

Sermon Notes:

# Righteous Harvest Christian Fellowship

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Sunday December 4, 2005

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# Righteous Harvest Christian Fellowship Worship Schedule

## December 2005

December 4	Sunday School Children & Youth Sunday Service <i>draw names today for Christmas Eve party!</i>	11:15am 12:00
December 7	Wednesday Prayer	7:00 pm
December 11	2nd Sunday Praise & Worship at Matt Talbot Sunday School Children & Youth Sunday Service ~ Communion	9:00 am 11:15 12:00
December 14	Wednesday Prayer, Carols & Communion <i>at the home of Sister Doris</i>	6:00 pm
December 15	3rd Thursday Praise!	7:00 pm
December 18	Sunday School Children & Youth Sunday Service	11:15am 12:00
December 21	Wednesday Prayer	7:00 pm
December 24	Christmas Eve fellowship & gift exchange	7 - 9 pm
December 25	Have a blessed Christmas ~ <i>no church service</i>	
December 28	No Wednesday prayer	
December 31	New Year's Eve fellowship	6 - 9 pm



Questions concerning RHCF, call Barb Lynn, church administrator, 206-229-0536.  
Prayer requests etc, call Ministry Pastor Cora Jackson, 206-779-1970.

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## Please Pray . . .

*for Shut-ins*

Marquia Brown  
Doris Burgess  
Roscoe Harmon  
LaVargo Thomas



LCPL Byron Rodgers,  
stationed on the front lines in  
Iraq, can be reached at  
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## Christmas Carols

*Just for fun - how many can you identify?*

1. Approach, everyone who is steadfast.
2. Ecstasy toward the orb.
3. Hush, the foretelling spirits harmonize
4. Hey, miniscule urban area southeast of Jerusalem
5. Quiescent nocturnal period
6. The slight percussion lad
7. The primary carol
8. Embellish the corridor
9. I'm fantasizing concerning a blanched yuletide
10. Seraphim we aurally detected in the atmosphere
11. A melodic composition reverberates through the ozone.
12. During the time ovine caretakers supervised their charges  
past the witching hour
13. The Carnivore Comrads
14. The thing manifest itself at the onset of a transparent day
15. The coniferous nativity
16. What offspring abides thus?
17. Removed in a bovine feeding trough
18. Creator cool it, you kooky cats
19. Oh tatterdemalion ebony atmosphere
20. Father Christmas approaches the metropolis

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So, we celebrate Christmas on December 25th, and hopefully many times throughout the year. We give gifts, not because we expect to receive the same, but because God gave the greatest gift . . . His Son, Jesus. We are givers also, as we emulate the Father.

So, dear saints, as we exchange gifts, trim the tree, decorate our houses, take pictures with Santa Claus, bake cookies and shop, shop, shop ~ don't forget to remind ourselves and teach our children that God loved us so much that He gave us His Son, the real reason for the day.

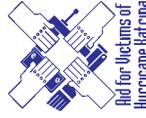
## Merry Christmas!

*Luke 2:11 For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

### Opportunities to Give



RHCF supports praise and worship at Matt Talbot. To give to support this ministry, anotate your offering "Matt Talbot".



RHCF continues to give to World Vision, giving aid to Hurricane Victims. Mark your offering "Hurricane".

Our church ministry still has many start-up expenses. If you would like to purchase any of the following items for the church, please contact Barb to avoid duplicate purchases.

- \* business cards & stationary
- \* tithe & offering envelopes
- \* combination cash box
- \* Sunday School prizes for children
- \* snacks for fellowship
- \* RHCF sign for the front door
- \* hand instruments
- \* church stamp
- \* Bibles (15 needed)
- \* lecturn for Pastor

*all tithes and offerings are tax deductible*

## Why do we celebrate Christmas on December 25th

*since we know that . . .*

- 1) Jesus was probably born in September in Bethlehem. Isreal seldom has temperatures lower than 45 degrees Farenheit, so "on a cold winter's night" does not apply.
  - 2) The star that the wise men followed actually appeared the night Christ was born. The wise men (Magi) were from Media and Persia. It took them about two years traveling west to reach the child Jesus, so they did not visit Jesus at the same time the shepherds did, since the shepherds saw Jesus on the night of His birth.
  - 3) A Roman bishop chose December 25th as a day to celebrate Jesus' birth in 354 A.D. Romans already celebrated this day as the "Feast of Saturn", the birthday of the sun. Christians say Jesus is the 'Light of the world', so Christian Romans were able to celebrate on the same day without offending other Romans.
  - 4) People in the United States equate Christmas with commercialism, gross over spending, Santa Claus, etc ~ anything and everything but Christ's day. Yet we at RHCF along with thousands of churches across the country and the world, choose to celebrate this day and season as a time to show unity of faith and teach our children the truth about our blessed Savior's birth.
- Romans 14:5 - 6a says, "One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord doth not regard it." And verse 10 in the same chapter admonishes us not to judge one another in this manner.