

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

- John Mason Neal

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save,
And give them victory over the grave

O come, O come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.

Last Week from our Pulpit:

"Perhaps yours is one of those families where the holidays are celebrated in different homes on a rotation. 'This year you come to our place, next year we will do it in your home.' God is no party crasher, and He must be the Guest of Honor or we have not truly invited the Creator of the universe and Savior of mankind at all.

Today we can say 'Emmanuel' (God with us) if we are celebrating Christ's birth in this church and in our homes in a way that puts Him in His proper place, and, truly, wonderfully, 'God is with us.' Then, if all is well with your soul, you can say, 'Next year, Lord, let's do it at *Your* place!'"



"LORD OF MIGHT"

Isaiah 9:6

1. PAST

- A. Creator
- B. Commander
- C. Incarnated John 1:14

2. PRESENT

- A. Sustainer Colossians 1:17 "He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."
- B. Savior John 1:17
- C. Survivor
"The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" I Corinthians 15:56,57.

3. FUTURE

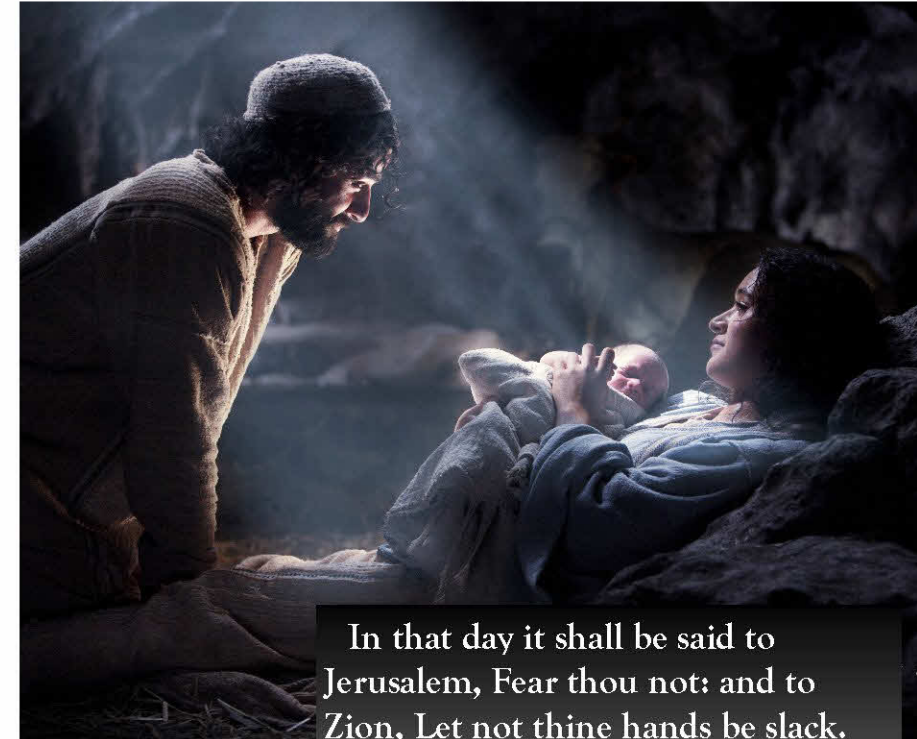
- A. Axis Zephaniah 3:16,17 (front cover)
- B. Adoration
- C. Ascension

CONCLUSION:

"Then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory" Mark 13:26.



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In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will *rejoice* over thee with *joy*; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. Zephaniah 3:16,17

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A word to visitors from our pastor:

We are glad to have you with us today. I hope that our services will be a blessing to you.

We desire that Southport Baptist be a warm, friendly church, and for God to use us to help our neighbors and friends. When someone near us is confronted with heartache and difficulty we want them to know that God cares, and so do we!

Our church believes and proclaims the old fashioned message that can save souls and change lives. We would like to share with you the joy of life in Jesus Christ. I invite you to experience the excitement of being part of a growing, caring church!

Please give me a call if there is ever anything that I can do for you (at church 857-8063, my cell 496-3739, or at home 764-9849).

Yours in Christ's service,

Pastor Scott Jones

LAST WEEK'S OFFERINGS:

General: \$1,648.60
(\$2,080 per/week needed)

Missions: \$190

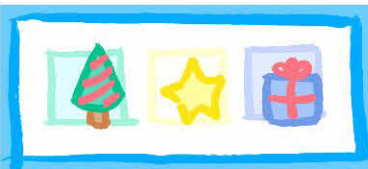
Sunday School (missions): \$15.60

Please don't let your cell phone jingle-bell.

"The Symbols of Christmas"

Our Christmas program will be held here at 10:30am today. Stay and see what the children have worked hard to prepare for us. This is a great time to learn the significance

of some of our Christmas traditions. Come back at 6:00 tonight for our annual **Candlelight Service.**



December 18, 2011

Schedule of Services:

Morning Worship 9:00AM

Sunday School 10:15AM

Evening Service 6:00PM

MORNING WORSHIP:

Hymn #194 Joy to the World

Hymn #196 Angels We Have Heard on High

Prayer/Welcome

Hymn #224 The Birthday of a King

Offering

Hymn O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (on back)

Special Music: Steve Taylor

Message: "Lord of Might" Isaiah 9:6

Hymn #223 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne

THIS EVENING:

6pm, **Candlelight Service.** Please notice the special time, do not miss this stirring annual event, and invite someone to join you when you come.

This service will be followed by a **Pie Fellowship!** Please bring a favorite holiday pie to share.

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday, 6:30pm, **Bible Study and Prayer**, for the adults, **Kids Club** meets at the same time.

Saturday, 6:00pm, Union Grove Baptist Church has invited us to join them for a **Christmas Eve Service.** Pastor Jones will be one of the speakers.

*Pray for the Ambrocios,
Our Missionaries in the Philippines*

Salvador and Bong are father and son church planters in the Tarlac area. They also help to run schools and a Bible camp. Pray for their health, their family, and for the new churches being planted. They have begun at least one new building in the last year, but more are needed.



Looking Forward:

December 18, 10:30am, Christmas Program Please stay with us to hear what the children have learned and will present about the "Symbols of Christmas."

December 18, 6pm, Candlelight Service. Your participation with a song or a reading is what makes this service the most beautiful of the year. It is not too late to see Pastor Jones to volunteer, he can supply a poem or other reading if you want. This will be followed by a **Pie Fellowship!** Please bring a favorite holiday pie to share.

December 25 and January 1, As these holidays fall on Sundays this year we will have morning services and Sunday School as usual (but they will be special!) and not have Evening Services. If you have relatives or friends visiting invite them to come to church with you!

January 8, 5pm, Nominating Committee Meeting.
5:30pm, Brother Steve Taylor will be our Special Speaker.

January 22, 5:30pm, Annual Meeting.

Welcome Kevin Deeter, our newest church member!

Church Cleaners: This Week:
Next week: **Help Needed!**

Special Music: 12/25- Schmoeckel/Hendrickson

Ushers Today: Rick H., Tom P., Guy T., Kevin D.

Nursery Ministry: AM - Lori C., DeeDee & A.J. Reeves

