

On Sunday, December 30, 2018, the CCC Family Worship Center, provided me with an up lifting experience called *Follow the Star*. Through soul stirring singing, dynamic praise dancing, and thought-provoking monologues, I was compelled to stand and clap—immersed in the spirit of Jesus Christ!

The performers, one as young as 12 years old, shared their gifts in colorful attire, which accented the grace and style of each presentation. The praise dancers used banners, tambourines and face paint, which invited me along with other attendees to sing along. The praise dancers rhythmically stepped down the aisle between the church seats with sensational hand gestures. This helped to link me and the audience with the message sent by the dancer's movements.

The projected phrase, "For unto us a Child is born," was the perfect metaphor for the joyful message of the performance. The picture of the Three Wise Men approaching the infant Jesus suggested that we in the audience were mysteriously both giving and receiving the gift of this event—a perfect celebration and reminder that hope, forgiveness, understanding, and compassion are presents that should be incorporated into our daily lives.

Pastor Richard Starling and his wife Cheryl are to be commended for their part in gathering these extraordinary performers who proclaimed the essence of the season. At the end, before the audience left,

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individuals shared with me a deepened desire for a more diligent commitment to demonstrating their Christian qualities wherever they would be. All this was due to the effect of *Follow the Star*.

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