

# Preaching Jesus Christ

Man's Hope of Eternal Life (*Titus 1:2*)

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## Shirley is with our Saviour!

As many have already learned, my wife of 48 years, 11 months and 2 days, went to be with our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, on the 2nd of November.

She battled cancer and endured three plus years of chemo with a peace in her heart and a joy in her soul, knowing that her sins were forgiven and her destiny was settled.

It was made so by following the simple admonition declared to us in the Word of God.

After having heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, she trusted Christ and was sealed with the holy Spirit of promise.

What about you? Have you trusted the Lord Jesus Christ?

**Shirley's funeral service is available to view online through [www.tbc.sc.org](http://www.tbc.sc.org)**

## Wishing you a Merry Christmas!

When the angel Gabriel came in unto Mary and said, *Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women*, she was troubled at his saying and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, *Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*

Then said Mary unto the angel, *How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?*

And the angel answered and said unto her, *The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God* (excerpts from Luke 1:28-35 KJV).

Isaiah not only declared that a virgin should conceive and bare a son (Isaiah 7:14); but he also reminded us that this great truth is something God has been openly saying from the beginning, *Come ye near unto me, hear ye this...* (Isaiah 48:16). The Seed of the woman! As the Lord prophesies to the serpent, *It shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel* (Genesis 3:15). [continue, p. 2]

**The Bible teaches the preservation of God's Word when we read Paul's declaration that he spake nothing other than the things which the prophets and Moses did say should come (Acts 26:22).**

**DECEMBER****Sunday, 2nd -**

Bible Baptist Church,  
Simpsonville, SC,  
evening service.

**Wednesday, 5th -**

Bible Baptist Church,  
Simpsonville, SC,  
prayer meeting.

**Sunday, 23rd -**

*Christmas Sunday*

**Sunday, 30th -**

Bible Baptist Church,  
Marietta, GA, both  
services.

**Down Memory Lane**

When I was pastor of Third Street Baptist Church in Cordele, GA, Shirley met with the Senior Ladies weekly. She called them her "Joy Belles." At the close of the Daily Bible Reading Schedule for the year, they would meet for breakfast and read the last day's portion together.

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**Wishing you a Merry Christmas!** (continued)

God has been declaring a Saviour, which is Christ, the Lord! Look at the words Isaiah recorded: *All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things ? The Lord hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous* (Isaiah 48:14-15).

God the Father declared of his only begotten Son that Jesus *would make his way prosperous*. Christ himself declares, *Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord God, and his Spirit, hath sent me. Thus saith the Lord, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go* (Isaiah 48:16-17).

The Saviour, the Holy One of Israel, in turn, will teach us to profit. What is this prosperity? It is not money, nor possessions. It is not health, or fame and influence.

The first time the word *prosper* is used in Scripture is by Abraham. He is assuring his servant that the Lord would *prosper* his way as he seeks a bride for Isaac (Genesis 24:40). The second use is by Abraham's servant when he asks the Lord God to *prosper* his way as he seeks Isaac's bride (Genesis 24:442).

The Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture and rose again the third day (Luke 24:46). He made his way to prosper: the seeking of that which was lost! Jesus Christ will, in turn, teach us to prosper in reaching souls for Christ as his Spirit seeks to establish the churches in the faith and to increase their number daily (Acts 16:5). Faith in Christ is eternal prosperity!

Write to me...

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