



## Godwin Heights Baptist Church

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**Church Office Hours**  
**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday**  
**9:30 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**  
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*Praising God, Equipping the Saints, and Evangelizing the Lost!*

## **From the Pastor's Desk...**

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Franklin Seger in his book *Christian Worship* writes: "Worship is an end in itself; it is not a means to something else. When we try to worship for the sake of certain benefits that may be received, the act ceases to be worship; for then it attempts to use God as a means to something else. We worship God purely for the sake of worshipping God."

"To worship is:

- to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God,
- to feed the mind with the truth of God,
- to purge the imagination by the beauty of God,
- to open the heart to the love of God,
- to devote the will to the purpose of God.

Why do we worship? Because we cannot help worshipping."

This Advent season as we prepare for the celebration of our Savior's birth, I invite you to take to heart the words of that great Christmas carol "Joy to the World" and let every heart, mine and yours, prepare Him room. Join us each Sunday as we walk through Advent together, looking ahead in Hope to Christ's return, anticipating the coming Prince of Peace, sharing the Joy that God in Christ brings, and spreading the Love that God has for the world, sending the only begotten son into the world to save us. Then, on Sunday morning, Christmas Day at 10 am, we will gather together once again as God's people and celebrate the birth of Emmanuel, God with us.

So come. "Come and worship. Come and worship. Worship Christ, the newborn King!"

See you Sunday.

Your pastor and friend,