

Back to Bethlehem Frequently Asked Questions 2011

These are FAQs that are answered on our web site for those who are coming to B'hem.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Do I need to make reservations?

A: If you are coming alone or in a small group, you do not need to make reservations. If you are coming in a group of twenty or more, please call 205-338-7995 to let us know of your group size and what night and time you plan to arrive so we can be better prepared for your group.

Q: What time do I arrive at Cropwell?

A: Tours begin at 6:00 each night and continue until the last group goes through...so to answer your question, you can arrive prior to 6:00 to get in line. I would be sure to arrive no later than 8:00 to insure that tours have not ended.

Q: Is it a play?

A: We're not sure what to call it, except for a wonderful experience. Here's what you can expect from the tour of Bethlehem...you will be taken to the gate of the city of Bethlehem. A native of Bethlehem (in costume) will welcome you and take you through the city of Bethlehem. There are over 100 people in costume, live animals, the marketplace, a family scene, a well, you will hear from townspeople and from the shepherds who heard the angels' wonderful news. Finally, you will see the live nativity. Back to Bethlehem is a tremendous way to begin your Christmas season, remembering the true meaning of Christmas - that Christ, our Savior, was born!

Q: Is Back to Bethlehem appropriate for all ages?

A: Yes! All ages are in the cast of the presentation and all ages go through the tour each year (some even stroll their babies through the tour). No childcare is provided because this is a perfect setting for children.

Q: How long will I have to wait before I take the tour?

A: Wait times vary from fifteen minutes to one hour, according to the amount of people who are waiting. While waiting, there will be materials about Bethlehem to read, informational booths about the ministries of Cropwell Baptist to look at, and coffee and drinks will be provided free of charge. We hope this will make your wait more pleasant.

Q: How long is the actual tour?

A: The actual tour from the gate of the city of Bethlehem takes around twenty to thirty minutes.

Q: How do I know where to park and where to go?

A: Security personnel will be everywhere and will help you park and get to the proper place.

Q: What do I do if I have special needs (eg., wheelchair, handicapped parking, etc.)?

A: If you have special needs, please notify one of our security personnel as you drive up and they will see that your needs are met to our best ability. The tour is all on ONE LEVEL, so there will be no problems on crutches, walker, or wheel chair.

Q: Is the tour outside or inside?

A: Yes to both. The actual tour of the city is outside, but you will wait in line inside prior to the tour and come back inside before returning to your vehicle for departure. There are real fires in the city of Bethlehem and real fires create smoke, so be prepared to walk through smoky areas.

Q: Where is Cropwell Baptist Church located?

A: Cropwell Baptist Church is located near the Civic Center in Pell City. Visit www.cropwellbaptist.org/info/directions.aspx for more detailed directions.