

Our Mission

*Beth Shalom is a House of Peace.
We worship the Lord,
Reach out to Sinners,
Teach Believers,
Care for the Needy, and
Encourage Each Other in the Lord.*

**CHURCH CALENDAR &
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Church School - Sunday 9:30am
Worship Service - Sunday 11:00 am
Prayer & Bible Study – Wednesday 7:30pm

EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

*Monday, 17th — 2nd Quarterly
Conference, 7:30pm
— Ministry Team Meeting following
Quarterly Conference*

*Sunday, 23rd — Mortgage Sunday,
Offering: \$100
— Church School Christmas
Program, 1:00pm*

*Tuesday, 25th — Christmas Day,
Offering \$20*

*Monday, 31st — Watch Night
Celebration, Mrs. Gaskin and the
YAMS will plan the Event starting at
6:00pm
— New Year’s Eve, Offering: \$20*

Peace Benediction in E^b

Please don't worry about anything;
But pray and ask God for everything you
need. Always giving thanks and He'll give
you peace for your heart and mind.

And the peace of God
which surpasses all your understanding
will keep your heart and mind
in Christ Jesus the Lord.
*(Adapted from Philippians 4:6,7
Music by Darrell J. Gaskin)*

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Share your plans with the Lord and you will
succeed. Proverb 16:3 (CEV)

**The 4 Attributes of
God’s Christmas Gift
*Joy – the 3rd
Attribute***

**Beth Shalom
AME Zion
Church**

Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, *Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Evalina Huggins,
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A Compassionate Ministry



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Joy – the 3rd Attribute of God's Christmas Gift

1. Have you ever received Good news? Good news should give you joy.
2. The Birth announcement of Jesus Christ should give everyone Great Joy. Why? Because Jesus is our Savior and the Lord's Anointed (Christ, Messiah).
3. The Savior saves us from the wrath of God, and punishment for our sins. (Matthew 1:21)
4. The Messiah, the Lord establishes God's kingdom on earth which allows us to have abundant life. (John 10:10)
5. Always be full of joy of the Lord, i.e., Rejoice in the Lord always. (Phil 4:4)
6. Don't let joy blockers keep you from rejoicing in the Lord. Joy blockers are people and things that fill your heart with unpleasant emotions.
7. Open the Gift of Joy by discipling your thinking. Meditate on positive things not negative stuff. (Phil 4:8,9)



OUR BIBLICAL TEXT FOR TODAY

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11

²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

God's Gift of Joy to the World

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV

⁴ Be full of joy in the Lord always. I will say again, be full of joy. Philippians 4:4 NCV

⁸⁻⁹ Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies. Philippians 4:8-9, The Message Bible

*Our Prayer is that
You Receive God's Peace
through*

**P – Powerful Preaching
E – Excellent Teaching
A – Awesome Praise and
Worship
C – Creative Ministry
E – Engage, Exciting and
Effervescent Fellowship.**

God's Christmas gift to us has four attributes. The third attribute is Joy. Good news should give us joy. Have you recently received any good news? How did it make you feel when you hear it? How does it make you feel today? Hopefully, you still have the joy the good news brought. God intended the birth announcement of Jesus Christ to give us great joy. Why, because Jesus is our savior, and he is the Messiah. Jesus saves you from your sins giving us everlasting life. Jesus establishes his kingdom on earth giving us abundant life. Don't let joy blockers keep you from rejoicing in the Lord always. Discipline your thinking. Fill your mind with positive things. Meditate on the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things worthy of praise, not those things that you want to curse. Let's open God's gift of joy.

WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS MESSAGE

1. Recognized that Jesus came to give you everlasting life and abundant life.
2. Identify those joy blockers and stop giving them so much time in your mind.
3. Think about positive things.