

Think About These Things

Philippians 4:8-9

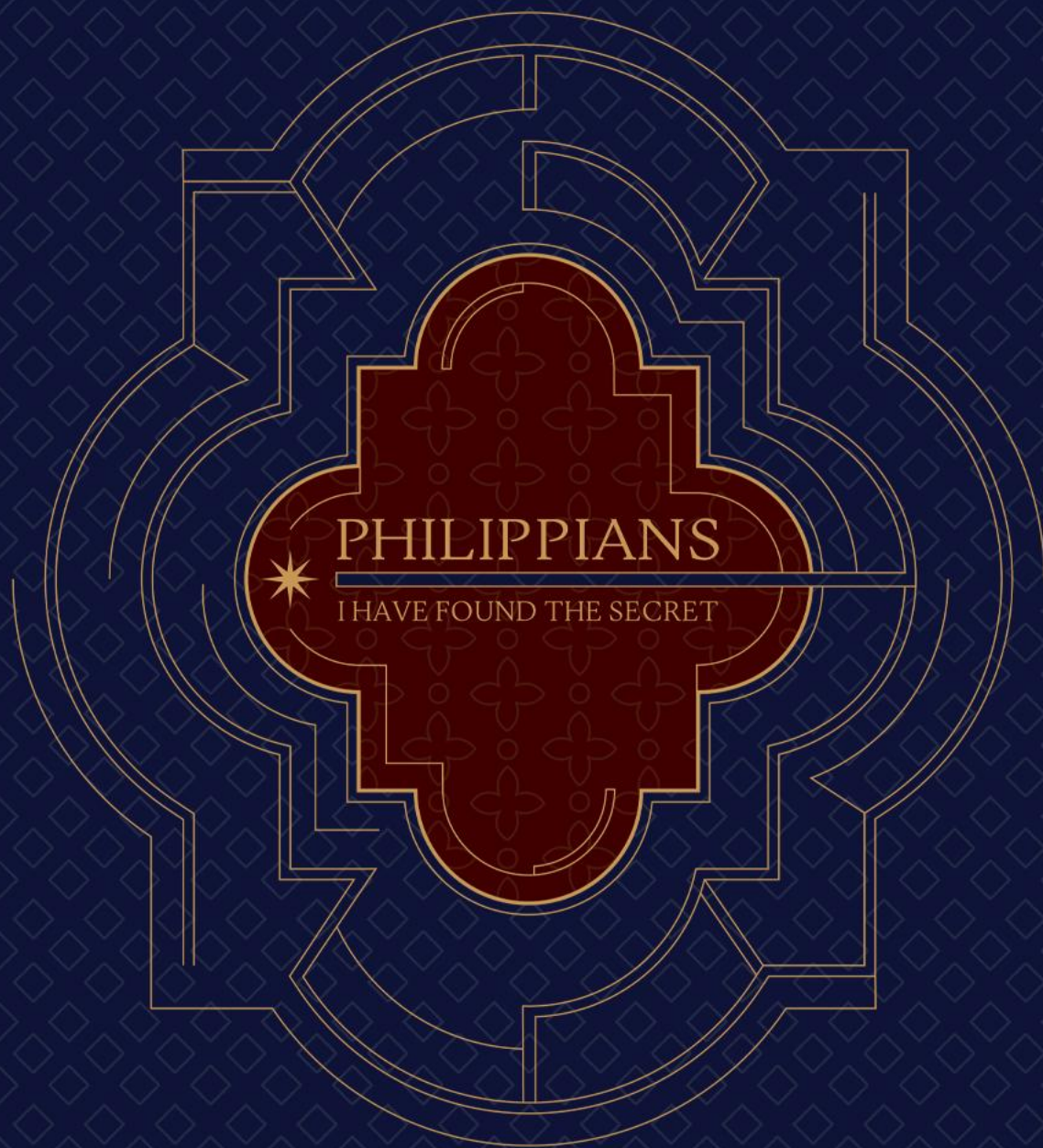
Christmas Eve (Dec 24)

- 3pm Hot drinks, treats, Christmas cheer in Lobby
- 4pm Candlelight Service
 - with baptisms!
- Treats, hot drinks, photo booth afterward
- Yes livestream, but no kids ministry

December 28

- Typical 9:30am Sunday start
- Scripture reading of Philippians
- Meditation, prayer, discussion
- No livestream, but yes kids ministry





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Luke 2:16–19

And [the shepherds] went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child.



Luke 2:16–19

And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.





Mary's Pondering Included

Good news
message to
Joseph

Good news
message to
Mary

Good news
message to
Shepherds



Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.



Philippians 4:9

What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.



Let's practice Paul's instruction to 'think about these things', by joining Mary at the manger in her pondering about the good news announced regarding the baby Jesus.



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Read
Matthew 1:18–25
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1. Good news message to Joseph



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...the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)



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Just



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Honorable



1. Good news message to Joseph

Lovely



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Read
Luke 1:26–38
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2. Good news message to Mary



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Seed of the Woman (Genesis 3:15)



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Son of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16)



2. Good news message to Mary

Pure



2. Good news message to Mary

Commendable



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Read
Luke 2:8–15
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3. Good news message to Shepherds



3. Good news message to Shepherds

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days. (Micah 5:2)



3. Good news message to Shepherds

True



3. Good news message to Shepherds

Excellence



3. Good news message to Shepherds

Worthy of Praise



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Immanuel God of Peace With Us



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Ponder upon:

‘Immanuel, God of Peace, with us’

How does this quell your fears and anxieties?



