

December 2011



ROSE HILL

Friends Church

THIS IS THE GOSPEL

By Pastor David

“Joy to the world, the Lord has come!”

Born in the humblest of manners, in a dark and damp stable outside an obscure little town called Bethlehem, the Creator of the universe came to us as an infant. He grew in stature and in favor with God and man and lived a sinless and perfect life. He died a substitutional and sacrificial death on the cross to pay the price for our sins and He rose again on the third day defeating death, hell and the grave! Ascending to heaven, He took his place at the right hand of the Father where He lives to make intercession for us until He comes again to reign forevermore! This is the gospel... and it begins with Christmas.

This time of year we celebrate His appearing. While it seems everyone else around us is celebrating too, sadly, many do not know His story and most who know the story don't know Him. They celebrate the “holiday” but do not recognize its meaning: a *holy* day when God became man. Christmas carols are sung - weighty words of truth, but the yuletide revelers ignore the meaning altogether. The LORD has come! The LORD, awesome in holiness, mighty in battle, full of mercy and grace, the way, the truth and the life, the author and finisher of our faith, wonderful counselor, mighty God, the prince

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painful memories of holidays marred by of peace! HE HAS COME.

How then shall we respond? Those who recognize the hour of his coming; those who have received His glorious gift of salvation, will worship. May our Christmas season be filled with high praise and holy worship! And let us give Him what He asked of us: to love one another. Finally, ponder this: the only thing that God desires but does not yet have is a bigger family. We can obey His call to *tell* those who are not yet worshippers how they, too, can come to know this magnificent God who came...for them!

The age of grace began on a silent night that happened over 2000 years ago. It continues through the present, and it will come to a climactic conclusion when the LORD comes again. ...and He is coming, not as a meek and tiny child but as the Conquering King in clouds of glory. Long ago, wise men were watching and waiting and the wisest still are, for the Lord has come....and He is coming again! ***Joy to the world!***

YOUTH NEWS

Camp Quaker Haven goes “Green”er

Ten men from the area Friends Churches, including Pastor Gabe, went and worked at Camp Quaker Haven on November 28. Why? It wasn't time for Church camp. Definitely not time for Scamp (Camp for ages 55+). These men set out to plant eighty-five small trees around the beautiful campus of CQH.

There are now about sixty Saw Tooth Oak and twenty-five Autumn Blaze Maple trees that will one day provide effective shade for the guy's cabins, girl's cabins, chapel, archery range, and more. A tree row along the road and entryway to the camp was also

Friends Student Conference

This year's Friends Student Conference is at the Hyatt Regency in Wichita. High school youth and young adults are encouraged to attend this event. The purpose for the conference is for “Gathering, Equipping & Sending Disciples.”

You can register through December 12, but you will pay a late fee. More info at friendseyouth.com.

Features of this year's FSC:

- The Cast And Crew
- Steven "Jake" Jacobs (Wizard IV)
- Ben Simpson
- Tasty Pastry Bakery
- The Alley
- Wichita Ice Center
- Lazer Quest
- New Years Eve Party



Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes....
Psalm 96:12b,13a

planted. Although they're only a few feet tall, our grandchildren will one day enjoy them while attending Camp Quaker Haven.

Important Upcoming Events:

- December 4 - “Sing To The King” Christmas Dinner @ RHFC // 5pm
- December 14 - Youth Christmas Party @ Gabe & Sarah's (Final Youth Group of 2011)
- December 28 - January 1 - Friends Student Conference @ Hyatt in Wichita
- January 11 - First Youth Group of 2012
- February 24 - WinterJam 2012
- March 19-23 - Spring Invasion: High School Missions Trip to Mexico



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Mission Statement

Rose Hill Friends Church,
in obedience to Jesus Christ our Lord,
endeavors to encourage and nurture spiritual
growth and reach out
to the community and beyond
presenting the Gospel.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Sunday School 9:30am

Worship 10:45am

Wednesday - 7-8pm

Discovery - age 3-3rd grade

PAC Club - 4th-6th grades

Junior High Youth - 7th-8th grades

Adult Bible Study

Wednesday - 8-9pm

High School Youth - 9th-12th grades

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