**BCF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

**Sunday, December 18th at 4PM — Worship Center**

**Topics include:** Adoption of 2023 Ministry Plan

*Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Oh, give me back my joy again; you have broken me—now let me rejoice.….Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. (Psalm 51:7–8, 10, NLT)*

*The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. (Psalm 51:17, NLT)*

*Then David comforted Bathsheba, his wife, and slept with her. She became pregnant and gave birth to a son, and David named him Solomon. The Lord loved the child and sent word through Nathan the prophet that they should name him Jedidiah (which means “beloved of the Lord”), as the Lord had commanded. (2 Samuel 12:24–25, NLT)*

*Don’t be afraid, Mary,” the angel told her, “for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end! (Luke 1:30–33, NLT)*

**3. Ask God to use you this Christmas.**

*Mary responded, “I am the Lord’s servant. May everything you have said about me come true.” (Luke 1:38, NLT)*

**4. Trust God’s promise that one day He will set**

**everything right.**

*When [Jesus] appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. (Philippians 2:7–8, NLT)*

*At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:10–11, NLT)*

*The world has now become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever. (Revelation 11:15, NLT)*

**The Promise**

**Part 3: The Kingdom**

December 11, 2022

*Peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased.*

*(Luke 2:14, New Living Translation)*

*God removed Saul and replaced him with David, a man about whom God said, ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart. He will do everything I want him to do. (Acts 13:22, NLT)*

*When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, the king summoned Nathan the prophet. “Look,” David said, “I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent! (2 Samuel 7:1–2, NLT)*

*Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord has declared: You are not the one to build a house for me to live in.*

*(1 Chronicles 17:4, NLT)*

**HOW DO I FIND GOD’S PROMISE OF PEACE THIS CHRISTMAS?**

1. **Give God permission to change your plans.**

*The Lord declares to you: The Lord Himself will make a house for you. . . .*

*I will raise up after you your descendant, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

*(2 Samuel 7:11–13, Holman Christian Standard Bible)*

*Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever. (2 Samuel 7:16, NLT)*

*Then David confessed to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won’t die for this sin.” (2 Samuel 12:13, NLT)*

1. **When you sin, turn from your failures and return to God.**