

# Christ Church

*Bringing People Together In Christ Who Are Worlds Apart.*

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## ACCEPTING THE UNEXPECTED

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*“A man’s heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps.” Proverb 16:9*

*“...and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7*

**A**s much as he could, I am sure Joseph had a plan for Mary and he that memorable night. But as plans tend to do, they went array. I don’t think the manger was planned for, neither were other details that transpired during the infancy of our Savior. The shepherds were unexpected visitors. That Magi from a far country would seek them out and present notable gifts would certainly be a great surprise. It was these divinely orchestrated events that give such intrigue and depth to the Christmas story.

“Oh sweet wonder, Oh sweet wonder, Jesus, the Son of God. How I adore thee, Oh How I Love Thee, Jesus The Son of God.”

I am sure we look more fondly on the manger than Joseph did that night. It is sometimes hard to immediately appreciate God’s ways. These events were a precursor to a life filled with ‘precious moments’ that from the outside could be interpreted as interruptions and inconveniences. The details of the life of Jesus were divinely orchestrated and beautiful to behold.

The joy of being lead by the Spirit, is that God intermingles and sometimes preempts our plans. So expect and accept the unexpected during this season and throughout the new year. God works in the details; an unexpected visit, a call, a card, or a special grace for special moments. Accept the unexpected as from God.

*“In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” Proverbs 3:6*

*“The righteousness of the blameless will direct his way aright.” Proverbs 11:5*

*A Merry Christmas From Our Heart and House To Yours.*

*Steve & Sherl Yadon*