

# **We Need a Savior**

“for today in the city of David, there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:11 NASB).

God is good and He has created a good world for us to live in. The problem with our world is the problem and effect of sin. God has not and does not tempt us with sin. From His mercy and grace, He offers us a solution. Throughout human history, God teaches and warns us about ignoring His principles. He has given the Law in the Old Testament to help us live in peace with each other and to remember Him. Then He has given us the great prophets of old to tell us what we should do, how we should listen to God. However, the pattern of humankind has been to ignore God’s word.

Then, in His great mercy and grace, He sends to each of us the one gift that we all truly need: a Savior, His Son, Christ Jesus. This is the gift that many do not want but that all desperately need. For us to begin to appreciate what the Christmas season is all about, we must receive the wonderful gift that is only offered by Him: the gift of salvation.

When the angel told the shepherds about the Savior, they must have wondered if it was true. They had to see for themselves. When they found Jesus, they had to share their story and tell about their experience. When we find Jesus, we must also tell someone about it. The gift of salvation is a great gift to receive, but also a great gift to tell someone else about our experience. So, they too will have the opportunity to receive a great gift. May God bless your Christmas this year!

**Scott Kinnick, Exec. Board**

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## **Weekly Prayer Points**

And Mary said, 'Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word' (Luke 1:38 KJV).

Dear Mary, the mother of our Lord. Can you imagine the faith it took, upon this angel visitation, and the impossible-sounding proclamation, to say that she was the handmaid (servant) of the Lord? There is no better "Christmas Gift" we can offer to Jesus than to proclaim that we are His surrendered servant! Pray for yourself amid this busy & blessed season. May the Lord grant you peace when things are hectic. May He open your heart to the wonder of the Christmas story like a wide-eyed child. May He help you surrender completely to His will and His Word. May He lead you in the ministries of these Holy moments!

Sing: "Tho' an infant now we view Him, He will share His Father's throne; Gather all the nations to Him; Every knee shall then bow down. Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ the newborn King."

### **Please pray for these congregations and pastors:**

- New Life congregation in Bridgewater, VA seeking pastoral leadership
- Newport congregation in Shenandoah, VA and pastor Duane Painter

### **CBC Prayer Committee**