



Madison Baptist Association

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“Assisting churches in fulfilling their mission, and providing them opportunities for fellowship and to work together in advancing the kingdom of God”

The Bible says, “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.’” (Matt. 2:1-2) The magi, or wise men, were experts in astrology, interpretation of dreams, and other secret arts. They were from the east, probably Arabia or Babylon. They came to Jerusalem seeking an answer to the question: “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?” Surely the answer could be found in Jerusalem, the religious capital of Judaism.

This question is still being asked in our world today, along with other related questions: Where is God, does He really exist? Where is God when you really need Him? Who is God, what is He like? What does He require of us? Surely the answers can be found in America, the capital of Christianity. Well, it depends on who you ask. In our nation’s infatuation with diversity, the gospel message has been discarded by some and watered down by others.

But I have good news for you today! The answers to these questions are not left to personal opinion, popular opinion, or mere speculation. God has chosen to reveal Himself and His truth to us. This divine revelation comes to us through His Word, the Bible. “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.” (II Tim. 3:16-17) The revelation of Himself to mankind can also be seen in creation. “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.” (Rom. 1:20) God also reveals Himself to us in times of prayer, and as we see and experience Him at work in life circumstances. But God’s ultimate revelation of Himself to mankind is clearly seen in His Son. “God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, in these last days has spoken to us in His Son.....He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature.....” (Heb. 1:1-3) Jesus is the Word, God, who became flesh and dwelt among us.

(John 1:1,14) In the life and ministry of Jesus Christ we see God at work, for Jesus is God.

So this is our glorious Christmas message! God came to earth in the person of Jesus Christ, by means of a miraculous virgin-birth, that He might save us from our sin. Forgiveness of sin and eternal salvation is a gift received from God, received when one repents of their sin and puts their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ. The wise men followed a single star in the night sky, that led them to the Christ child. May we be like that star, guiding others to Jesus (Phil. 2:15)

Merry Christmas!
Charlie

You are Cordially Invited
to the
Madison Baptist Association’s
Christmas Open House

Thursday,
December 8, 2016
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Refreshments will
be served.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Media kits and other resources can be ordered online at imbresources.org. The national goal for 2016 is \$155 million.



Your faithful giving has changed lives and given hope to the lost across the globe!

Dec 4-11	International Missions Emphasis; Week of Prayer, Mission Study & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
Dec 8	MBA Christmas Brunch/ Open House (10-1)
Dec 23-Jan 2	Christmas Holiday MBA Office Closed
Dec 25	Merry Christmas!
Jan 1	Happy New Year!
Jan 3	MBA Office Reopens
Jan 12	Ministers Conference (10:30)

Minister’s Conference
Thursday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.
The guest speaker will be Rev. John Dees, CrossPointe Church.
Fellowship and lunch will take place after the conference. Lunch will be provided for \$5 per person.
We hope to see you there!

Mission Opportunities for 2017

Rocket City Missions

Week #1 June 18 – 23, 2017
Week #2 June 25 – 30, 2017

Williamsburg, Kentucky Mission Trip

July 16 – 20, 2017

Romania Summer Missions

April 27–May 9, 2017

Mark your calendars now – more information is available at the MBA!

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