

**December 19, 2026**

## **Local Church Budget**

The birth of a baby is usually a time of celebration and happiness for the family into which it is born. The reason for this happiness varies from family to family or parent to parent. Anthony, the writer shares that when his daughter was born, he and his wife were “over the moon.” They were elated. They were happy because it was an answer to many years of praying. Now, they could watch her grow and develop and learn how to better appreciate and understand the role that God, our Provider and Sustainer, plays in our lives.

When Jesus Christ was born, it was the most joyful time in the universe, especially on planet earth. And though He was born in an animal’s house, His birth was a joyful occasion. He was a gift from God to our planet. Luke 2:13-14 says, “There was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’” (ESV). Because of the birth of Christ, we have a Sacrifice, a Savior, a High Priest, and a soon coming King.

On this blessed Sabbath day, before Christmas day, let us bring our gifts of worship, our tithes and offerings, singing joy to the world the Lord is come, and the earth should receive her King.