

The Meaning of Bethlehem



Why do we choose the name 'Bethlehem' for our Fellowship?

When we are saved, God calls us children of God. We enter this royal and glorious position. Being the youngest Fellowship in our Church, we are encouraged to grow and be more like Jesus day by day. May God, one day, choose among us vessels as leaders of His people.

What are the names of all the Fellowships in our Church?

- Zion, Eden, Canaan, Carmel, Bethel, Elim, **Bethlehem** (youngest)

BETHLEHEM

B	Birth place of Jesus Christ
E	Emmanuel (God with us) Matt.1:23
T	Town 5 miles SW of Jerusalem
H	House of Bread
L	Love of God - He sent His only Son, Jesus to die for our sins.
E	Ephrathah, means fruitful land.
H	Home of Ruth & Boaz, Jesus' ancestors
E	Entered into kingship, David anointed by Samuel (City of David)
M	(Micah 5:2 NKJV) "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me, The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting."

FELLOWSHIP

To develop this fellowship in Christ requires our active participation. To 'participate' means to

- to share in common with others (**to receive**)
- to take part in (**to give**)

F	Fellowship with God and man
E	Enthusiastically take part in all things
L	Learn His word by reading the Bible everyday
L	Love and respect one another
O	Observe rules and guidelines
W	Worship God and learn more about Him
S	Sing praise to God with all our mouths and hearts
H	Honor God by respecting the leaders
I	Imitate Christ and grow in His likeness
P	Pray for the Fellowship, your leaders, your family, yourself, etc ...

(Colossians 3:23-24 NIV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

It is the Lord Christ you are serving.