

Everyday Can Be Christmas

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Christmas is the celebration of the birth of our lord and savior, Jesus Christ. It affords an opportunity to appreciate what God did for humanity in John 1:14 **when the Word became human and made his home among us.** Prior to this advent, great fear always gripped people whenever celestial beings or the supernatural happen on earth. This explains why the angels of the Lord would always tell those they appeared to in the bible not to be afraid.

The significance of Christmas is in Immanuel, interpreted in Isaiah 7:14 (NLT), to mean: **'God is with us'**. This literally played out while Jesus was on earth when as a boy, He was found **in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.** These older people were offspring of the same Israelite who could not behold Moses in the wilderness because the skin of his face shone whenever he emerges from meeting with God (Exodus 34:35). If a mortal can be so awed by the reason of spending time with God, God be praised for Christmas which has availed everyone an opportunity to be with God!

The Almighty was with the people through Jesus and this same Jesus is around even now. It is to stress the point that God has now come to be with the people that the angel announced the birth of Jesus to shepherds after which they headed to where baby Jesus was. It is equally to prove God as being with

the people that the element (Star) drew and led Magi from the East to Jesus' crib as narrated in Matthew 2:1-12. As it were, from Jesus' birth to His crucifixion, God was with the people. And His being with us is guaranteed to be forever for Matthew 28:20 tells us that: **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**

This great gift from God is traceable to when the Word came to dwell among men, the commemoration of which is the Christmas we now celebrate. To really have a worthwhile Christmas, you must however understand the mission of the celebrator (Jesus) who stated his mission in John 10:10b AMP thus: **I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].**

Jesus came so that you can have and enjoy life (Zoe). His coming is to avail us the supernatural and indestructible life - God's kind of life. **It goes without saying that if you have this life that was promised by Jesus in John 10:10, every day will be Christmas (celebration) for you.** John 5:26 asserts that: **For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself.**

Eternal life, which is the goal of every believer, is in Jesus who is with us any day, any time. When we truly believe in Him, we get to lead the winning life where everything works out for our good. John 5:11-12 says **that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath**

life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

To enjoy the life of God, you must accept Jesus as your lord and saviour. After doing this bit, you can start enjoying the presence of Jesus wherever you go and have God's kind of life which is immune to sickness and diseases. As 2 Peter 1:4 puts it: **Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

Beloved, it is true that God's divine nature has made us escape the corruption (sicknesses, virus, shame, reproach) that are in this world. The celebration of this nature of God which we have in Jesus is the essence of Christmas. His birth brought us the life of God and completed us in Him (Col 2:10) such that He is always with us. Every day is indeed Christmas for persons who have been made complete in Christ because they will always have something to celebrate. Please, accept this divine life so that you too can be made complete and enjoy every day as Christmas.

Have a Merry Christmas!

Joseph Aberowa

Prophecies for the Week

You will end this year in joy, celebration and testimonies
Get ready for mouth-watering gifts this December.
2020 will deliver to you the remaining blessings in it.
You will not be stranded, favour will follow you wherever you go.

Counseling/Prayer Lines

For pastoral counseling and prayers, please call:
07068672655, 08033750542.

ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

DATE	Bible Texts	DATE	Bible Texts
Dec 27	Luke 14:25-35, 15:1-10 & Judges 19-21	Dec 31	Luke 17:20- 18:1-14 & 1 Samuel 8-10
Dec 28	Luke 15:11-32 & Ruth 1-4	Jan 1	Luke 18:15-43 & 1 Samuel 11-13
Dec 29	Luke 16 & 1 Samuel 1-2	Jan 2	Luke 19:1-27 & 1 Samuel 14-15
Dec 30	Luke 17:1-19 & 1 Samuel 3-7		

GOOD REPORT

I had been battling with a health challenge over the years. It had always been there but by divine intervention which I attracted during one of the programmes at Highland Church and through medical arrangement, I received permanent victory over this health condition which I had been managing. Secondly, I want to thank God for the year 2020, Last December, Pastor Joseph told us that this year was the foundational year for the mighty things God will be working out in our lives the next 10 years and that everything we do this will determine how the decade will be. I ran with this Word of prophesy and I can testify that this year has been my best year. God has shown great favour and has taken me to heights which only Him could have enabled me to get to. To Him, be all the praise in Jesus name.

Bro Oyebola Oyediran.

Tell of the Goodness of the Lord upon your life and situation by sending a mail to testimonies@highlandchurch.com.ng

IWD: HIGHLAND CHURCH GOES ALL OUT IN TOUCHING Lives



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It will take a long while for Saturday, 19th December, 2020, to be erased from the minds of residents of Fadeyi and neighbouring areas in Lagos owing to the welfare and provisions which were handed to them by Highland Church so they can have a lovely festive season. Having resolved that nobody must go hungry this Christmas, the Church used the International Welfare Day, IWD, to distribute packages of food items to over 1000 thousand persons. Bags of rice, semovita, bottles of groundnut oil and cartons of noodles were among items freely given to all who came around. There were also clothing items, shoes, bags and blender were also distributed by the church. To complement the food items they got, over 400 widows also received cash with which to buy chicken or turkey and the needy condiments that would afford them sumptuous meals this season. The widows, who were all radiant in the beautiful Ankara dress made for them by the Church, all left with smiling faces as they effusively thanked God for using Highland Church to meet them at their point of need. Other needy persons, who were also touched exuded palpable joy grateful for the Christmas hamper and other gifts they received from the Church. These persons were all touched in a dignified manner as they all walked on the red carpet as they were celebrated. The beneficiary were orderly as the Church made all arrangement to ensure they are comfortable. While these were going, there was a stand in the Church premises where a medical team attended to persons who have health needs. Highland Church did not stop at all these good gestures but went ahead to pay the rent for widows accommodation in the Church's host community of Fadeyi, Lagos. The Church's preparation for this year's IWD was such that all who came around got provisions and there were left overs as had played out in Matthew 14:20. Isn't God wonderful?

Highlanders Move God in an Extraordinary Way

Not even the usually chilled and air-conditioned auditorium of Highland Church could stop the profuse perspiration of worshippers who congregated for the Annual Thanksgiving Service of Highland Church this past Sunday. The heat which defied the giant split unit air conditioners as every single worshipper loosed themselves in praises and dance to God. The thanksgiving aggravated several notches higher during the Second Service when chairs were tucked away so that members can have a free reign to dance and praise God. The result of this was a carnival of some sort with all manner of dance moves on display. The worshippers got so ecstatic that they sang along with the choir whose musicians proficiently proved that they came highly prepared to get highlanders dancing. Before the thanksgiving proper, worshippers' gorgeous dressing so pleased the Senior Pastor, Joseph Aborowa, that he interrupted the service for members to take selfie just before praises commenced. This turned out to be timely because those who planned to snap after the service may have been discouraged from doing so owing to the sweat they generated while dancing to the Lord. Pastor Joseph had used few minutes to lead members in appreciation of the



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Almighty God who has done so much for us. He disclosed that the thanksgiving was for what God has done in the year 2020 and for the Word of God that has prevailed over the lives of members. There was a baby dedication, testimonies and shouts of joy with the children not left out of outstanding thanksgiving. Since praises move God, it is certain that what transpired at the Highland Auditorium on Sunday, December 20, 2020 moved God a great deal. In the light of the foregoing, participants got convinced that any planned activity of Highland Church always turns out way beyond the hype and it can only be God.

Highland Christmas Carol Finally Here

The Highland Christmas Carol is going to be glorious and world class. This is going by the extent of the preparations being made by the choir. Your bit is to ensure you come early and be treated to riveting performances and other pleasant surprises in the course of the carol. It starts by 5pm on Thursday December 24, 2020. The dress code remains all while attire with a red hat. The venue is at the Highland Auditorium, No. 22 Oweh Street, Jibowu Lagos.

Days of Grace You Mustn't Miss!!!

The quarterly Days of Grace starts this Sunday, December 27, 2020, and it is going to be five days of fire. God is preparing us for the year ahead. You may have been thinking about the present but God is putting things in place for your future. God has been speaking to the Set Man of the Commission that he

has so much in store for us. This is why there is the Days of God through which we make ourselves available to receive the marvelous things God is already preparing for us in the year 2021. For it is when you've received in the spiritual realm that it manifests in the physical. The DoG is five days of Grace, ensure you come and take a Word for your future. The grace you need for 2021 will be yours for the taking if only make yourself available for this programme. It commences with one service slated for 9am this Sunday, and shall run through till Thursday, December 31, 2020. The time for the Monday to Wednesday meeting is 5:30pm. You are required to come waiting upon the Lord for the five days.

Authoritative Watch-Night Service!

The forthcoming watch-night service of Highland Church cannot be traded for anything. Aside it being the culmination of the Days of Grace, it's a special time in the Lord's presence and we shall have an opportunity to light our path into 2021. Giving that it will be a Candle Light Service, you are enjoined to come along with a candle stick. The Word of God has gone out which is that the authority to Command 2021 shall be bestowed on worshippers that night. What a rare privilege. The time is 9pm. Come and use this night to lay the foundation for the year 2021. This is a time to work it out yourself. Don't be among those who will go soliciting for prayers.

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Children Christmas Party is This Saturday

Face Painting, Bouncing Castle; Car Racing; Games; Gift Packs; Food & Drinks are some of the jollies awaiting your children and wards this Christmas. It's all happening at the Highland Children Party come December 26th, 2020.

Venue: Highland Church, 22 Oweh Street, Jibowu, Yaba, Lagos.

Time: 11am till whenever the kids have their fill.

The fun-filled party is for Children between the ages of 1 to 11 years. You can call Ekundayo on 08055638042 and Abisola on 08183453123 to get more information. Highland Children Party is one sure way of making your Children's Christmas memorable, don't deny them the fun.

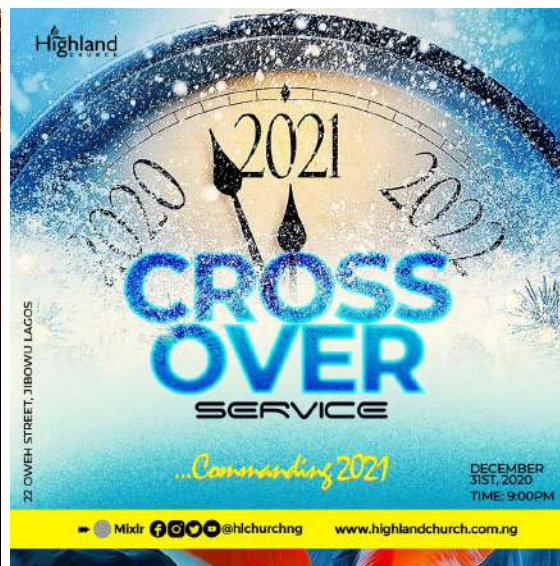
Don't Park along the Road, Kindly Use the Car Park

The leadership of Highland Church does not want members parking their cars along the road aside the frontage of the church building which are already reserved. This is why arrangements have been made for Highlanders to park their

cars at the Mainland Secondary School at Onayade Street, Fadeyi, which is just a minute walk from the Church building when you follow the linking route which the security guards can show you. As a responsible organization, we do not want to inconvenience our neighbours neither do we want a situation where your car or items in your car are burgled. You can also park in the school during our weekly activities in the evenings or Saturdays.

We Are Social

If you are interested in being updated with happenings in Highland Church, kindly subscribe to our YouTube channel or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Mixlr using our social media handle; hlchurchng. These platforms as well as highlandchurch.com.ng have videos of teachings by the Senior Pastor, Joseph Aborowa, and his messages. You will also get to be treated to the sights of Highland Church services on our pages.



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