December 7, 2008 Pastor Tim Wood

Christ Came: He is God
John 1:1-3 & 14

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. V.14 – The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

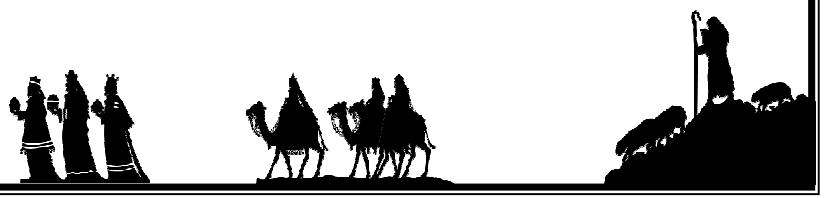
Four truths about Jesus Christ

1. He is the Word.

2. He has always existed.

3. He is God.

4. He became flesh.



Small Group & Personal Bible Study

During this Christmas Season we invite you to read together with us a weekly devotion from the free devotional, *Christmas, The Fathers Gift* by Billy Graham. (Pick up your devotional at the Welcome Center)

This Week's Devotion: "The Gift of Hope"
Christmas, The Father's Gift by Billy Graham (pages 5-16)

Memory Verse: John 1:14
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Daily Bible Ready:

- Day 1: The Gift of Hope Christmas (pages 5-16)
- Day 2: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
- Day 3: Luke 1:26-38
- Day 4: Isaiah 7:14
- Day 5: Matthew 1:18-25

Lesson:
Billy Graham says in his book that "the Hebrew prophets believed God had made the world but… they seem to be saying, 'I wish God would become personal.'" That really is the message of Christmas, that God became personal.

1. In Matthew 1:23. How does that message of "God with us" encourage you and draw you deeper into a personal love relationship with Jesus?

2. When you look into the stars, can you imagine the greatness of our God, our Creator? How incomprehensible is it for you to imagine the God of the Universe making His dwelling among man?

3. What did you read this week that encouraged you to celebrate Christmas in a much deeper and richer way?