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HASKELL HEIGHTS FIRST BAPTIST

# BIRTHDAY PARTY for **JESUS**

**COME JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF JESUS AND CREATE GIFTS FOR HIM THAT DON'T COME FROM THE STORE-THEY COME FROM THE HEART!**



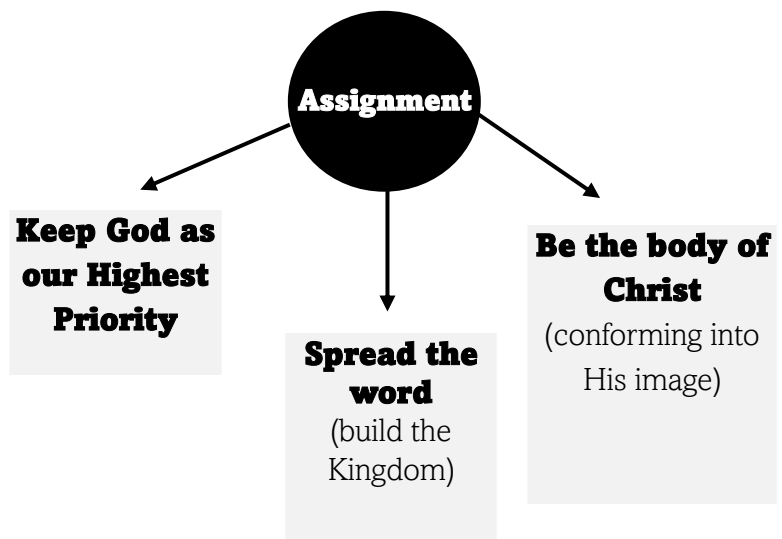
2025

# HOLIDAY CALENDAR

*Embassy Closure*

<b>JANUARY</b> NEW YEAR'S DAY WED, JANUARY 1  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY MON, JANUARY 20  LUNAR NEW YEAR WED-THURS, JANUARY 29-30	<b>MAY</b> LABOR DAY THURS, MAY 1  VESAK DAY MON, MAY 12  MEMORIAL DAY MON, MAY 26	<b>SEPTEMBER</b> LABOR DAY MON, SEPT 1  <b>OCTOBER</b> COLUMBUS DAY MON, OCT 13  DEEPAVALI MON, OCT 20
<b>FEBRUARY</b> WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY MON, FEBRUARY 17	<b>JUNE</b> HARI RAYA HAJI FRI, JUNE 6  JUNETEENTH THURS, JUNE 19	<b>NOVEMBER</b> VETERANS DAY TUES, NOV 11  THANKSGIVING DAY THURS, NOV 27
<b>MARCH</b> HARI RAYA PUASA MON, MAR 31	<b>JULY</b> INDEPENDENCE DAY THURS, JULY 4	<b>DECEMBER</b> CHRISTMAS DAY THURS, DEC 25
<b>APRIL</b> GOOD FRIDAY FRI, APRIL 18	<b>AUGUST</b> NATIONAL DAY FRI, AUG 8	

  
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One of the things we have to be very careful to consider is that there is a carefully organized system of disrespect of the will of our God in place on earth. That should not be “news” to the Christian. We understand the unfolding of the plot and message of the Bible. If we look at three Scriptures, we can see

that the enemy determined to usurp and corrupt everything God created (1 Timothy 6:17 – “As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.”).

**BIRTHDAYS...ANNIVERSARY...MOTHERS DAY...FATHERS DAY...and so on in our culture.**

**Luke 4:5-7** - “<sup>5</sup>Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for *this* has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. <sup>7</sup>Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.”

**John 12:31** – “<sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.”

**2 Corinthians 4:4** – “<sup>4</sup>In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”

**Look at 3 other admonitions that help us to be sensitive to each other while being responsible in our celebrations:**

### **2 Timothy 2:23-24**

<sup>23</sup>But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. <sup>24</sup>And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, <sup>25</sup>in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, <sup>26</sup>and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

### **1 Corinthians 8:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one. <sup>5</sup>For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), <sup>6</sup>yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

<sup>7</sup>However, *there is* not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. <sup>8</sup>But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

<sup>9</sup>But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.

**Where in the Bible does it tell us to celebrate His Birthday? Yet, we celebrate our birthdays.**

**Colossians 2:16-17:** "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the body belongs to Christ".

## With all of this background information...

Let's look at the word "OPPORTUNITY." We are finishing up our Bible Study sessions for the 2025 year and will resume in 2026. The one message we consistently tried to reinforce, emphasize and keep before you is that of sharing the word. There are many complexities to the "should we" or "should we not be" celebrating what are pagan holidays, and to what extent do they impact our relationship with Jesus Christ. We certainly do not want to cause our Savior any offense. The enemy has consumed the earthly venues that should be for our celebration of the Lord.

Look at **Romans 1: 16-32**

### The Just Live by Faith

<sup>16</sup>For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

### God's Wrath on Unrighteousness

<sup>18</sup>For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown *it* to them. <sup>20</sup>For since the creation of the world His invisible *attributes* are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, <sup>21</sup>because, although they knew God, they did not glorify *Him* as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup>Professing to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup>and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, <sup>25</sup>who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>26</sup>For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. <sup>27</sup>Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

<sup>28</sup>And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; <sup>29</sup>being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; *they are* whisperers, <sup>30</sup>backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, <sup>31</sup>undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; <sup>32</sup>who, knowing the righteous

judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Any time you see a list of such (I call them the Sin Lists) in Scripture, we should perhaps respond with this fact. God did not leave anyone out. Even if we had the tendency to “celebrate” the fact that we (ourselves) have not broken the “law” in any of these areas, we are at the very least guilty of the **15<sup>th</sup>** sin in the list (proud), as well as the **16<sup>th</sup>** (boasters) and therefore would be guilty of the entire list.

Recall: **James 2:10** – “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all.” (GOD CLEARLY WAS NOT PUBLISHING THESE SINS SO THAT WE COULD MEASURE OURSELVES AGAINST OTHERS – for we all have sinned and come short of the glory of God per **Romans 3:23**). God was simply making His case that we are ALL in need of saving.

The Holiday season is perhaps one of the most “organic” (happening naturally – “un-synthesized”) times for us to bring Jesus to the attention of others.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – We should make a commitment to be AMBASSADORS for Christ (**2 Corinthians 5:20**). That means that we live in another location but espouse (support, believe and carry out) the worldview, mindset and principles from the government that we represent (**Philippians 3:20** – our citizenship is in heaven). We may have to attend the parties where the “NOT YET SAVED” are, but we perhaps should not drink the punch (FIGURATIVE FOR – “DO EVERYTHING THEY DO”)!

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – It is our duty to keep the main thing, the main thing. We don’t want to get caught up arguing about what we should and should not be doing (TO THE EXCLUSION OF WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO). Our job is to spread the message of rescue, deliverance, healing, freedom, wholeness, preservation to those whom God loves (THEY ARE ON THE LIST ABOVE). We have to exercise care not to be so “caught-up” in the culture that we end-up “missing the mark” (Romans 3:23 – ‘harmartia’) and forsaking the witness.

