

### WHY WAS HE BORN?

*We are all familiar with the Christmas story, but there is another question raised within all of the celebration of his birth; "Why Was He Born? This profound question could and should be answered collectively as well as personally. I would like to take this opportunity to ask all of you to answer the question personally. Hmmm! Why Was He Born; and Why would someone want individuals to answer the question personally; glad that you ask!*

*Seeking our Creator's presence in our lives should be a personal journey. It's a journey that gives us the chance to introspect, retrospect and evaluate our personal relationship with "HIM". It is true that I have shared the "Good News" through sermons, prayers and conversations, but have you had that personal conversation with God?*

*In this yuletide season, why not take the time to ask yourself the question, "Why Was He Born?" Hmm! You may be surprised to the answer that this question may offer, and initiate your thinking process on your relationship with Him and others around you.*

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*Dean of Chapel*

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#### God's Christmas List

- \* Peace on Earth
- \* Brothers and Sisters Loving Each Other
- \* God's People Being Blessed
- \* Good Will Toward All Humankind

### THE COLOR OF ADVENT

Historically, the primary sanctuary color of Advent is **Purple**. This is the color of penitence and fasting as well as the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. Purple is still used in Catholic churches. The purple of Advent is also the color of suffering used during Lent and Holy Week. This points to an important connection between Jesus' birth and death. The nativity, the Incarnation, cannot be separated from the crucifixion. The purpose of Jesus' coming into the world, of the "Word made flesh" and dwelling among us, is to reveal God and His grace to the world through Jesus' life and teaching, but also through his suffering, death, and resurrection. To reflect this emphasis, originally Advent was a time of penitence and fasting, much as the Season of Lent and so shared the color of Lent.

*Dennis Bratcher*

#### Sharing your Strength

*Love cannot exist in a vacuum. You have to share it.*

*Be encouraged, and act on what you've learned.*

*Strengthen others by sharing how much they mean to you and to God.*

*Excerpt from*

*100 favorite Bible Verses*

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*Love  
came down  
at Christmas!!!*



#### Spotlight Photos



Toys for Tots



Sharing the JOY



*Merry Christmas*



*Happy Kwanza*



*Happy Hanukkah*



*Happy Holidays*



*Happy Holidays*

*from the staff*

*of*

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**Season's  
Greetings**

## JPAFC 10 QUESTIONS/YOUR ANSWERS

1. Where is the birth place of Jesus?
2. How many generations did Jesus come down to be born?
3. The star was seen in the?
4. Who was the Prophet that stated "For to us a Child is born"?
5. What does the name Immanuel mean?
6. Where is the Christmas story in the bible found?
7. Who was the King when Jesus was born?
8. Who was Governor of Syria when Jesus was born?
9. What is the other name for the town of David?
10. Which day was Jesus presented to the Temple?

### *Dates to Remember*

*January 14, 2008*

*Classes Begin*

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*January 21, 2008*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Holiday*

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*February 5 & 6, 2008*

*50th Annual Ministers' Conference*

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