



DECEMBER 13, 2015 | STEVE NORBY

**I. The CONCEPTION of Jesus was miraculous. Matthew 1:18-25**

- Isaiah 7:14, written about 700 years before Jesus was born, foretold that a virgin would be with Child & He would be called Immanuel - God with us.

**II. The VISIT of the MAGI was miraculous. Matthew 2:1-12**

The stars were placed in the heavens as SIGNS (signs tell a story).

- “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate day from night, & let them serve as signs...” Genesis 1:14
- Sign - mark, token, standard, monument, memorial, warning, omen, prodigy, symbol, miracle, miraculous sign, proof

**III. The DIRECTION given to Joseph was miraculous. Matthew 2:13-20**

**Conclusion**

It is God’s SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) to interact with His people in miraculous ways.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** Read Matthew 1:18-2:20. What are some of the ways that the birth of Christ & the events surrounding His birth are miraculous? After hearing this message did you gain any new insight into the Magi’s story? If God’s standard operating procedure is the miraculous what then should you expect from God in your life?

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES**

December 23-24, 2015

GPW will host Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Wednesday, December 23 at 6:30 p.m. & on Thursday, December 24 at 4 & 5:30 p.m. Join us as we reflect upon the Light that came into the world when Jesus Christ was born. Be sure to invite family & friends to join you for this special service. Childcare will not be available during the candlelight services.

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

December 21-24, 2015 & January 4-8, 2016

We are scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels during the weeks of December 21-24 & January 4-8. We need drivers & helpers to pick up meals at the Brookings Activity Center by 11 a.m. Monday-Friday & deliver to area shut-ins. Please sign-up at the Info Center or contact Amber Hobbie (info@gracepointwesleyan.org) if you can help. Thank you!

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

There will be **no Wednesday night Adult Growth Groups** on Wednesday, December 23, 30 & January 6 (unless otherwise scheduled by your group). **KidsPoint & Collide** will have their Christmas parties on Wednesday, December 16, but will not meet on December 23, 30 or January 6. All regular activities will begin again on Wednesday, January 13. Have a blessed Christmas & New Year!



\*Please remember to recycle your bulletin shell in the black recycle bins. Thanks!