



*Come back to the true meaning of Christmas
 Come back to the night Christ was born
 Come
 Back to Bethlehem*

Dear Educator,

We would like to invite you and your students to experience the joy of the very first Christmas as you travel back in time and visit the ancient city of Bethlehem on the miraculous day our Savior was born.

When students come *Back to Bethlehem*, a ministry of Hopewell Baptist Church, they will have an opportunity to interactively experience the sights and sounds of a small, bustling 1st century Judean town. Visit the marketplace and sample the wares of the merchants, stop by the storyteller and listen to stories of the Jewish people, pet the animals, mingle with the townspeople, visit with the families outside their homes, and be sure to stay clear of the Roman soldiers and the tax collector! You will hear whispers that something miraculous is happening in the stable behind the inn, and you discover what the miracle is as you reach the stable, for there, surrounded by animals, the angel, wisemen, Mary and Joseph, is Immanuel - God With Us!

Back to Bethlehem is open for group field trips by reservation only on Tuesday, December 8th from 9:00am to noon. This is a free event, and plan on spending approximately 30 to 45 minutes touring the city. Please note that this is an outdoor event, so dress appropriately for the weather. Our rain date is Friday, December 11th. More information on the rain date will follow in your confirmation email. The deadline to register for this day performance is Tuesday, December 1, 2009.

In an effort to support our church's food pantry ministry, we would like to extend an offer for each person attending our day performance to bring one canned good. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be used to minister to those in need during the upcoming holidays.

To make reservations, please complete the form below and fax it to Lisa Toney at (770) 345-3094 or email the required information below to backtobethlehem@hopewellbaptist.com. A confirmation of your reservation will be emailed to you.

We also ask that you please share information about *Back to Bethlehem* with the families of your students. Enclosed is a master copy of a flyer you may use to make copies to send home with your students. *Back to Bethlehem* is open to the public, free of charge, December 5th – 13th, nightly from 7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Please visit www.backtobethlehem.com, email backtobethlehem@hopewellbaptist.com or call the Hopewell Baptist Church office at (770) 345-5723 if you have any questions or need additional information.

We hope to see you in the city!

Name of School or Group: _____

Person Making Reservation: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Contact Email: _____

Number in Group (including adults): _____ Age or Grade Range: _____

Please circle the time slot at which you would like to arrive in Bethlehem between 9:00am and 11:45am:

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The Deadline to Register is Tuesday, December 2, 2008