

Sermon Notes

Finding God in a Stable

I. Unlikely place to look for God

- A. We look in the “ _____ ” places.
- B. He comes in the _____ places.
(Micah 5:2; Jn. 1:46; Amos 7:14-15; Lk. 2:8)

*When God meets _____, things become extra ordinary.

II. Unlikely witnesses for God

- A. The shepherds were _____ by God. (Lk. 2:8-14)
- B. The shepherds _____ Jesus. (Lk. 2:15-16)
- C. Shepherds _____ the news. (Lk. 2:17-20)

III. Unexpected message from God

- A. Simple _____. (Isaiah 55:8,9)
- B. Simple _____.
- C. Simple _____. (Matt. 22:37-40; John 3:16)
- D. Simple _____. (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 2:36-38)

Will I allow God to fit my _____
into His extraordinary _____?

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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“But the angel said to them, ‘Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.’”

— Luke 2:10-12

December 20, 2015

Order of Worship

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

Never Gonna Let Me Go

"Celebrate the Savior" — video challenge

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Jesus Messiah



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: Kyle Truesdell)

Hug - n - Howdy time

Christmas Carol Medley (190, 191, 192, 168)

Message Tom Claibourne

Glory to His Name 242

Decisions

Carol Medley Adult Choir

Closing reminders & Christmas treats

Bethlehem News

Welcome

We welcome you to our celebration of God's great Gift. Today is Family Sunday, so youth pages are available in the foyer for children.

Very Special Program Tonight

6:00 - "Meet Me at the Manger". Many of our children have practiced since September for this special Christmas play. Let's fill our building to honor Christ, encourage the youth, and celebrate God's great gifts.

Claibourne / Masse Open House

Tuesday, 7 - 9 pm

William & Anya Masse will move to France next Sunday to share the Gospel in and around the city of Lyon. The Claibournes invite you to come visit them and say good bye before they leave.

Christmas Eve Service

9:30 pm

Don't miss this unique annual time of worship as we celebrate the simplicity & wonder of God's Son coming here for us. Each year it seems like we welcome new people.

Caroling Rescheduled

We plan to go to the Veterans' Home to sing next Sunday. We'll leave BCC at 5:00 as originally planned and return to BCC for food & fellowship.

Moms Prayer Group

Monday, Dec. 28 — "War Room" movie night to kick off the group, 6:30 pm. Bring a drink and snack to share.

Wednesday, Jan. 13 — First monthly meeting

Men's Prayer Breakfast

January 2, 7:00 am
Sign up in the foyer

Christmas Card Box

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.

Christmas Flowers

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

1. Basford family in memory of Tom Manning.
2. Davis family in memory of Mary Bramel & Ruth Bias.
3. Mark, Terri, & Nathan Davis in memory of Gary Kennedy.
4. Libby Hall in memory of J. E. Hall
5. Chuck & Jakki O'Brien in memory of Brenda Edwards.
6. Matt & Melanie Ohnewehr in memory of Liz Fannin.

2016 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2016 (Whole Bible, Gospels, New Testament, Psalms & Proverbs, etc). The December 27th issue of the LOOKOUT magazines offers another program for the whole Bible.

Ladies Bible Study

There will be no study the next two weeks.

New Pictorial Directory

Each family who was photographed for the directory has a copy labeled for them in the foyer

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.

Free Calendars

You may pick up one of the beautiful calendars from Meeker Funeral Home in the foyer.

Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for His eternal love, grace and righteousness.
- ✚ Praise God for the wonder and simplicity of how Jesus came here.
- ✚ Thank God for forgiveness, new beginnings, and eternal hope.
- ✚ December Mission Focus: Christian Workers (Matt. 9:37-38)
- ✚ Steve Naylor - things went well with his second cataract surgery.
- ✚ Jack Downs - surgery went well Wednesday in GA; won't be necessary to remove his lung.
- ✚ Brandon Koewler - double pneumonia; Alexa Forsythe's fiancé.
- ✚ Continued prayer List - Linda Barnes, Eunice Burgess, Fred Dodson, Carolyn Fraley, Marty Furnish, Daisy Gill, Beth Glenn, Kathy Grooms, Jo Hanson, Harry Hobson, Delores Holtzclaw, Ken Holtzclaw, Judy Hughes, Fred Huston, D. J. King, Edna Lung, James Moore, Christine McKenzie, Lloyd & Charlene McQuery, Dayne Michael, Alta Murphy, Danny Naylor, Patty Naylor, Pete Palmer, Emma Pfankuch, Mary Powell, Win & Mary Rayburn, Tony Rowe, Gordon Schrichten, Phyllis Scott, Tim Spires, Linda Thompson, Shawn Wagner.
- ✚ Other:

Congratulations !

Ben, Shellie and Mabel McDonald welcomed Sadie Belle Tuesday. She has lots of hair and weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz.

Cleaning Teams: Mark & Terri Davis
Bryant Mayhugh/Doug & Shawna Black

Nursery (27) Coordinator: Kristen Souder
9:30 am - Connie Scott
10:30 am - Jessica Jodrey/Johnna Kattine