

## Sermon Notes

### Hope

("The hopes and fears of all the years")

#### I. The fears of all the years.

- A. Bethlehem's fears at that time.
- B. Humanity's basic fears never really \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 55:1-5)
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb. 2:15)

#### II. The hopes of all the years.

- A. Bethlehem's hopes at that time.
  - \* Mostly concerning a \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 3:15; Luke 3:15)
- B. Humanity's basic hopes never really change.
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. \_\_\_\_\_

#### III. The \_\_\_\_\_ for all the years.

- A key message at Jesus' birth: "Do not \_\_\_\_\_." (Lk.1-2; Matt 1; 28:5,10)
- A. Jesus came to bring \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 55:1-5, 16-22)
  - B. Jesus came to bring \_\_\_\_\_. (Lk. 1:29-30; 1:28, 37-38)
  - C. Jesus came to bring \_\_\_\_\_. (Psalm 34:4-5,9; Heb. 12:2; Jn. 14:27)
  - D. Jesus came to bring \_\_\_\_\_. (Heb. 2:14-15; Lk. 2:10-11)

\* In Jesus there is \_\_\_\_\_!

\* A \_\_\_\_\_ can make all the difference!

## Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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Tom Claibourne, Preaching Minister

Derek James, Associate Minister



*"Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death."*

— Hebrews 2:14-15

**December 18, 2016**

## Order of Worship

Welcome and prayer

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

*Joy to the World* 173

*Christmas Offering*

*Away in a Manger / Silent Night* 176, 171

*What Child is This?* 179



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: Worship Team)

Message Tom Claibourne

*Change My Heart, O God*

Decisions

Reminders, gifts for children; prayer

## Bethlehem News

### More Opportunities Today

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

6:00 - Christmas Talent Night featuring more than 30 BCC youth and adults.

### This Week

Monday - 1. Set up stable in West Union, 4:00 pm  
2. Grief Share, 6:00 (Library)

Tuesday - Volleyball, 7:00 pm

Thursday - High School Shift, 6:00 pm

### Living Nativity — West Union

Wednesday & Thursday, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

We have united with 5 other congregations again this year to provide the living nativity on the courthouse square. Please check the sign up sheets in the foyer to help. Our night is Wednesday (6-7 pm).

We need servers and carolers, too.

### Christmas Eve Service

“Anticipation”

Saturday, 7:30 pm

Don't miss this unique annual time of worship as we celebrate the simplicity & wonder of God's Son coming here for us. This year we will dramatically follow God's careful preparation for Jesus' arrival. The story will conclude the next morning at 10:30.

### Christmas Morning

\* 10:30 am only \*

To maintain the flow from Christmas Eve (Part I: Anticipation) to Christmas Day (Part II: Arrival) we will not meet in classes at 9:30. This will allow younger families a bit more time together before coming, and allow you to visit a while with others if you want to come earlier.

### Thank You

We appreciate the outstanding job by the choir, actors and others last Sunday, but especially Judy Askren for her outstanding leadership, coordinating, and directing.

### Thanks

Thank you to everyone who contributed gifts or money for the Helping Hands project. Several struggling families will be greatly blessed. Special thanks to Sarah Kohler for overseeing this.

### 2017 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2017 (Whole Bible, Gospels, New Testament, Psalms & Proverbs, etc.). The December 25th issue of the LOOKOUT magazine offers another program for the whole Bible.

### Christmas Flowers

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

1. Basford family in memory of **Tom Manning**
2. Libby Hall in memory of **J. E. Hall**
3. Ann & Jerry Simpson in memory of **James & Gerry Moore**
4. Ann & Jerry Simpson in memory of **John McWain**
5. Jerry & Ann Simpson in memory of **Roger & Steve Schwebke**
6. Dee Ann Stricklett in memory of **Pete Grooms**
7. Tatman family in memory of **Sam Tatman**

### Want to Improve Your Leadership?

We will host a special leadership class called “The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership Mastermind Study”, led by DeeAnn Stricklett, who is a certified instructor.

If you are Interested complete a form and place it in the box in the foyer.

**Mondays, Jan. 23 - Feb. 27, 6:30-8:00 pm.**

### Christmas Card Box

Place your cards **in front** of the appropriate letter. Please 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.

## Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God as the source of life & hope.
- ✚ Thank God for sending His Son to deliver us.
- ✚ Thank God for the security, strength and peace He provides.
- ✚ Mission: Christian Benevolent Association.
- ✚ Floyd Morris - ongoing back problems for a few weeks.
- ✚ Robert Cronan - heart attack Monday; uncle of Connie Scott.
- ✚ Continued prayer - Lafe & Karen Armstrong, Cathy Borchers, Eunice Burgess, Patty Davis, Axl Fannin, Jeff Frederick, Frank & Pat Gelter, Libby Hall, Harry Hobson, Ruth Hobson, Ken Holtzclaw, Judy Hughes, Carol Mayhugh, Jeanie Meade, Russell Newman, Justin Palmer, Faye Parker, Win & Mary Rayburn, Drew Reid, Gordon Schrichten, William Twaddell.
- ✚ Other:

### New Address

David & Melissa Brown family  
3370 Tri-County Rd.  
Seaman, OH 45679

**Cleaning Teams:** Zahn Family/Young Family  
Scott Family

**Nursery (25) Coordinator:** Melissa Brown

9:30 am - Kristen Souder

10:30 am - Taryn Manning & Laynee Davis