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Merry Christmas
Women’s Ministry Cookie Exchange
Celebration Choir Christmas Program
Message From a Pastor

Please join us for a Christmas Eve Service and Lord’s Supper December 24th - 6pm
First Calvary Communicator

A Message from a Pastor

In December 1903, Orville and Wilber Wright finally got their flying machine off the ground. In their excitement, they sent a telegraph to their sister Katherine. It simply said, "Flew 120 feet. Will be home for Christmas." When Katherine got the news, she ran to the local paper and showed the telegraph to the editor. He glanced at it and said, "How nice, the boys will be home for Christmas." He completely missed the point. Yes, it was nice that the boys would be home for Christmas, but man had flown in an airplane for the first time! That was the big news!

How often do we miss the big news at Christmas? We easily get caught up in the lights, tinsel, shopping, gifts, and family. These things are nice, fun, and good. Just like it was nice that the Wright brothers would be home for Christmas, it’s not the big news. The big news of Christmas is that God became a man that we may be redeemed!

On Christmas we celebrate the fact that the infinite creator God stepped into history. He cried that first cry of a newborn baby. He was wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. He was fully God. He was fully man. The Scripture says about that baby: “He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:10-13 ESV).

The baby whose birth we celebrate was born to die. He bore our sins and purchased our salvation with His own blood. He was born to die that we may be have eternal life. Jesus came into this world to be our Savior! Don’t miss the big news!

In Him,
Pastor Mendle