

HEROD - THE THREAT OF POWER
JEFF KERSEY | SENIOR PASTOR

Matthew 2:1-18

THE DISTURBING DARK SIDE OF CHRISTMAS

“There is so much of life we cannot control or plan, but we can control how much of our life we submit to God’s plan.”

Psalm 46:10

“Scoff not at Herod until you have acknowledged the Herod in yourself!”

THE DIVINE PROVIDENCE OF GOD

General Providence: God’s continuous upholding of natural order, big or small

Particular Providence: God’s extraordinary intervention into the lives of people

ANGELS

Psalms 91:11-12

Ephesians 6:12

Hebrews 1:14

DREAMS

How to Discern a Divine Dream

Angelic Presence

Urgency

Alignment with Biblical Truth

Protects/honors Jesus

Evidence of the Love of God

PROPHECY

Micah 5:2

1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 Chances

THE DETERMINATION TO FIND JESUS

WHEN WE FIND JESUS, WE FIND:

Joy

Humility

Worship

Generosity

Jeremiah 29:13

WHEN YOU FIND JESUS, YOU WILL FIND CHRISTMAS!

MT. HOREB CHURCH

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THE BIBLE RECAP

In 2025, we are inviting the whole church to read through the entire Bible together from beginning to end. We believe that as disciples, followers of Jesus, we are called to be in rhythm with God and one of the main ways that we do that is by staying firmly rooted in the study of God's Holy Word. To read through the Bible over the next calendar year, we will be using Tara Leigh-Cobble's, The Bible Recap. For ways to access The Bible Recap, please visit mthorebchurch.org/adults.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

We hope you will join us for one of our six services on the 24th. We will have Traditional services at 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary and Contemporary services at 2:00, 5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 PM in the Auditorium. Doors will open 30 minutes before the start, so come early to ensure you get a seat. Visit christmasatmthoreb.org for more information.

RETIREMENT PARTY

In celebration of 30 years in ministry here at Mt. Horeb, we want to invite you to join us on January 5 to honor and thank Pastor Jeff and Lynn Kersey for answering God's call in their lives. We will have a time to enjoy food, fellowship and lots of fun. Registration is required. Please choose one of the times to attend and understand that space is limited. Register at mthorebchurch.org/events.

ADVENT OFFERING

This year, our Advent Offering will support a local and global partner. JUMPSTART, a prison ministry active in several states, serves men and women who have been incarcerated and offers services that provide job training, financial literacy, access to health care, counseling services, stable housing and, above all, Christian discipleship. Restoration Village is a new transitional housing campus located in Spartanburg County. With our support, new homes will be built.

Through our partnership with Dr. Jerry Kulah, lives in Liberia are being transformed in the name of Jesus. This year's offering will allow us to build more homes for the most vulnerable, add toilets for sanitation and disease prevention to existing homes, improve both the school and medical clinic, and start businesses to help the people of Boway move towards self-sufficiency. You can give at mthorebchurch.org/give by selecting "Advent Offering" in the Fund dropdown menu.

YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18-25, we invite you to our annual Young Adult Christmas Party. This event will take place at Family Pastor Trevor Miller's house on Thursday, December 19 from 7-9 PM. There will be food, games, a gift exchange, Christmas Music Bingo, s'mores and much more! If you are interested in becoming part of the Young Adult Ministry or for more information about this party, including directions, email youngadults@mthorebchurch.org.
*Bring a \$5 White Elephant gift.

CARE SUPPORT GROUPS

GriefShare: GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Mt. Horeb will begin this 13-week support group program on Tuesday, January 28. It will run from 6:30-8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Lynn Ullman at (803) 271-3904.

DivorceCare: Whether newly separated or divorced for years, DivorceCare is a safe place where caring people come alongside you as you find healing from the pain of this difficult life experience. Mt. Horeb will begin this 13-week support group program on Wednesday, January 15. It will run from 6-8 PM in Room 547. For more information, contact Doreen Michaels at gmadory@yahoo.com.

If this is your first visit, please stop by the Welcome Center in the main lobby for a special gift.

PRAYER REQUESTS

12/15/24 - Baukie Bouknight & Family, Bailey Harris, The Collins Family, Jennifer Hall, Chris DeVane, Joyce Smith, Carol Wiggins, Randall Robinson, Angie Enlow, Evelyn Anne Neal, Gary Reeves, Patsy Ingram, Vicki Rouse, Robin Perrotto, Marsha Kline, Jackie Dukes, The Steiner twins, Carolyn Crick, Brooks Bouknight, Glen Garrison, Helen Glenn, Colleen Derrick, Johnny Konczak, Brian Sudduth & Family

12/8/24 - Maxie Dunnam, Family & Friends of Kelsey Johnson, Steve Lohr, Joyce Carter, Roland Family with house fire, Bryan Knuckley, Melvin Martin, Ben Turner and Family, Kaitlyn Curlee Gaul, CJ Steele, Shawn Wallace, Becky Martin, Gerald Leaphart, Jr., Char Hartung, Robbie Rector, Brenda Cain, Fay Smith, Wayne Mack, Eric Jensen, June Mill, Elizabeth Jensen, Betty Beard, Mike Condon, Peggy Snipes, Stephanie Williams, Don Cromer, Bart Owens, Brandon Poole, Dow Holden, Shawn Wallace, Jill Finnesand, Kelly Currin

Continue to pray for our ministries, staff and church leadership, our church members and families, those in the military, and our missionaries.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that worship is a key component in both your relationship with Jesus and your communal fellowship. From the timeless hymns of traditional music to the modern melodies of contemporary worship. We offer four worship services each Sunday.

Contemporary Worship in the Auditorium
and Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
at 9:00 & 10:45 AM

All of our services are also available online at
mthorebchurch.org/live

LOOK AT OUR FAITHFULNESS

	2023	2024
WEEKEND IN WORSHIP (PHYSICAL)	3,162	3,445
WEEKEND IN WORSHIP (ONLINE)	1,457	1,311
WEEKEND IN WORSHIP (TOTAL)	4,619	4,756

2024 OPERATING BUDGET	6,765,000
NEED PER WEEK	130,100
RECEIVED 12/8	148,568
RECEIVED TO DATE	9,378,536

CAPITAL	
RECEIVED 12/8	1,398
RECEIVED TO DATE	53,747

BUILDING FUND	
RECEIVED 12/8	2,104

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