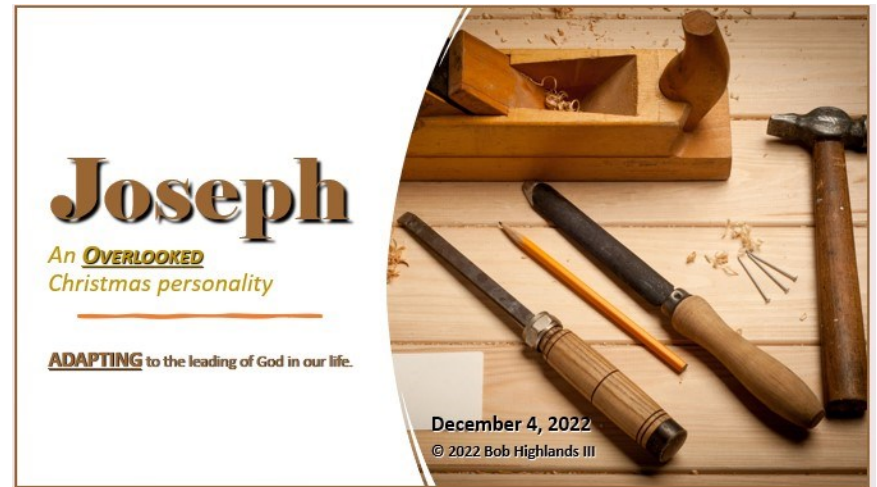




**Annual
Business
Meeting
Following
Morning Service
December 11th**



**Christmas Sweater
Sunday
December 18th**



Luke 1.18-25

Joseph, what we know about him.

- ◆ Joseph was the _____ of Jesus (not biological).
- ◆ Joseph was a descendant of King David.
- ◆ Joseph was a _____ .
- ◆ Joseph was engaged to marry Mary (The contract or covenant was in full effect).
- ◆ Joseph became aware of Mary being _____ .
- ◆ Joseph had no intention of letting harm come to Mary. (He _____ to divorce her privately.)
- ◆ Joseph was informed in a dream of God's plan.
- ◆ Joseph is _____ to the law Mt. 1.19
- ◆ Joseph obeyed the angel's directions Mt. 1.24-25
- ◆ Joseph took the family to _____ as commanded. Mt. 2.14-15
- ◆ Joseph moved to back to Israel as instructed and lived in _____ with his family. Mt. 2.19
- ◆ Joseph took his _____ to the feast of Passover every year. Lk. 2.41 (at 12 yrs. Jesus got lost for 3 days)
- ◆ Jesus is referred to as the _____ of Joseph the Carpenter. Mk. 3.31; Jn. 2.1; Jn. 19.25

- ♦ Joseph _____ before Jesus' ministry. This is why Jesus ask John to care for His mother Mary. Jn. 19.26-27
- ♦ Joseph never speaks in the scriptures.
- ♦ Joseph was a humble man.
- ♦ Joseph faithfully _____ the angel's instructions.
- ♦ Joseph is a deeply religious man who worked hard while seeking to _____ his God.

Joseph, Plans Change...

- ♦ Like Zechariah, Joseph is about to be _____ by God's working beyond what he can see.
- ♦ Like Mary, Joseph's life is about to be _____ by God.
- ♦ Joseph is about to learn to _____ his life to God's plans.
- ♦ NOW, Joseph has _____ to get married and live happily ever after.
- ♦ Then Joseph finds out Mary is _____ . (pregnant) and everything changes forever.

Joseph, Plans Change, life happens...

- ♦ Joseph has plans to spend the rest of his life with Mary living happily ever after.
- ♦ Joseph is listed as " _____ ." The contract is signed, and they are just waiting for the 12 months to be up.
- ♦ Joseph is a _____ man.
- ♦ Joseph wants to keep Mary from _____ .
- ♦ Joseph plans to _____ Mary _____ .

Joseph, adapting to life...

- ♦ Joseph is instructed by an angel to complete the marriage contract and take Mary home "as his _____ ."
- ♦ Jesus is conceived by the _____ . Joseph has to take this as an act of faith that will change the path of his life in dramatic ways.

- ♦ This child: (Faith Hebrews 11.1 not seen in the future.) Joseph will have to... _____ .
- ♦ Will be a _____ .
- ♦ You will name him _____ .
- ♦ He will _____ his people from their sins.

Joseph, part of something bigger

- ♦ Isaiah 7.14 sets the stage for Joseph having to _____ his life to God's plans.
- ♦ Isaiah wrote this _____ between 740 BC and 686 BC.
- ♦ God is _____ on Joseph. Whether Joseph understands or not does not matter. What matters is that Joseph does his part.
- ♦ Joseph has married a _____ that fulfills an 8th century BC prophecy. All Joseph must do is _____ and follow _____ .

Joseph, adapted to God's plans

- ♦ When Joseph woke up having been _____ . His life had just been _____ and now he will have to _____ to all that is about to happen.
- ♦ Joseph did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him. " He took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name _____ ."

Christmas, light in the darkness

- ♦ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. John 1.5*
- ♦ This year Let God _____ you like he did Zechariah.
- ♦ This year let God _____ your life with His message of hope and joy.
- ♦ This year God is calling on you to _____ to the future He has chosen for you.
- ♦ Jeremiah 28:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to _____ you and not to harm you, plans to give you _____ and a _____ .