

Thank you

Thank you for joining us this year for the Live Nativity. If you do not have a church home, we pray that you would consider joining us at East Fork.

We currently offer 2 services on Sunday mornings and more information can be found at www.eastforkbaptist.org.

Drive Thru Live Nativity

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2020



We are:

Growing in faith through discipleship
Serving as the Bible commands
Loving like Christ

Guidebook



Welcome

Welcome to the Drive Thru Live Nativity at East Fork Baptist. We are excited to share the Christmas Story as well as the life of Christ with you this year. 2020 has proven to be a tough year for each of us, but we wanted to be able to share the story of Christ's birth and life with you in a special way. We hope you enjoy the Live Nativity this year.

As you drive through the parking lot, you will have the opportunity to stop at 4 scenes in the Christmas Story and life of Christ. Each scene will be narrated for you in one of 3 ways. You can read the narration in this booklet, you may listen to the narration on the CD provided, or you may use the QR code on the front of this booklet to access the digital version of the narration.

As the music begins at the end of each narration, please pull forward, as you can to a mid-point between scenes to allow the cars behind you to continue through.

The Romans Road to Salvation

✝ We are all sinners by nature and by choice.
Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

✝ We receive eternal life as a free gift.
Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

✝ God demonstrated His love for us, His enemies.
Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

✝ We must trust and surrender to Jesus as Lord.
Romans 10:9-10

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified; and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

A sinner's prayer for God's forgiveness

"Dear God, I know I'm a sinner. I know my sin deserves to be punished. I believe Christ is the Son of God, who died for me and rose from the grave. I want to turn from my sin and trust Jesus Christ alone as my Savior. Thank You for the forgiveness and everlasting life I can now have through faith in Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen."

✝ Our assurance of salvation through Jesus
Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Scene 1: Shepherds

A long time ago (actually over 2000 years ago) there were shepherds in the fields that were keeping watch over their sheep. It was fairly late into the night and darkness had settled in several hours ago. It was a quiet night for the sheep and the shepherds. No lions or bears were to be found coming around to bother them. No wolves or other creatures either. Yes, it was a peaceful night!

The shepherds were even starting to nod off a little bit when suddenly there appeared before them an Angel of the Lord! There was a great light that shone around the Angel. It was the Glory of the Lord! The shepherds were very afraid and did not understand what was going on. *Who was this and what was this bright light?* The angel told them. *"Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."* The angel also told the shepherds they would be able to find this amazing baby laying in a manger and the baby would be wrapped up in rags! There were suddenly a lot of angels around them singing and praising God and saying, *"Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace and good will to men."*

After the angels left, the shepherds decided to go into Bethlehem and find this Baby!

Ending

Friends, the story of Jesus Christ doesn't end there. Jesus is truly the Son of God who came to live and die for each of us. He provided a sacrifice that could cover any sin that we would commit. His sacrifice was ultimate and for all.

If you have never met this man named Jesus, it is our prayer that through this Live Nativity story you have today.

Jesus is calling for each of us to repent of our sins and cling to Him. If we turn from our sins, ask Him to forgive us, and to be our Savior, He will do just that. May your trust be in Him and His saving grace today.

Scene 2: The Stable

Mary and Joseph had travelled many miles to Bethlehem. They were told they had to go there to register for the census to be taxed.

Joseph had worried about having to bring his soon to be wife along for this trip. Mary was expecting a child and her time was nearing. This trip would be hard on her and it would take several days to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem on the back of a donkey. But Joseph did what he was told to do.

When the young couple arrived in Bethlehem, they were a bit shocked at how many people were there. Joseph quickly set out to find a room with a comfortable bed for Mary to rest. But to his dismay, there were no available rooms at the Inn. Now Joseph was really worried! Mary was exhausted from the trip. She had not been able to sleep very well the past few nights. The ground was hard and did not make a good bed. As Joseph was frantically searching for a place for her to rest, Mary was telling him that she wasn't feeling well and thought the baby would soon be here.

Joseph found a stable. It wasn't much, but it would at least be a shelter from the wind and the night air. He borrowed some hay from the animals to make Mary a nice soft bed so she could lay down and rest. The animals didn't seem to mind sharing their small house with the couple.

As Mary was resting on the hay, the time came for her precious baby to arrive! After Mary had the baby, Joseph got more hay and made the Baby a nice soft bed in the feeding trough for the animals. Mary wrapped the Baby boy in strips of cloth called swaddling clothes and laid him in the manger. It was a perfect fit for the Baby and kept Him all snug and warm!

someone else to carry the cross for Him. They nailed His hands and feet on the cross and raised it up. There Jesus hung until He died.

As Jesus took His last breath, He cried out, "It is finished."

Two of Jesus' friends went to Pilate and requested the body so they could give Him a tomb for burial. They took the body, prepared it for burial, and placed it in the tomb.

Some of the soldiers who remembered hearing Jesus say that He would rise after three days rolled a huge rock over the front of the tomb and stood watch. They thought they had seen the last of this man named Jesus.

But, three days later there was a violent earthquake and an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled the big stone away and sat on it.

When Jesus' friends came to the tomb early on the third day, the angel told them that He was not there for He had risen just as He said he would.

Scene 4: The Cross and Tomb

These leaders found one of Jesus' followers that was supposed to be one of His trusted friends. His name was Judas Iscariot. They gave Judas 30 pieces of silver to tell them how they could catch Jesus away from the crowds.

As Jesus was praying in the garden, the leaders came and took Him before the courts of the time. They claimed that Jesus had broken the Mosaic law of proclaiming to be the Son of God. These men hated Jesus and while they had Him in custody, He was beaten severely and mocked.

They later took Jesus to Pilate who as the Roman Governor at the time. All of this was taking place during the Passover and it was a custom of the time to release a prisoner. Pilate decided to take Jesus and a murderer named Barabbas before the people of the town. Pilate truly believed the people would want Jesus released, but to His surprise the people had already been listening to the religious leaders and turned their backs on Jesus! They wanted Jesus to be crucified.

Pilate did as the people asked. He sent Jesus to the Roman soldiers to be crucified. The soldiers took Jesus, stripped him of his clothes, tied him to a post, and beat him with a whip. This whip had nine strips of leather with pieces of bone braided into it. Every time the whip cracked the pieces of bone would dig into Jesus' skin tearing His flesh and muscles.

When the soldiers were tired of whipping Jesus, they put a robe on Him and placed a crown of thorns on His head. These thorns dug into His head. They made fun of Jesus and spit on Him. Then they tried to make Jesus carry the cross they would hang Him on, but He was too weak from all of the beatings. So they got

As Mary gazed at the beautiful baby she remembered the day when the angel Gabriel came to her and told her that she would have a baby and she would call him Jesus! Gabriel had also told her this child would do great things.

Oh the fear that Mary had and the doubts. How could she have a baby when she had never known a man? The angel calmly informed her that this child would be the Son of God. Mary no longer doubted because she knew that with God all things are possible!

Scene 3: Jesus Teaching

As the Baby grew into a strong young man, He went about teaching others of His Father's love! Even at the young age of 12, Jesus was found in the Temple teaching the elders. Later in life, He would have huge crowds follow Him wherever He went. Jesus always took time with the people. The crowds loved listening to Jesus. They would often sit all day and listen to His words.

One day, while Jesus was at a wedding, He learned that they had no wine to drink. Jesus told the servants to fill their water pots with water. And when they poured the drink for the guests, the water turned to wine. This was the first of many miracles that Jesus performed. He healed people of their diseases, made the blind to see, and the lame to walk.

Word soon got out that this Man teaching about God's love could do great things. The crowds got bigger. They would bring their loved ones that were sick and Jesus would heal them. Once, He was teaching at someone's house and four men had carried their friend who could not walk to see Jesus. They hoped he would be healed. With so many people at the house, these four men could not get to Jesus. They were convinced that Jesus could heal the man if they could only get their friend in front of Him. The men climbed on the roof of the house and removed part of the roof and lowered their friend laying on a mat. When Jesus saw this, He healed the man. He stood to his feet and walked away!

Between the teaching and all the miracles that He was doing, Jesus had created quite a stir. After all, it is not just an average man that can heal the sick, make the blind to see, the lame to walk, and even bring the dead back to life. Yes, Jesus was no ordinary man!

The lawyers and religious leaders of the day were certainly taken aback by this man named Jesus. You see...in their eyes, Jesus was breaking all of the rules. Only God can perform miracles and forgive people of their sins. Jesus was just a man that was proclaiming and pretending to be someone He was not, but the people in the crowds seemed to love Jesus and believe what He was saying. This made the religious leaders very angry and they began to plan how they could kill Jesus.