

SERVING THE LORD IN THE

CAYMAN ISLANDS

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Jesus Christ is born!

DID YOU KNOW?

- *The Caymanians love to celebrate Christmas with lots of fireworks!*
- *Winter season is the most popular time for tourists to visit the island.*
- *The temperature during the winter months on the island fluctuates between 88F and a chilly 75F at night!*
- *Although temps are milder, it is also the windy season, often churning up the ocean.*
- *Winter also marks the start of conch season where one is permitted to dive for delicious conch.*
- *Current favorite Spanish word/phrase: "Feliz Navidad" – meaning "Merry Christmas".*



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Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!



Christmas Eve lessons and carols on the beach.

Christmas Eve on the Beach!

After the island's total lockdown had finally been lifted and regulations relaxed, Safe Harbour once again was able to offer a Christmas Eve service on the beach at Sunset Cove - an ideal location surrounded by beachfront apartments where many people were able to walk up and join us or listen from their balconies. It was advertised on radio and social media. Flyers were also circulated at the venue leading up to the evening. We handed out bulletins and little finger lights so participants could read and sing along. The Old Testament prophecies for the coming Messiah and then Gospel fulfilments interspersed meaningful carols matching the readings. Some chickens came strutting and scratching among us and thankfully the mosquitoes left us in peace to bring praise to the newborn King!

Christmas Day Service

The next morning, we "set up church" for the Christmas Day celebration of the Nativity of

our Lord, at our usual Sunday morning place of worship at the Chamber of Commerce. We were treated to live music by the very talented Burns family from Texas, who are planning to move here permanently in June. Their rendition of "Mary did you know" was beautiful! After the service we were glad to not need to break everything down and transport back to the house – we could simply leave it all there till the next day, the First Sunday after Christmas!

Open House at the new Parsonage

We hosted our first Christmas open house the Sunday before Christmas. We were delighted to have many come and enjoy the snacks and fellowship. Many enjoyed taking a tour through the new home.

New Year's Eve Evening Prayer

We held the service of Evening Prayer at our home to give thanks for God's guidance through 2021 and ask for His protection in 2022. Not many attended since it had never been done before, but it was a good start.

Great Family Time Together



Please Pray for:

- Outreach efforts in the new year
- More to return to church
- People's hearts to be opened to the invitation to attend bible study and bring their kids to Sunday school.

Give thanks for:

- The blessings of family
- Our supportive church family
- The faithful few regularly attending the Divine Services

Praise God for:

- The many congregations and individuals who encourage support and pray for us and the mission.
- We thank YOU personally for all of YOUR support, prayers and encouragement. We LOVE receiving your notes and emails! They are so uplifting and encouraging!



At the Turtle Center, West Bay, Grand Cayman

Family at Christmas is Priceless!

Our two daughters, Angelika and Emma, were able to spend their Christmas break with us on the island. We created a lot of wonderful memories together. The Burns family were kind enough to take us on their boat to Stingray City, a shallow sandbank in the middle of the bay where stingrays come to interact with humans. What a fun and unique experience! They also took us to Starfish Point where there are many sea stars in the shallows.

On different days we visited the Turtle Center where we could interact and swim with the Green Turtle. We circumnavigated the whole island in a day, stopping at various notable sights. Another highlight

was watching the spectacular fireworks display on Seven Mile Beach at midnight on New Year's Eve!

We look forward to a year filled with outreach opportunities and bringing Christ to the people of and visitors to this beautiful island. Please feel free to contact us too!



Happy and blessed New Year 2022!

Soli Deo Gloria

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”.
Is. 7:14

Immanuel – God With Us – lead and guide you and us in 2022 and keep us in His protection!

*- Your partners in mission,
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