

## LANAKILA NEWS

## SUNDAY

**Ladies Ministry:**  
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Adult Sunday School:**  
9:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.

**Morning Worship:**  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Children's Service:**  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Bible Study:**  
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

**Bible Study:**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Children's Ministry:**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Group:**  
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY

**Men's Ministry:**  
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## CONNECT

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If you would like to be a part of our Lanakila Ohana please fill out a **CONNECTION CARD** and drop it in the offering or at our **Welcome Desk**.



*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."*

(Isaiah 9:6)

Christmas is one of my favorite times of the year. I love all the lights, decorations, and the spirit of giving. Apart from the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the grave, it is one of the most important celebrations of the year for Christians. Let's face it, without Christmas, there would be no Easter.

This year we will be discovering "The Wonders of Christmas." Each week we will examine a different aspect of Christ's birth.

Week 1 – The Wonders of His Birth.  
Week 2 – The wonders of His Peace.  
Week 3 – The Wonders of His Love.  
Week 4 – The Wonders of His Joy.  
Week 5 – The Wonders of His Hope.

Christmas provides us with a great opportunity to talk about our Savior and to invite our family and friends to church. Let's take advantage of that opportunity by inviting people to attend our Sunday morning service and hear about the Wonders of Christmas. And let's pray that in this season of celebrating the birth of our Savior, someone might trust Christ as their Savior.

DID YOU KNOW...

Why did the Magi bring gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus?

Matthew 2 tells us that the magi, or wise men, traveled from the East search for the Christ child. They asked King Herod where they might find Him, "Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him" (Mt 2:2). When they found Jesus they "fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh." (Mt 2:11).

Gold is a precious metal and its value may have paid for Joseph and Mary's trip to Egypt. The Bible does not tell us that there is any significance to these three gifts; however, tradition says that there is a deeper meaning for each of the three. Gold is a symbol of divinity and is mentioned throughout the Bible. Pagan idols were often made from gold and the Ark of the Covenant was overlaid with gold (Ex 25:10-17). The gift of gold to the Christ child was symbolic of His divinity—God in flesh.

Frankincense is a white resin or gum. It comes from a tree by making incisions in the bark and allowing the gum to flow out. It is highly fragrant when burned and was therefore used in worship, where it was burned as a pleasant offering to God (Ex 30:34). Frankincense is a symbol of holiness and righteousness. The gift of frankincense to the Christ child was symbolic of His willingness to become a sacrifice, wholly giving Himself up, like a burnt offering.

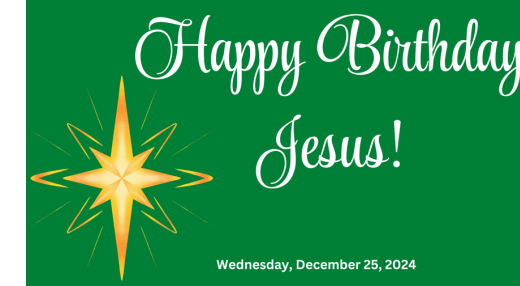
Myrrh, was also obtained from a tree. It was a spice and was used in embalming. It was also sometimes mixed with wine to dull the senses. This is the same kind of drink that was given to Jesus when He was about to be crucified, as a stupefying potion (Mk 15:23). Mt 27:34 calls it "gall." Myrrh symbolizes bitterness, suffering, and affliction. Baby Jesus would grow to suffer greatly as a man and would pay the ultimate price when He gave His life on the cross for all who would believe in Him. – Pastor James

## Christmas Break

Starts  
Friday, December 13 - 1/2 day  
Resumes  
Monday, January 6th

## No Services

Sunday evening - 1st and 29th  
Wednesday evening - 18th and 25th



Wednesday, December 25, 2024