

**THE CHAPEL FAMILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM DECEMBER 7-12**  
**CHRISTMAS IS C-hrists H-istoric R-markable I-ncarnation S-tory Telling  
Messiah's A-waited S-alvation.” Joseph A. Cabajar**

**MONDAY:** Luke 1:26-80

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 1:38

**OBSERVATION:** *“The fact of Jesus' birth is the final and immeasurable proof that God cares.”* William Barclay. Why was Mary chosen to be the birth mother of Jesus? What compelling reasons were given by the angel Gabriel? What was Joseph's response? What supporting role did Elizabeth play? How would you have responded in Mary's place? Has God ever given you a difficult task to fulfill?

**TUESDAY:** Matthew 1:19-25; Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2; Isaiah 9:6-7

**KEY VERSE:** Isaiah 9:6

**OBSERVATION:** *“Christ was born in the first century, yet he belongs to all centuries. He was born a Jew, yet he belongs to all races. He was born in Bethlehem, but he belongs to all countries.”* George W. Truet. How would you have responded in Joseph's place? Think about a time in your life when you were in a situation that was confusing and didn't make any sense but you knew that it was from the Lord. How did you respond? Why did Jesus take such a long time to come to earth as a baby? Why is He taking so long to come back?

**WEDNESDAY:** Matthew 2:1-12

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 2:11

**OBSERVATION:** *“Jesus birth in Bethlehem was a moment preceded by eternity. His being neither originated in time nor came about by the will of humanity. The author of time, who lived in the eternal, was made incarnate in time that He might live with the eternal view.”* Ravi Zacharias. Who prompted the Magi to come? Why did they bow down and worship a baby? What practical role did the valuable gifts play? Who warned the magi in a dream and why? What would you have been thinking if you had been Mary and Joseph?

**THURSDAY:** Matthew 2:13-25

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 2:13

**OBSERVATION:** *“Jesus Christ was born twice. The birth at Bethlehem was birth into a life of weakness. The second time he was born from the dead – into the glory of heaven and the throne of God.”* Gordon Curley. Who or what is the angel of the Lord? Why is this being so active at the birth of Jesus? Why did Jesus come as a baby instead as an adult? Why was he born to a teenage girl? Why was Mary the perfect choice? How would you have responded if you were Mary and Joseph?

**FRIDAY:** Luke 2:21-39

**KEY VERSES:** Luke 2:30-32

**OBSERVATION:** How did Simeon and Anna know who Jesus was and what he would do? How did their observations and prophetic words prepare Mary and Joseph concerning who Jesus was and what to expect in his life and ministry? As a parent, how would you have responded if they had spoken these prophetic words about your child? Happy? Perplexed? Worried? Supportive? Other?

**SATURDAY:** Matthew 24:30-31; I Thessalonians 4:16-18; Revelation 1:7-8

**KEY VERSES:** I Thessalonians 4: 17-18

**OBSERVATION:** *“Christmas is built upon a beautiful and intentional paradox, that the birth of homeless (**Jesus**) should be celebrated in every home.”* G.K. Chesterson. Jesus fulfilled His first promise to come to earth ... live a sinless life .... die on a cross to pay our sin debt ... and rise again to conquer the power of sin and death in our life. Do you believe that He will fulfill his promise to come a second time to gather his church? Are you prepared to go to your heavenly home?