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## *As I See It. . . By Brian Gregory*

It is almost Christmas time. How exciting for so many, especially the children. This past week at a preachers meeting I attended we sang a few hymns. One that caught my attention for some reason was "Joy To The World". How fitting when we think about this title and the general idea of Jesus coming to earth. Why did He come? To bring JOY.

- Joy knowing God's amazing plan and great love for all the world.
- Joy because of His desire to identify full with humanity.
- Joy because His coming was so spectacular angels sang about it and announced.
- Joy because God's eternal purposes would be fulfilled and made reality in Him.
- Joy because He would make salvation possible in the fullest sense.
- Joy because His coming was and is the greatest event in Human history (including His death and resurrection)
- Joy because God intervened in human history to make it known He had the answer to our greatest problem, sin.

What else could any of us say about the coming of Christ? How else could we sum it up other than JOY TO THE WORLD!

## *Known In The Heavenly Realms. . . By Joe Macer*

Ephesians 3:10 "His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, . . ."

The church had a lot of work to do from its very beginning. To this day its work continues on and will until the Lord returns. One of Jesus' final statements on earth directed his disciples to spread knowledge of him and his church throughout the world. To this day we still have a large part of our world that knows little if anything about Jesus. The church has work to do! This manifold wisdom (meaning various or multicolored) is to be displayed by the church to fallen men but who else is listening?

Amazingly as we study this passage it is about the wisdom and knowledge of God being made known in the heavenly realms. The spiritual world is much more of this planet earth than we realize or understand. We do learn from the book of I Corinthians that angels were watching the worship of the Corinthians. Angels rejoice when they see a sinner repent. We also learn from Peter in the first chapter of his first book that angels were longing to understand the plan and process of salvation that God had planned. The meaning of rulers and authorities often refers to the fallen angels. They want to know God's plan as well and perhaps see what they have lost out on. Surely they are amazed at God's mercy and forgiveness displayed through Jesus Christ. Let us all strive to get the message of God known not only to what we see but also to the unseen world.

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

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- Mike Andrews
- Charlotte Attkisson-NHC Hillview Rm. 221
- Gary Boyd - recovering from surgery
- Ann Brady
- Bernice Bratton
- Joy Brown & Fred Brown
- Rebecca Brown
- Bill Carroll - 2502 Shangrila Trail
- Ruth Childress
- Mary Chumbley
- Sarah Churchwell
- JoAnn Coleman - outpatient surgery 1/2/15
- Athaleen Cox
- Ila Goodman - NHC Columbia, Rm. 122-B
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- Maetta King - Poplar Estates 215
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- Elmer Lusk
- Libby Moss
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**WORSHIP LEADERS December 21, 2014**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M.**

Welcome.....Greg Lusk  
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick  
 Prayer.....Jerry Wilson  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tyler Brown  
 Serving:  
     Tommy Skelly                      Kyle Upchurch  
     Byran Farris                      Benny Bolton  
     Tim Raines                        John Massey  
     Cody Spires                       Daniel Thomas  
 Read: Luke 14:28-33.....Johnny Smith  
 Sermon: "Have You Counted the Cost?".....Joe Macer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Greg Lusk

**Sunday 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer  
 Prayer.....Boyd Wood  
 Read: Psalm 98.....Blair Keeling  
 Sermon: Joy To The World .....Brian Gregory  
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Tommy Hight  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Donnie Davis

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kim Fitzgerald in the death of her mother Frances, who passed away on Monday. Her funeral is Thursday at Williams Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m. Visitation is tonight. We will provide a meal for the family following burial here at South Gate at 12:30.

Ushers: DeWayne Hickman, Bobby Daniels, Jim Anderson  
 Greeters: Richard, Rhonda, Baylie Farris, Peggy Wilson  
 Audio/Visual: Alex Jones

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Corey Massey, Greg Lusk

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 Or go to our website and follow the "Unable to Serve" link and submit the information.**

**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Paula Gilliam & Rachel Farris  
 P.M.....Cindy Hickman, Jadonna Hight

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.**

Song Leader .....Sam Quirk  
 Prayer.....Barry Cross  
 Announcements/Speaker.....Joe Macer