- King Herod: (Matt.2:2 "Where is the king of the Jews...?")
 - Herod's crisis:
 - * The Parthian threat
 - * Caesar is old; Herod is dying
 - * No military army present
 - These are "King Makers" (and they were looking for a king)
 - Sent to Bethlehem
 - * The star reappears; shine light over the "house"
 - $-% \left({{\rm{They}}} \right) = {{\rm{They}}} \left({{\rm{They}}} \right)$.
 - * Joy (vs.10)
 - * Worshipped (vs.11)
 - * Symbolic gifts (vs.11) Gald- far a king Frankincense- far gad (temple) Myrrh- far death (embalming)
 - Go home- another way
 - * Warned in a dream (vs.12)

III. Responses to the King

- 1. Some hate Him:
 - Herod the Great
 - Want to kill Him (get rid of...)

2. See Him as totally irrelevant:

- Religious leaders
- Strange... they claim to be believers; they claim to know the Scriptures...

Jn 1:11 *"He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him."* NKJV

 Jesus seemed inconsequential to them.

3. Joy and worship:

 Magi (Wise men still seek Him) Jn 1:12 "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God" NKJV





THIS WEEK

Today	10:30am	Worship Service
	6:00pm	Prayer Time
Monday	3:30pm	Children's Music Class*
	7:00pm	Christmas Choir Practice*
Tuesday	10:00am	Women of Faith*
	1:30 pm	Prayer
	5:30pm	Life 360*
Wednesday	3:30pm	Children's Music Class*
Thursday	10:00am	Stepping Stones*
	7:00 pm	Worship Practice
Friday	7:00pm	Youth Group*
Sunday	9:30am	Bible Discovery Hour (Adult &Youth)
	10:30 am	Worship Service

*Will end this week and start up in the New Year.

Parents Please Note:

Activity boxes are available for older children to use during the service.



<u>Christmas White Offering This Year: Bolivia Chagas Prevention</u> <u>Project , December 19th, 24th and 26th</u>

Through the Chagas project, families receive the treatment and protection they need to overcome the disease. Plastering adobe walls and pouring concrete floors in rural homes significantly decreases a family's risk of infection as their homes are made "vinchuca-proof." Chagas is a disease of the poor and continues to devastate families who live in adobe mud homes. Through the Chagas prevention project, CBM builds strong relationships with communities. This has created opportunities to further partner with families to develop agricultural initiatives that help support families both economically and with nutrition.

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