Lifeline Snippets

<u>1st Time Visitors</u>: We welcome specially, all those worshiping with us for the first time today. Please, join us at all our meetings and programmes and God will bless you.

Bible Study: Join us every Tuesday this month as we study together on the theme: *Faith, Trust & Confidence.* Be there! **Prayer Meeting:** Please, join us at our Prayer Meeting this Thursday as Pastor Ade Adejobi leads us to pray on the theme: *Holding On To The End.* Please, don't miss it! God bless.

New Year Immunization: Our 7 Days Fasting & Prayer for the New Year starts from Monday, January 1, 2024 to Sunday January 7, 2024. Come and refuel for the New Year! God bless. **Building Project Offerings & Pledges:** Please, give generously towards the Church Building Project and be faithful in

redeeming your pledge. God is faithful and will bless you. **<u>Birthdays:</u>** This month's birthday celebrants should remember

their commitment of sponsorship to the Children's Church. May the Lord reward, enrich and bless you abundantly.

Online Sermons: You can listen to Pastor Adejobi's Sermons online at the church website: <u>www.lifelinebiblechurch.com</u> **Tracts:** Gospel tracts & handbills for evangelism & church publicity are available. Collect as many as you can faithfully use. **Notice Board:** Check the Notice Board for more information.

Through The Bible In A Year

Monday, December 25 Revelation 1-3	
Tuesday, December 26 Revelation 4-6	
Wednesday, December 27 Revelation 7-9	
Thursday, December 28 Revelation 10-12	
Friday, December 29 Revelation 13-15	
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MOTTO: "Looking unto Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith..." Hebrews 12: 2.

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CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS - F. E. Walve

The historic record of the birth of Christ can be found in Matthew 1: 18-25 and Luke 2:1-20. Unlike any other baby, the one born that night in Bethlehem was unique in all of history. He was not created by a human father and mother. He had a heavenly preexistence (John 1:1-3, 14). He is God, the Son - Creator of the universe (Phil.2:5-11).

This is why Christmas is called the incarnation, a word which means "in the flesh." In the birth of Jesus, the eternal, allpowerful and all-knowing Creator came to earth in the flesh.

Why would God do such a thing? Why would He come as a baby, instead of appearing in power and majesty? Why make Himself a true man and live among us, when He knew full well how terrible He would be treated? It was LOVE! Man likes to major in minors. The birth of Christ is more important than the date on which it happened. What is important is to receive Christ as Lord and Saviour. The several different practices associated with Christmas has somewhat removed Christ from Christmas. It's sad!

Popular modern customs of the holiday include gift-giving, music, exchange of Christmas cards, church celebrations, a special meal and the display of various decorations; including Christmas trees, lights, garlands, mistletoe, nativity scenes, and holly. In addition, several figures, known as Saint Nicholas, Santa Claus and Father Christmas, among other names, are associated with bringing gifts to children during the Christmas season. Since gift-giving and many other aspects of the Christmas festival involve heightened economic activity among both Christians and non-Christians, the holiday has become a significant event and a key sales period for retailers and businesses. The economic impact of Christmas is a factor that has grown steadily over the past few centuries in many regions of the world.

We must bring Christ back to Christmas. And this must begin with each individual celebrating it. In some parts of the world, it is even becoming offensive to say '*Merry Christmas*', they'll rather say '*Happy holiday*'. Just imagine! People want to enjoy the good time out of Christmas, but refuse the Saviour and His message.

Preachers of the gospel must push for the return of Christ to Christmas otherwise all our church activity is vain. There is no better time than Christmas to preach the salvation message. There is no better time than now for men to come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This Christmas, I urge you to receive Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour, and also make Him known to the world, so that Christ can be in our Christmas.

Jesus is Lord!

Hymn 1

AWAY IN A MANGER, NO CRIB FOR A BED

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay

2. The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,But little Lord Jesus no crying he makesI love thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the skyAnd stay by my bedside till morning is night

3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray Bless all the dear children in thy tender care And fit us for heaven, to live with thee there

Life Lessons

"For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." - Isaiah 9: 6 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." - John 3:16 "All the Christmas presents in the world are worth nothing without the presence of Christ " - David Ieremiah

Merry Christmas!

Hymn 2

JOY TO WORLD!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart, prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing (repeat)
And heaven, and heaven
And heaven sing

2. Joy to the earth! The Saviour reigns!Let men their songs employ;While fields and floods,Rocks, hills, and plainsRepeat the sounding joy (repeat)Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,Nor thorns infest the ground;He comes to make His blessings flowFar as the curse is found (repeat)Far as, far as the curse is found

4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations proveThe glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, (repeat)And wonders, and wonders of His love

Church Programmes

SUNDAY:	Worship Service - 9: 00am	
TUESDAY:	Bible Study - 6: 30pm	
THURSDAY: Prayer Meeting - 6: 30pm		
1ST FRIDAY:	Prayer Vigil - 10: 30pm	
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