

**Sermon Notes**

**“A Tale of Two Kings: Choosing Sides at Christmas — Matt. 2**

- I. A ruler who \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. He is \_\_\_\_\_. (1-3)
- B. He is \_\_\_\_\_. (7-8)
- C. He \_\_\_\_\_. (7-8)
1. \_\_\_\_\_ religion.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ religion.
- D. He is \_\_\_\_\_. (16-18; II Cor. 11:13-15; I Peter 5:8,9)
- II. A Ruler who \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Delivers on His \_\_\_\_\_. (Micah 5:2 & Matt. 2:6; Hos. 11:1 & Matt. 2:15; Jer. 31:15 & Matt. 2:18)
- B. Delivers His \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 3:8; 18:2; 37:39, 40; 144:2)
- C. Delivers through \_\_\_\_\_. (Ps. 140:7-8; Matt. 2:9; 12-13, 19-20; Acts 12:23-24; 28:31)
- King Herod \_\_\_\_\_. King Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ on His \_\_\_\_\_ and we can live with Him \_\_\_\_\_.

**Which one will you choose?**

*Welcome to  
Bethlehem Church of Christ*

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*“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.”*

— Matthew 2:6 (Micah 5:2)

**December 17, 2017**

## Order of Worship

*Musical Call to Worship*

Welcome & prayer

**(Please pass the blue books located at the end of each pew.)**

*Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)*

*Joyful (The One Who Saves)*

Video challenge

*Hallelujah! What a Savior! / Silent Night (253/171)*



All disciples of Jesus are invited to partake as the emblems are passed.

Offering to God - Guests are welcome to participate, or may simply place the visitor card in the plate.

(Offering music: Derek & Liz James)

Recognition of volunteers

Encouragement time

Message Tom Claibourne

*Mighty to Save*

Decisions

Reminders, gifts for children; prayer

## Bethlehem News

### More Opportunities Today

5:00 - Chili cook-off in the gym.

6:00 - Christmas Talent Night -approximately 18 different BCC individuals or family units will participate.

### This Week

Tues. 1. Grief Share, 6:00

2. Volleyball, 7:00

Wed. 6:00 - Brazil Team meeting with Earl Haubner; in the fellowship hall.

### Next Sunday

Be sure to invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to worship with you for one or both our special services (10:30 am, 9:00 pm).

Every year we welcome guests to these services

### Helping Hands

Please check the wreath in the foyer to see if there are still items that need to be contributed for our Helping Hands Christmas project. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase perishable food and more expensive items. Our generosity will help several struggling families. All items/donations need to be given to Geraldine Naylor or Tom Claibourne by this evening.

### Food Pantry Needs

Highest priority is now chicken or tuna helper & beans (not green). Place your items in the box in the foyer.

### New Address

We recently welcomed Linda Hanley back to Bethlehem. Her address is 8919 Russellville-Winchester Rd., Russellville.

## Christmas Flowers

Thanks to those who donated poinsettias in memory of loved ones.

### Name

Basford Family

Roger Davis & Family

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Kenneth Fisher & Family

Jeff & Becky Foster

Danny & Sharon Grooms

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Libby Hall

Betty Tatman & Family

### In Memory of

**Tom Manning**

**Patty Davis**

**Mary Bramel**

**Minnie Fisher**

**Loren & Grace Gelter**

**Donald Vogler**

**Wm. Ray Grooms**

**J. E. Hall**

**Sam Tatman**

### 2018 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2018 (Whole Bible, Gospels, Psalms/Proverbs, New Testament, etc.). See the 2 sign up sheets.

1. Sign if you completed a Bible reading program in 2017 (indicate which one).
2. Sign if you plan to complete a Bible reading program in 2018 (indicate which one).

### Christmas Card Box

If you would like to share Christmas greetings with others in the church place your cards in the box in **front** of the appropriate letter. Check the box for cards that have been "sent" to your family, or others you might be able to deliver to someone who is not here.

### Congratulations !

Maizee Mae Dugan was born Wednesday weighing 8 lbs, 15 oz. We rejoice with Brian and Caitlyn.

## Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God as eternal Lord of heaven and earth.
- ✚ Thank God that He sent Jesus to be our righteousness.
- ✚ Thank God for forgiveness and the opportunity for a new start.
- ✚ Pray that we would use this season to point people to Jesus and His Gospel
- ✚ December Mission: BCC Helping Hands Ministry
- ✚ Mark Davis - surgery went well to remove the spot on his kidney; got home Thursday.
- ✚ Brett Logan - recovering from surgery at home; hoping to return to school this week.
- ✚ Carol Truesdell - doing a little better; receiving chiropractor treatments 3 times a week; will have an epidural injection soon.
- ✚ Tammy Huston - has remained in ICU; off the ventilator, but still not breathing well. Other numbers have improved. No dialysis needed for now.
- ✚ Sandy Manning - injections don't seem to be helping much.
- ✚ Bernice Smith - pneumonia.
- ✚ Zoie Centers - pneumonia and 2 strains of flu.
- ✚ Sigrid Johnson - has begun 25 radiation treatments for cancer; Jeff's mom.
- ✚ Donnie Morrison - serious heart surgery Dec. 22 at Christ Hosp.; Brian Dugan's grandfather.
- ✚ We express sympathy to Angie Holbrook and family at the recent passing of her father, Paul Soutter.
- ✚ Continued prayer list - is on the prayer board
- ✚ Other:

**Cleaning Teams:** Mark & Terri Davis  
Cathy Ball & Monica Bales  
Bob Manning Family

**Nursery** (24) Coordinator: Jessica Cornette  
9:30 - Suegene Tatman  
10:30 - Sarah & Wyatt M. & Kelsey C.