

## Sermon Notes

### "God With Us" — Matthew 1:18-23

I. Emmanuel reminds us of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Gen. 1,2)

The glory of heaven is ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ dwelling

\_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

II. Emmanuel reminds us of \_\_\_\_\_ .

(Ex. 13:20-22; 25:8; 40:33-35; I K. 8:10-12)

Christianity is different from "religion" in that \_\_\_\_\_

is the One doing the \_\_\_\_\_ .

III. Emmanuel reminds us of \_\_\_\_\_ .

(Phil. 2:5-8; John 1:1-14; 3:16)

IV. Emmanuel reminds us of \_\_\_\_\_ . (John 14:15-23; Acts 2:38;

I Cor. 3:16,17; 6:19)

Jesus sent the \_\_\_\_\_ so we would never

have to be \_\_\_\_\_ .

V. Emmanuel reminds us of \_\_\_\_\_ . (Zeph. 3:16,17)

All the inevitabilities of life become more \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Will you \_\_\_\_\_ for God**

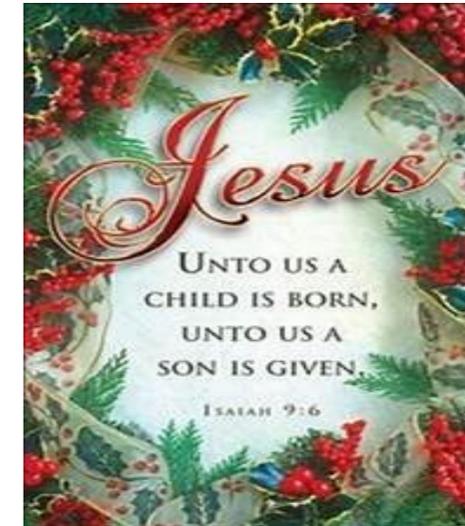
**to be \_\_\_\_\_ you?**

## Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said to the prophet: 'The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel' —which means, 'God with us.'"*

— Matthew 1:21-23

**December 24, 2017**

## Order of Worship

Adult Choir

Video call to worship

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

*What a Glorious Night*

*Hark, The Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven*

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

*What a Beautiful Name*



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 & Renee Huff)

Encouragement time

Message

Tom Claibourne

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Decisions

Reminders & prayer

## Bethlehem News

### Welcome !

Merry Christmas ! We are glad you have joined us for our celebration of God's great Gift. The reality of "God With Us" is amazing and life-changing.

We welcome our youth to the auditorium today for Family Sunday. Youth pages are available in the foyer.

### Tonight

#### **Christmas Eve Service - 9:00 pm**

Please join us for a special time to reflect and ponder the theme, "What a Beautiful Name". You will enjoy the traditional carols, readings, story, and more.

Bring a friend, your extended family, and a heart for worship.

### This Week

Tuesday - 1. Grief Share Seminar, 6:00 pm  
2. Volleyball, 7:00 pm

### Helping Hands

Thanks to everyone who contributed gifts or money for Christmas Helping Hands; our gifts will help four needy families enjoy the holidays.

Lori Baldrige has joined Geraldine Naylor & Morgan Edmisten in overseeing the BCC Helping Hands ministry.

Thank you, Geraldine, for many hours in preparation for the Christmas outreach.

### Remember

- Remember what really matters this season.
- Remember to ponder like Mary did (Luke 2:19).
- Remember that the real Star was in a manger, not the sky.

### 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

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.

### B2B Day at Sunset Bowl

January 13 - (Noon to Midnight)

This will be a great fellowship, outreach, and fundraising event involving the BCC family, our community, and the Bethlehem2Brazil team. (B2B will receive half the proceeds of any games and shoes that day).

Special features:

- 4 adult and 3 youth secret competitions.
- Costume competition.
- Afternoon bowling tournament (teams of 4 players).
- A Bethlehem display and Brazil display.

We need volunteers and greeters even if you are not a bowler, as well as donations for prizes.

### Bethlehem Basketball

Begins January 3 at 7:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend.

### New Year — New Beginning

Tom's first 3 message titles in 2018 will begin "**Let God ...**" On January 21 he will point us toward a new vision for Bethlehem. That will be followed by an important series called "**We Hold These Truths: Core Principles for Bethlehem**".

## Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for His eternal love, grace, & righteousness.
- ✚ Praise God for the wonder and simplicity of how Jesus came here.
- ✚ Thank God for forgiveness, new beginnings, and eternal hope.
- ✚ December Mission: BCC Helping Hands Ministry
- ✚ Mark Davis - still improving from surgery.
- ✚ Brett Logan - much better; was able to return to school 3 days.
- ✚ Carol Truesdell - improving slowly; receiving chiropractor treatments; scheduled for epidural injection on the 29th.
- ✚ Tammy Huston - following a scare on Monday, she has slowly improved each day.
- ✚ Dave Souder - had a stroke Tuesday night; Univ. Hosp.; Josh's father.
- ✚ Faye Parker - somewhat stronger.
- ✚ Eugene Adams Sr. - recent heart attack.
- ✚ Sharon Vaughn - still improving from recent double by pass surgery; Cora Lacey's sister.
- ✚ Shannon Lambert - Bethesda North Hosp. with stage 4 cancer; sister of Shane Crutchfield.
- ✚ Bill Tumbleson - will soon begin chemo for lung cancer; Lori Baldrige's father.
- ✚ Bill Hale, Sr. - fluid in lung & around heart; Mercy Clermont in Progressive Care; father of Bill Hale & Melissa Zahn.
- ✚ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board. Please update the office from time to time when you put someone on the prayer list
- ✚ Other:

**Cleaning Teams:** Campbell Family  
David Tatman Family  
Judy Askren & Sharon Grooms

**Nursery** (31) Coordinator: Kristen Souder  
9:30 - Connie Scott  
10:30 - Tami & Bailey Davis