the prophecies- **over 330 prophecies** of Jesus' first coming. According to the Scriptures, **JESUS is not only Creator**, He is also **Controller** of this whole world; Colossians 1:16-18 tells us that it is JESUS who holds this old world in place.

**This Christmas** let me encourage you to worship JESUS as the King of **KINGS** and **LORD** of **LORDS**, for the Bible reminds us that one day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that JESUS is **LORD**. Please read Luke 1: 32-33; Phil. 2:5-11 and Revelation 1:8.

From all of us at FCBC to you and each one in your family, **MERRY CHRISTMAS** and may the blessings and Joy of **JESUS' FIRST** coming be your reminder that **JESUS IS COMING AGAIN...SOON.**



**JESUS' BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018 6:00 P.M.**

**Please join us** at our annual Jesus' Birthday Celebration and Christmas Refreshments, with singing, testimonials, and opening gifts for Jesus! **We will Honor the ONE who came to die so that we may live.**

**Have you already received God's indescribable gift- HIS SON!?**

**You are encouraged to give a gift to Jesus** which is to be used through the work of HIS ministry at First Conservative Baptist Church. Bring your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.

Celebrate Christmas with us!!



**Sundays, December 23 AND December 30**

Join us for Bible Study at 9:30am  
and Morning Worship at 10:45am  
*(there will be no evening programs)*



**WE WISH YOU ALL  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**Isaiah 9:6 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup>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, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.



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