

Welcome to:

**Downeast Baptist Church**  
**Christmas Day 2011**



To our guests:

We welcome you to Downeast Baptist Church as our valued guest! Our prayer is for the services here to always honor and exalt the Lord Jesus Christ and be a blessing to all in attendance. If today is your first time with us, we'd love to have a record of your visit so that we can get to know you better. Please place the filled out guest card in the offering plate or give it to an usher. Thank you for joining us here today and we hope to see you again soon!

Today's Schedule:

**Sunday Morning Worship — 11:00 AM**

- Prelude
- Hymn #93 .....*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*
- Opening Prayer .....Mark Verburgt
- Welcome of Guests
- Hymn #89 .....*Angels We Have Heard on High*
- Announcements
- Worship in Tithes and Offerings
- Hymn #92 .....*O Little Town of Bethlehem*
- Message:

**The Announcement of Christ's Miraculous Birth**

**Luke 1:26-36**

Pastor Peter Laitres

- Invitational Hymn #204 .....*Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*



About the Invitation:

The final hymn is called an invitational hymn. During this time, it is appropriate to respond to the message and show how the Lord has been working in your life as the Holy Spirit leads. Some common responses to the invitation are for the following:

- ❖ To publicly confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour if you have received Him and have not done so before.
- ❖ To receive Jesus Christ as Saviour, or to receive biblical counsel concerning the assurance of salvation.
- ❖ To present yourself for baptism If you've already received Christ as Saviour and have not been baptized as a believer in Him.
- ❖ To pray by yourself or to seek counsel from another Christian, men praying with men, and women with women.
- ❖ To present yourself as for membership in Downeast Baptist Church. This will start the process of being a member.

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." — Isaiah 9:6*

This Week:

**Wednesday, December 28<sup>TH</sup>**

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study.....6:30 PM

**Saturday, December 31<sup>ST</sup>**

New Year's Eve Fellowship.....5:00 PM

**Sunday, January 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2012**

Pre-Service Prayer.....9:15 AM

Sunday School for All Ages.....9:45 AM

Morning Worship Service.....11:00 AM

Evening Service.....6:00 PM

Weekly Report:

	Budget	Actual	Attendance		
General Fund	\$ 1,256.20	\$ 937.00	SS		23
Faith Promise Missions	\$ 149.23	\$ 125.00	AM		39
Building Fund/Debt Retirement		\$ 40.00	PM		12
			Wed.		13

Announcements:

- ☪ Don't forget to check the Christmas Card mailbox for your cards!
- ☪ The annual New Year's Eve Fellowship is Saturday afternoon at 5:00. Becky has the list of food to bring!
- ☪ On Saturday, January 7<sup>TH</sup> there is an installation service for Pastor Rob Green at Bible Baptist Church of Wiscasset. It begins at 1:00 that afternoon. If you'd like to go but are unsure about transportation, please see pastor and we'll work things out.
- ☪ **Thank you to all who made the caroling a blessing! The residents and workers were so receptive and thankful!**
- ☪ If we don't have your birthday, anniversary and other information, please fill out an information sheet and give it to pastor or place it in the offering plate so we have a record of these important dates!
- ☪ **Year of the Bible! BIBLE READING** To be on course to read through the whole Bible this year you should be through the book of Third John today. **One more week to go!**

**Current Series at Downeast Baptist Church:**

**Sunday Mornings:** Second Corinthians: Diligent Disciples in Difficult Days. A verse-by-verse look at Paul's second letter to the church at Corinth.

**Sunday Evenings:** Firm Foundations: From Creation to Christ. Chronological teaching through the Bible, showing God's plan of redemption.

**Wednesday Evenings:** Probing Through Proverbs. An in depth look at the wisdom of God and how to apply it to your life. This series will be ending in a few weeks.

### *Upcoming Events*

**January 1** - New Year's Day - All regularly scheduled services to start the new year of 2012 off right!

**January 5** - Monthly Deacons Meeting

**January 7** - Installation Service for Pastor Rob Green at 1:00 PM at Bible Baptist Church of Wiscasset, ME.

**January 8** - Communion Sunday, Evening Service

**January 18** - Annual Business Meeting

**January 27** - Anniversary of First Service in DBC Building

**February 2** - Monthly Deacons Meeting

**February 14** - 1 John 4:19 Valentine's Banquet. Special Guests: Pastor Larry & Mrs. Becky Hodgkins.

**March 18** - Missionaries to Japan Preston and Abi Smith.

**April 30-May 2** - DBC Anniversary Bible Conference with Evangelist Lin Croxton



“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.” -- Galatians 4:4-5

### **CHRISTMAS IS COSTLY!**

- \* It cost Mary and Joseph the comforts of home during a long period of exile in Egypt to protect the little Babe.
- \* It cost mothers in and around Bethlehem the massacre of their babies by the cruel order of Herod.
- \* It cost the shepherds the complacency of their shepherds' life, with the call to the manger and to tell the good news.
- \* It cost the wise men a long journey and expensive gifts and changed lives.
- \* It cost the early apostles and the early church persecution and sometimes death.
- \* It cost missionaries of Christ untold suffering and privation to spread the good news.
- \* It cost Christian martyrs in all ages their lives for Christ's sake.
- \* More than all this, it cost God the Father His own Son—He sent Him to the earth to save men.
- \* It cost Jesus a life of sacrifice and service, a death cruel and unmatched in history.

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