

THE GATHERING is the Senior Adult Newsletter of  
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Wishing  
**YOU A**  
Merry  
**CHRISTMAS**  
and a  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Chicken, dressing, broccoli salad, rolls,  
chess squares & drink. Cost \$5.00

Reservations/Cancellations  
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*Kevin Hamilton will be our guest speaker for December JOY, bringing his comedy wit and talent in music.*

*Kevin is a native of Jackson and a 1975 graduate of South Side HS in Jackson. He graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree from Union University in 1979. He also received a MCM from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1984. Since 1975, Kevin has served churches in TN, Louisiana and Georgia.*

*Kevin has been married to his wife, Cheryl for 45 years. They have two grown children, Drew (wife Sarah) and Megan Flowers (husband Will) and one grandchild, Nora Jane Hamilton, 2 years old. And a cat named Gibbs.*

*Kevin retired in April 2025 after almost 26 years in Humboldt and 50 years in music ministry.*

*Come join us on Tues. Dec. 16 at 11:30 am. Bro. Don McCulley will lead us in a devotion, a delicious meal will be served, and we will be entertained by Kevin. We hope you will make plans to join us for a JOYful time of fellowship .*



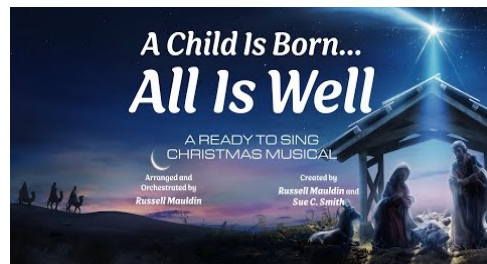
### **DFBC Christmas Program**

**Sun. Dec. 7 @ 6:00 pm**

**Add a snack fellowship to follow**  
A Christmas musical with an interplanetary theme, hip songs, and gospel truth, leading to Bethlehem.

A musical invitation to come and worship the Christ Child, celebrate His birth, dwell in His presence, and draw comfort in knowing that all is well.

**DFBC Adult Christmas Cantata Choir**  
**Sun. Dec. 14 at 10:45 am**



One of the most well-known Christmas songs is Joy to the World. But did you know that this song is not based on the birth of Jesus, but actually comes from Psalm 98 found in the Old Testament? Yes... a song that was once actually meant to celebrate the second coming of Jesus turned into one of the most well-known Christmas songs celebrating the birth of Jesus (His first coming)!

If you look at Psalm 98:4-9, you will find that it mentions several things found in the first verse of Joy to the World. In Psalm 98 it talks about shouting for joy to the Lord. And it says, “all the earth.” So from that comes the title of the Joy to the World. So how about you take a second to “shout for joy to the Lord.” Make some noise. Be loud. Praise God! And go.....

The whole earth is receiving the King who has come into the world. And what we are to do is prepare room for Him in our heart. So how do we do that? We slow down. We make time to focus on Jesus. We read our Bibles, pray, and worship Him. Christmas time can be very busy but I challenge you to slow down and take time to spend worshipping God.

In other verses of Psalm 98, you find it talking about different parts of creation praising God: the sea, the people, the rivers, the mountains. All of these parts of creation come together to make noise and shout for joy to the Lord... they are singing praises to God for who He is. And that’s where the line “and Heaven and nature sing” comes from. All of Heaven and nature are singing and praising God.

So let’s remember to shout for joy to the Lord! Let’s remember to slow down and prepare room for Jesus in our hearts. And then let’s join in with Heaven and nature and sing our praises to God.

Let’s praise God for JOY has come to the world!

### **J.O.Y. Report for Nov. 2025**

Enrollment	114
Attendance	29
Offering	\$27.74
Oct.-Nov.-Dec. offering will go to Agape House Martin	

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

11th Diann Williams  
24th Jane Hargett  
25th Denise Boane  
27th Wanda Arant



*Have a blessed day!*