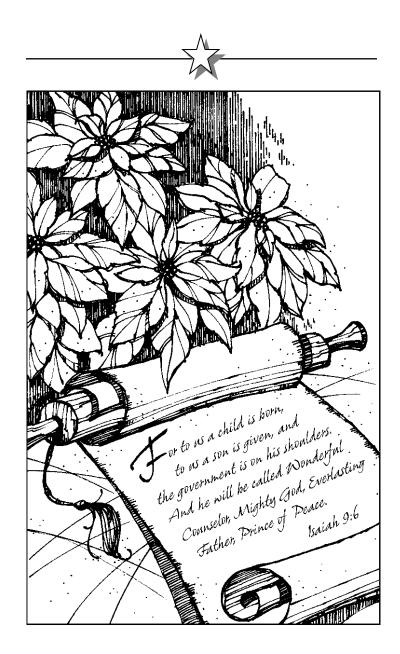
## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sabbath	December 20
8:30 AM	Prayer Time - Library
9:30 AM	Sabbath School Lesson Study
10:20 AM	Song Service
	Worship: Christmas Program
	Christmas Potluck Dinner ~ Fireside Room
	Sabbath ends
Wednesday	December 24
	Prayer Meeting
	December 25
·	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Friday	December 26
4:56 PM.	Sabbath begins
Sabbath	December 27
8:30 AM	Prayer Time - Library
9:30 AM	Sabbath School Classes
10:20 AM	Song Service
	Offering: Church Budget
	Family Time: InStep for Life Presentation
	Sabbath ends
2009	January 1-10: GROW 2009
	January 3: Communion
	January 5: Winter quarter begins
	January 10: Thunderbird Pathfinder Fundraiser
	January 11: Shine Out of Darkness Rally, Fresno
	January 12: Men's Group Commences
	January 15: Depression Recovery Info Meeting

As YEAR END APPROACHES, we want to thank you for your faithful giving throughout the year. And just a reminder, any contributions that you wish to be included in your 2008 donation receipt, must be postmarked by **December 31.** Please remember the Church Family Budget. We would like to end the year without a deficit. Again, thank you for your continued and faithful support.



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Memory Text: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV

**GES AGO,** seekers set out on a long and uncertain journey in search of the promised Messiah. Their quest was gloriously rewarded, thanks to that guiding star. We welcome you to the St. Helena Seventh-day Adventist Church. Whatever led you here today, we believe that God rejoices in having you in this place. We pray that your search for God may be rewarded beyond your expectations. If you are looking for a new church home, or if you have a prayer request or praise, please feel welcome to complete one of the information cards located on the pew in front of you, then place them in one of the offering boxes located at the exits. Visitors, you came as guests; we hope you will leave as friends.

Today, you have the special opportunity to give to the Good Samaritan Fund. The red envelope in your bulletin is for this gift. Referring to Christmas and giving, Ellen White wrote, "Self-denial and self-sacrifice marked His course of action. Let it mark ours who profess to love Jesus, because in Him is centered our hope of eternal life."

~ The Adventist Home, p. 478

**SPECIAL THANKS TO:** Jolie 'Trogdon and her family today for writing and coordinating our Christmas program, Melanie Ward and Patty Gray for the beautiful Christmas décor, Jessica Marshall and her wonderful team for coordinating yet another fine Fellowship Dinner, all participants in today's program  $\sim$  from sound and setting to performance and thought.

**FELLOWSHIP DINNER** will follow the church service today. We invite you to join us for a delicious vegetarian meal and afternoon fellowship in the Fireside Room.



## 2008 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Pastor Dan Freedman ~ Announcements, welcome and closing prayer. David Shantz ~ Story Teller Carmen, Christine, and Caitlin Shantz ~ David's family Dan Oliver ~ Leader of the carolers Cradle Roll - Youth Sabbath School Children ~ Carolers All Sabbath school children (Cradle Roll through Youth) ~ Carolers

Women's Chorus:

Michelle Doellerer 🌣 Liz Felter Patrice Hancock 🌣 AiméeOliver Debra Taylor 🌣 Carmen Thomas Jolie' Trogdon

Aimée Oliver ~ Solo (accompanied by Dan, Benji and Timothy Oliver) A'mmar & René Sfeir (with George & Luke) ~ Joseph, Mary & Baby Jesus

Shepherds:

Matthew Thomas Adam Ricci Timothy Oliver Chris Doellerer Chelsea Jardine ~ Angel of the Lord Angel Host ~ Children from Sabbath Schools Children's Sabbath School Classes ~ O Come Little Children Simeon ~ Paul Kemper Anna ~ Betty Brand Aimée Oliver and Sierra Trogdon ~ Duet Dan Oliver with Ron, Tammy & Elijah Cameron Priest ~ Baby Dedication Wise men: **Benjamin** Oliver Beau Story Logan Trogdon Men's Chorus: Patrick Benner & Michael Bramham Mory Chavez 🌣 Kyle Eckhart 🌣 Dan Oliver James Oliver 🌣 Loren Perry 🌣 Aaron Ricci 🌣 Nathan Thomas 🌣 David Trogdon Technology Leader ~ Bob Hancock Platform Directors ~ Melanie and Jenny

Writer / Coordinator ~ Jolie' Trogdon Organist ~ Audra Tucker Pianist ~ Judit Rüfenacht

#### Silent Night Congregation

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Silent night, holy night! Wondrous star, lend thy light; With the angels let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia to our King Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born.

**Postlude:** Silent Night



Please join us for Fellowship Dinner in the Fireside Room

# 2008 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Announcements and Welcome Pastor Dan Freedman

*Family Gathering* David and Carmen Shantz with their daughters Caitlin and Christine

Joy to the World Congregation please remain seated and join the carolers in singing

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let Earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare Him room, and heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the Earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, and wonders of His love.



Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

> Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

> > O Come, O Come, Immanuel Women's Chorus



#### Matthew 1:18 – 25 & Luke 2:1-5

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly. But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people form their sins."

Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call his name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."

And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took her as his wife, and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

Now it came about in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all were proceeding to register for the census, everyone to his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register, along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

Angel's Lullaby Aimée Oliver

Luke 2: 6-7 And it came about that while they were there, the days were completed for her to give girth. And she gave birth to her first-born Son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

#### What Child is This? Women's Chorus

Luke 2:8 And in the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields, and keeping watch over their flock by night.

*We Three Kings Men's Chorus with Men of congregation joining on the chorus* 

> O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.



Special Offering for the Good Samaritan Fund Dan Oliver

O Come All Ye Faithful Congregation O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

Chorus

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, O sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

**Repeat Chorus** 

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to Thee be all glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

**Repeat Chorus** 

**Benediction** Pastor Dan Freedman

Stable Prayer Women's Chorus And there was a prophetess, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with a husband seven years after her marriage, and then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. And she never left the temple, serving night and day with fasting and prayers.

And at that very moment she came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Him to all those who were looking for redemption of Jerusalem.

> *Mary Did you Know?* Aimée Oliver and Sierra Trogdon

Dedication of Elijah Cameron Priest Son of Ron and Tammy Priest Dan Oliver

Matthew 2: 1 - 12 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east, and have come to worship Him."

And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire of them where the Christ was to be born.

And they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet, 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the leader of Judah; For out of you shall come forth a ruler, who will shepherd My people Israel.""

Then Herod secretly called the magi, and ascertained from them the time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, "Go and make careful search for the Child; and when you have found Him, report to me, that I too may come and worship Him."

And having heard the king, they went their way; and lo, the star, which they had seen in the east, went on before them, until it came and stood over where the Child was. And when they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.

And they came into the house and saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell down and worshiped Him; and opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

#### *The First Noel Congregation*

The First Noel, the Angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

> They looked up and saw a star Shining in the East beyond them far And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

Luke 2:9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear Congregation

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good will to men From heavens all gracious King!" The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.



Luke 2: 10 – 12 And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths, and lying in a manger."

### Away in a Manger

Congregation

Away in a manger, no crib for His bed The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head The stars in the bright sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Women Only:

The cattle are lowing the poor Baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

#### Congregation:

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Luke 2: 13 – 14 And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men with whom he is pleased."

#### Angels We Have Heard on High Congregation

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing over the plains And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. Glo-ri-a In excelsis de-o Glo-ri-a In excelsis de-o

Shepherds, why this Jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song? Glo-ri-a In excelsis de-o Glo-ri-a



Luke 2: 15 - 16 And it came about when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." And they came in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger.

## **O Come Little Children** Cradle Roll, Kindergarten, Primary, Juniors



Luke 2: 17 - 19 And when they had seen this, they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart.



Luke 2: 22 – 32 And when the days for their purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord... and to offer a sacrifice according to what was said in the Law of the Lord... And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ.

And he came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for Him the custom of the Law, then he took Him into his arms, and blessed God, and said, "Now Lord, Thou dost let Thy bond-servant depart in peace, according to Thy word; For my eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared in the presence of all peoples, A light of Revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel."

> Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus Women's Chorus

Luke 2: 33 – And His father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this Child is appointed for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and for a sign to be opposed – and a sword will pierce even your own soul – to the end that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed."