

Bethlehem Revisited

Where the true meaning

of Christmas

comes to life

December 11th - 15th

Friday, Monday and Tuesday

7pm-9pm

Saturday and Sunday

6pm-9pm

Free Admission

Appropriate for all ages

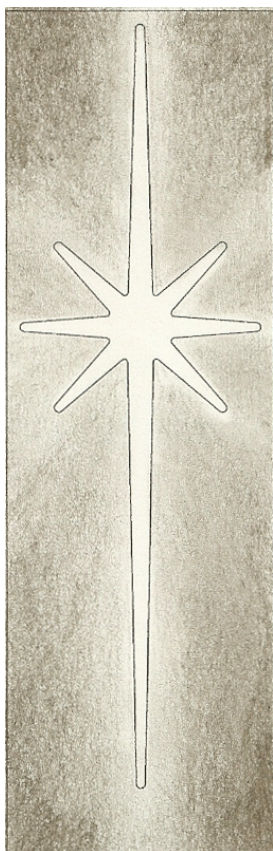
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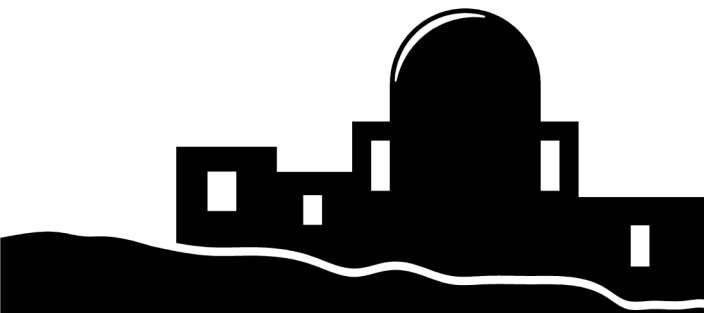
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Journey

- Imagine walking through the streets of Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.
- As you enter the city gates you immediately become part of a living history by inscribing your name for the census taker.
- You are now one of the residents of Bethlehem on the most important day in history.
- On your journey you will encounter towns people, livestock and the imposing Imperial Roman army.
- As you enter the market place you will meet many of our fine shop owners, who are all eager to answer questions you may have about their skills or their wares.
- Find out how papyrus, candles and furniture are made. Eat fresh bread from our fine bakery; visit our apothecary for the latest in medical treatments.
- Break bread with a Jewish family as they keep the Sabbath day Holy.
- Visit our Inn, the very Inn that turned Mary and Joseph away.
- See Mary, Joseph and Jesus safe in the manger surrounded by God's Glorious Angels, affirming our savior has arrived.
- Follow the road to the sanctuary where the story of Jesus' life unfolds.
- Watch, listen and learn as our storytellers, singers, musicians and actors make the most important moments of Jesus' life come alive.

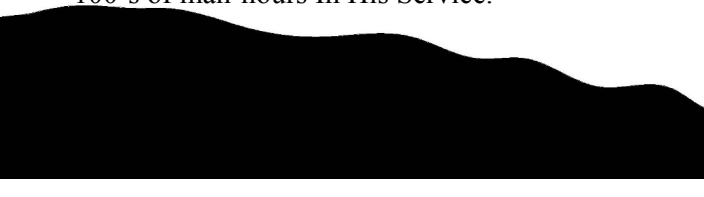


Mission Statement

- To bring the birth of Jesus Christ to life for our world...to take it from a story that we are told once a year to a living, interactive experience.
- To bring non-believers in to the knowledge and grace that Jesus provides to us all.
- To help us all on our journey of being disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.



History of Bethlehem

- Since the early 70's it has been a tradition at the First United Methodist Church of Coral Springs, to perform a live Nativity at Christmas time.
 - In 1993 an idea was discussed to try something different, something bigger, something we could share with the entire community.
 - The thought was why not recreate Bethlehem as it may have appeared at the time of Christ's birth? Thus, Bethlehem Revisited was born.
 - 100's of hours were devoted to studying the Bible and archeological finds of the time period, in order to make sure that our recreation is as authentic as possible.
 - In addition, customs and politics of the time were carefully analyzed to aide in developing short dialogs that cast members could study. This enables the participants to speak spontaneously using the dialect of the time.
 - Our first year of Bethlehem Revisited was very small, only open 2 nights with approximately 600 visitors.
 - In 1997, we had expanded to 4 nights with 5,200 in attendance.
 - By 2004, we were open 5 nights and accommodated almost 9,200 visitors.
 - An amazing 12,200 people attended in 2005.
 - Today the planning for Bethlehem starts in July and the construction begins in October.
 - We are always researching and adding new and exciting elements to the Bethlehem Revisited experience.
 - This project is made possible by the grace of God, and hundreds of volunteers donating 100's of man-hours In His Service.
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Feedback

- Please share with us what you experienced at Bethlehem Revisited.
- How can we make it more enjoyable for you and your family in years to come?
- Please send comments to Church office.
- Attention:
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A visitor to Bethlehem Revisited shares her thoughts and feelings in this poem.

I traveled back to the first Christmas night.

Where a bright star led me
to witness this sight.

Roman soldiers and a census taker,
Merchants, fishermen, oil lamp maker;
Bethlehem, for these people, is home,

They greeted me with a welcome "Shalom".

I heard a glorious angel sing,

Sing praises to the newborn King.

At first I saw a camel, donkey, and more,

Looking around, I saw people galore,

And a wee, tiny baby asleep on the hay,

The gift from God to wash our sin away.

This Jesus is the only reason

We celebrate this holy season

By Joyce Sibel

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11am Traditional
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