**THE INNKEEPER**

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# AND HE CALLED THEM FRIENDS

## *Anastasia Baptist Church*

**Friday, November 30th at 7 PM**
Bethlehem Marketplace: 5:30
and
**Sunday, December 2nd at 6 PM**
Bethlehem Marketplace: 4:30

Have you ever wondered what it might be like to visit the Holy Land in the days that Jesus Christ walked the earth? To feel His presence, meet his friends, disciples, family, and those who were touched by Him? Your time has come….and you don't even need to leave St. Augustine! You are invited to join us for our Christmas celebration at Anastasia Baptist Church (ABC) on the island at 7 PM on Friday, November 30th or 6 PM on Sunday December 2nd. The Bethlehem Marketplace opens 1 ½ hrs before the drama production. Check out our webpage, www.anastasiabaptist.org or our ABC Facebook to learn more.

Come early and stroll with us through Bethlehem, experiencing the vitality of this ancient city, conversing with townspeople who will share their wares and their experience, visiting with the animals, and partaking in refreshments at the old well. Be sure to register with the Census Takers. Beware the Roman soldiers and the Tax Collectors! Observe the Blacksmith toiling over his fire. Listen to the Story Tellers and stop by the stable at the Khan (Inn) to speak with Mary and Joseph as you behold the baby Jesus. ABC's Bethlehem will delight your senses with the sights, smells, and tastes of authenticity presented at the various shops. You will meet some of the colorful people of this more than 2,000 year old city. The children can participate in various crafts and take home some simple remembrances of their night in Bethlehem.

All of this prepares you for what is to come as you are called by the blowing of the Shofars to enter the Christian Life Center (CLC) to hear the Innkeeper's story. AND HE CALLED THEM FRIENDS is a dramatization of the life of Christ from the cradle to the cross, narrated by Yacob, the man who turned Mary and Joseph away from his khan (inn). You will experience the gifts and pageantry of the magi as the three kings arrive to kneel before Christ the King, meet many of Jesus' friends and, through music, drama,

and dance, you will experience the life of Christ on this earth. You will delight in the presence of the Breath Angel as God's Holy Spirit comforts and strengthens Mary, rejoice with the people as Jesus enters Jerusalem, revel in the joy of the children as they sing and play with Jesus, watch in wonder as He heals the broken, and be broken yourself as He gives His life to pay the penalty of our sin.

It is our prayer that during this presentation you will experience what it was like when Jesus walked the earth over 2,000 years ago. Celebrate His resurrection as Jesus conquers death itself and assumes His rightful place on Heaven's throne as King of Kings and Lord of Lords! Bask in the joy of knowing that He died for us and through our faith and belief in Him, we too will one day walk the streets of heaven with Him.

AND HE CALLED THEM FRIENDS builds on the story of THE INNKEEPER which was presented at ABC in December 2010, both productions locally written and produced by ABC members, Donna and Ray Garner. The musical production has been developed under the leadership of ABC Musical Director David Elder and Drama Director Toni Main. The Living Stones Ministry has joined with ABC to provide the creative dance sequences that beautifully augment the production. The costumes and sets were designed and created by volunteers from ABC. The actors, musicians, and singers are all Anastasia Baptist Church members and friends. The entire production is a labor of love from ABC's membership under the leadership of Pastor Walter West, and a gift to the St. Augustine community. We invite you to experience the true meaning of Christmas as you propel yourself back through time and space to walk with Jesus across the sands of our earth so very long ago.

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