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" For unto us is born this day in the city pf David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Lk 2.11

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK :

Warm Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year wishes to all Church Members ,Prayer-Partners and Friends from Alipur Baptist Church!

Preparation for Christmas celebration is started. Let's look at the events preceding the Birth of the Saviour in Lk 2.1-20 .

INTRO.:

1) Events at the birth of Christ were controlled by God's Hand!
2) Events at the birth of Christ were happened in a timely and co-related manner.
3) Events included God using Kings and ordinary people, like unbeliever Augustus Ceasar's decree and ordinary Shepherds welcome etc. to facilitate the Birth of the Saviour of the world!

4 EVENTS TO EXAMINE:

I.THE DECREE BY EMPEROR AUGUSTUS CEASAR:LK 2.1-3.

1)The decree for census or registration of names was for facilitating the taxation of citizens. Lk 2.1,5.
2)The decree of the Kings/Emperors in olden days were extremely powerful and authoritarian. Disobedience of the decree carried death sentences.
3)The decree led to Joseph and Mary's journey together(Because they were engaged; Jewish custom declares them as husband and wife after Engagement)) to Bethlehem to register their names.

***THE DECREE OF MEDO-PERSIAN KING DARIUS(Dan.Ch.6):

Darius passed a decree that for one month people in his kingdom are to pray to the King only and not to any other God or man or things. Violators of the decree would be thrown into the lions' den. Daniel prayed to his God(Dan.6.10) and was thrown into the lions' den,but God's angels shut the mouth of the lions and Daniel was rescued by the King!

II.THE DARING JOURNEY BY JOSEPH & MARY: Lk 2.4-5.

1)Joseph and Mary's journey together was important for the imminent birth of the Baby Lord Jesus.Mary would need pre-natal and post-natal care from the Baby's adopting/caring/earthly father Joseph to care for the Baby and mother at birth of the Baby Lord Jesus.It was led of God!
2)Joseph and Mary's journey together as husband and wife (under Jewish custom) might be looked down in some oriental cultures, while it might be respected in western cultures. It it carried the risk of being misunderstood and being accused of illegal pregnancy before marriage which could lead to death by stoning according to the Laws.

III.THE DISSENT BY THE INN-KEEPER: LK 2.6-7.

1)The Inn-keeper had only one chance to accomodate in his Inn and get to know the Baby Lord Jesus and His family,which might have led to his salvation.But he unknowingly rejected that divine offer!
2)The Inn-keeper's rejection to have Jesus in his Inn might also be interpreted as divine arrangement to have the Baby Lord Jesus accomodated in a manger ,which was comparatively safer and better than the crowded and probably infectious Inn.

3)The Inn-Keeper's rejection of the Saviour was in contrast to the wise men from the eastern countries who came from far away countries to see the Baby Lord Jesus,King of the Jews, and worshipped Him!(Math.2.1-12).
4)If the Lord Jesus had rejected the Father's will to go down to the earth and save the sinners,all the sinners would have been judged for their sins and thrown into the Lake of Fire!(Jn6.38;ITim.1.15; Heb.10.9-10;Jn5.24.).

IV.THE DRAMA BY THE SHEPHERDS: LK 2.8-20.

1)The shepherds received with faith the news of the birth of the Saviour announced by angels .They immediately went to Bethlehem and saw the Child Lord Jesus with Mary and Joseph.Their lives were transformed, they praised God and testified to others about the Saviour! Their hearts were filled with love, joy and peace from God!(LK 2.10,11,14,16,17,20; IICor.5.17;Rom.5.5).

CONCLU.:

Have you prepared your heart for celebrating the Birth of the Saviour Lord Jesus by first welcoming Him into your heart by turning from your sins and acknowledging Him as your Saviour and Lord!

May the Lord touch our hearts this Christmas to commit our lives to serve Him as the Living and only True God (I Thess.1.9-10; Ps.100.1-2;ICor.15.58). And share the Good News of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to all lost souls (II Cor.4.3-5).

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PASTOR. November 14, 2026 .

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Alipur Baptist Church
CHRISTMAS 2026 & New Year 2027 Programme.
SOCIAL WORK, 12.12.26, Saturday , 10 a.m.

ANNUAL S.S. EXAM, 13.12.26, Sunday 9 a.m.
[11 a.m. Worship Service, Preaching by Bro.Johnson Singson..]
CHRISTMAS LITERARY SEMINAR , 13.12.26, Sunday 12.30 p.m. at Pailapool.
WOMEN FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MEETING 18.12.26,Friday 4 p.m.
CHILDREN CLUB PRE-CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 19.12.26, Saturday 4 p.m.[Tentative]
ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY 20.12.26,Sunday, 9 a.m.
[11 a.m. Worship Service with Multi-lingual Singing]
CHURCH DECORATION BY ABYF, 20.12.26, Sunday, 5 p.m.
ABYF CAROL PROCESSION IN CAMPUS , 23.12.26, Wednesday ,6.00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE,25.12.26, Friday, 10 a,m,
CHILDREN CLUB ANNUAL DAY ,27.12.26, Sunday, 9 a.m.
[11 a.m. Short Worship Service]
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MEETING, 27.12.26, Sunday, right after Worship Service,
ABYF ANNUAL MEETING 27.12.26, Sunday at 5 p.m.
CHROSTMAS LOVE FEAST, 29.12.26, Tuesday, 12 Noon
BON-FIRE SERVICE, 29.12.26, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
WATCHNIGHT SERVICE, 31.12.26, Thursday, 11 p.m. -12.10 a,m,
NEW YEAR WORSHIP SERVICE, 1.1.27, Friday, 10 a.m.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 15-16 January 2027, Friday & Saturday ,6 p.m. daily.
FASTING CHAIN PRAYER MEETING ,19.1.27, Tuesday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

II. PRAYER REQUESTS:

1) **Ministries during Christmas and New Year Season**. The Gospel to be shared to the Seekers on different occasions and in different settings. That there will be a harvest of souls through the ministry of the church.
2) **Revival of believers through worship and fellowship** meetings of Christmas and New Year.

3) **Seekers Conference at Guwahati** .(Date to be set)

4) **Christmas Literary Seminar** to be held on 13th December 2026 at Pailapool where we share the Gospel to many Hindu and Muslim intellectuals about the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

III. SOME CHURCH-RELATED PICTURES:

Annual Bible Conference,4-6 November 2026, Fellowship of Baptist Churches India,Pailapool.



IV, SMART-SPEAKS:

1) **"The church that is man-managed instead of God-governed is doomed to failure. A ministry that is College-trained but not Spirit-filled works no miracles."**

--Leonard Ravenhill (Facebook)

2) **" Anything God has ever done, He can do now. Anything God has ever done anywhere, He can do here. Anything God has ever done for anyone, He can do for you."**

--A.W.Tozer (Facebook).

3) **"The quality of a Sermon is not measured by its length; long sermons often bury the passage's central truth, and that listeners who walk out confused sometimes mistake "unclear" for "deep"."**

--Dale Chamberlain(Churchleaders.com)

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