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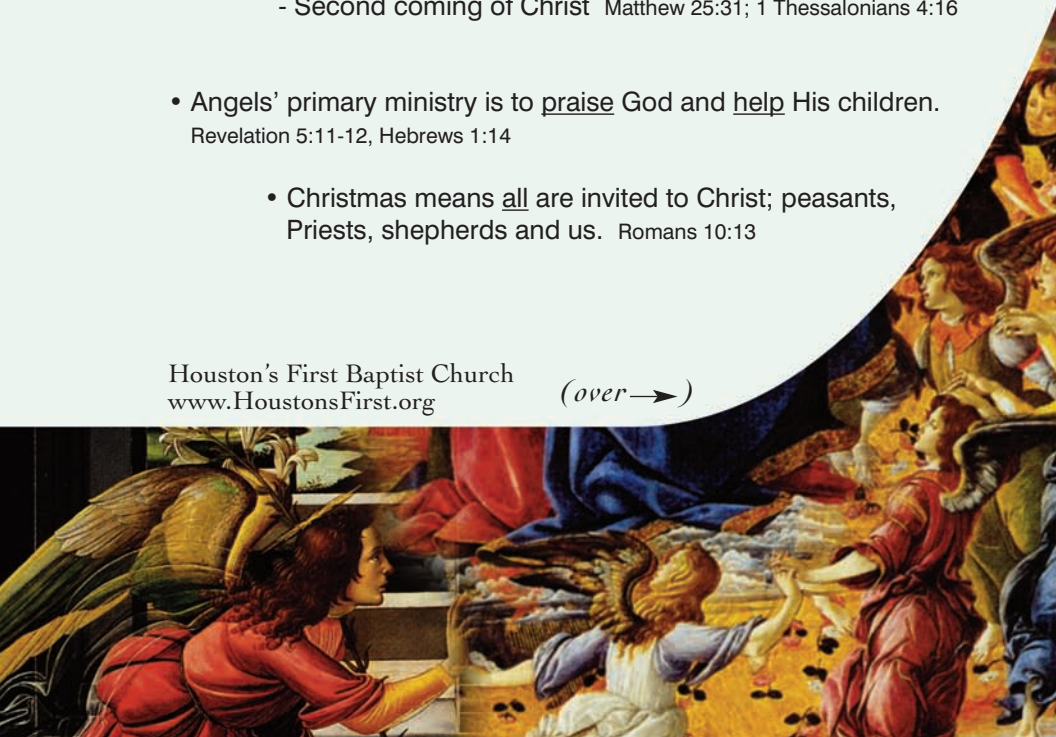
Characters of Christmas: Gabriel and the Angels

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- Angels are messengers
 - Angels are Biblical: mentioned in 34 books of the Bible; Old Testament over 100 x's, New Testament 165 x's
 - God uses Angels to usher in new periods of time and make big announcements.
 - Creation Job 38:6-7
 - Giving of the Mosaic Law Galatians 3:19; Hebrews 2:2
 - Christmas Matthew 1:20; 4:11
 - The early Church Acts 8:26; 10:3, 7; 12:11
 - Second coming of Christ Matthew 25:31; 1 Thessalonians 4:16
- Angels' primary ministry is to praise God and help His children.
Revelation 5:11-12, Hebrews 1:14
- Christmas means all are invited to Christ; peasants, Priests, shepherds and us. Romans 10:13

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- The appropriate response to an angel is to fear and then follow their directive TODAY.

Ready To Get In The Game?

Visit HoustonsFirst.org and click on the "Get in the Game" button. You'll be taken to a listing of over 130 opportunities to volunteer! Scan the whole list, or jump straight to a ministry that interests you. Then, complete and submit a brief online form and a team leader will contact you soon!

While every team is taking volunteers, here are some of our particular needs right now. Look for these online or contact the team leader below for more information.

1. Brew Crew (Culinary Services). Volunteers will help wake up the membership for Pastor Gregg's message. You can brew, serve, deliver or maintain the coffee stations for Sunday morning or afternoon. (Paul Sofka; paul.sofka@hfbc.org; 713.957.5840)

2. Jail/Prison Ministry Team (Missions). Volunteers will interact with inmates through one-on-one mentoring, teaching, preaching, praise and worship and other contacts, such as prayers and letters of encouragement. (Dan Craig; dancraig@iglide.net; 281.382.7951)

3. Celebrate Recovery Prep Team (Counseling Center). Volunteers will bring/prepare food for the Friday night Celebrate Recovery meetings. (Greg Curnutte; greg.curnutte@hfbc.org; 713.335.6465)

4. Clothes Closet (Missions Training Center). Volunteers will sort donations and assist the needy in choosing clothing. This is a great way to show Jesus' love. (Claudia Reyes; claudia.reyes@hfbc.org; 713.681.3521)

5. Highpoint Helpers (Executive Pastor). Volunteers will serve with us at the weekly Downtown Bible Study. We need you there at 11:15 AM to help set up drinks & plates, collect money for the lunches and pass out the lesson notes. You will be blessed physically (a wonderful barbecue lunch) and spiritually (solid biblical teaching). Plus, your parking will be paid for. This could very well be the Highpoint of your week! (Diane Bagby; diane.bagby@hfbc.org; 713.957.6781)