



## THIS WEEK'S CREATION MOMENT

### The Christmas Star



*"When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was." - Matthew 2:9*

Around Christmastime, it is common to hear some authority trying to explain the star that the wise men followed to find the infant Jesus. It is commonly explained as a comet, or the conjunction of two or more planets or stars. The question is, are these and similar theories possible?

About all you need to evaluate these theories are a Bible and a map of the Holy Land. Matthew 2:1 tells us that the wise men came from east of the Holy Land. Verses 2 and 9 further tell us that these men had seen the star indicating His birth in the eastern sky. They had not followed the star to Jerusalem, as often depicted in Christmas cards. When they arrived in Jerusalem, we learn from Matthew 2:9 that the star they had seen in the eastern sky moved to lead them to the Christ Child.

By this time, Mary, Joseph, and the Child may have returned to Nazareth, or they may still have been in Bethlehem. No matter which was the case, the movement of the star was now from the eastern sky to either the northern or the southern sky. That is very un-starlike. In fact, the movement of the star was even more un-starlike in that it directed them to a specific house! No comet, conjunction, or other natural object of the night sky will do that.

These wise men were accustomed to the sights of the night sky. They could easily identify the unusual. This star was clearly created by God to announce the birth of the Savior to the world He came to save!

Image: NGC 6302, the butterfly nebula in deep space, NASA, J. Kastner (RIT), PD, Wikimedia Commons.

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# Memorial Baptist Church



## December 21, 2025



### Church Office

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### This Week at Memorial

Sunday December 21, 2025

8:45am - Discipleship classes  
10:00am - Worship - Holiday Luncheon following worship

12/24 - Christmas Eve Svc. 8pm

### Look Ahead

12/31 - No Service  
1/5 - Upward Practices Begin  
1/14 - Upward Games Begin

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If you are visiting or have any prayer needs, please fill out the MBC Connect Card that is in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

### December 21, 2025

#### Joy Junction

8:45am - Jamie B.  
10:00am Svc. - Linda W. - Kendal B.  
Wed. - December 24 - No Reg. Svc.

#### Junior Church

No Jr. Church

#### The Way - Wed - December 24

No Activities

#### Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Jim S.  
10:00am - Curtiss C. - Nick G.  
Wed. - December 24 - No Reg. Svc.

### December 28, 2025

#### Joy Junction

8:45am - Sara W.  
10:00am Svc. - Kim S. - Ben S.  
Wed. - December 31 - No Reg. Svc.

#### Junior Church

Chris S. - Thomas S.

#### The Way - Wed - December 31

No Activities

#### Usher Ministry

8:45 - Sunday School - Steve G.  
10:00am - Joe G. - Bobby J.  
Wed. - December 31 - No Reg. Svc.

### Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

As of December 14, we have received offerings totaling \$1,120. Please prayerfully consider making an offering this month. Our goal is \$1,700.

### Junior Church Needs Your Help

A helper is needed in Junior Church. Junior Church is the second and fourth Sunday of each month and we have four teams.

### The Usher Ministry Needs Your Help

The Usher Ministry needs your help. If you would like to serve, please contact Curtiss Cobb at (573) 604-0910.

**"Come early, be engaged, stay late"**  
**Sunday school starts at 8:45**  
**worship together at 10**

