

Sermon Notes

“Arrival: The Blessing of Simeon” — Luke 2:25-35

- I. His waiting was like many _____. (2:25)
- A. _____ nature.
 - B. _____ expectation.
 - C. Simeon’s wait.
- II. His waiting was not _____. (2:25-27)
- A. He lived a _____ life. (25)
 - B. He lived in _____. (26)
 - C. He lived in _____ with the Holy Spirit. (27)
- III. His waiting led to _____. (2:27)
- A. He went _____ God told him.
 - B. He went _____ God told him.
- IV. His waiting was _____. (2:28-35)
- A. He _____ Jesus. (28)
 - B. He _____ Jesus. (29-32)
 - C. He proclaimed Jesus’ _____. (32-35)
 - 1. The whole _____. (32)
 - 2. The whole _____. (33-35)
 - D. He _____ in peace (29)

What about _____ and the _____?

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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“Simeon took him in his arms and praised God saying: ‘Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’ The child’s father and mother marveled at what was said about him.”

— Luke 2:28 - 33

December 25, 2016

Order of Worship

A short glimpse back to Part I (Anticipation)

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

"Light of Christmas" (video)

Angels We Have Heard on High

Message Tom Claibourne

O Come, Let Us Adore Him 136

Decisions

O Come, All Ye Faithful



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

Holy, Holy, Holy (Cradle to the Cross)

He Shall Reign Forevermore

Tithes & Offerings to the Lord
(Brought to the manger)

Final thought & prayer

Bethlehem News

Welcome

We welcome you to our celebration of God's great Gift. Last night we reviewed God's centuries of preparation, and considered the challenge of waiting on God. Today we celebrate the "Arrival" of God's Son and our Savior, perfectly on time.

This Week

Monday - 1. Take down stable in West Union
(Time to be announced)
2. Grief Share, 6:00 (Library)
Tuesday - Volleyball, 7:00 pm
Thursday - High School Shift, 6:00 pm

Thank You

To Derek for coordinating our varied and enjoyable talent night ("Chili Theater") and to all who participated. It was great to welcome some guests and see some hidden talents. Congratulations to Amber Lung for winning the chili cook-off.

Flowers

If you donated a flower in memory of someone, you may take it today to keep, or to bless someone else.

Brazil Information Meeting

January 8, 12:00 pm

This is for anyone who hopes to go on the 2019 trip, wants to help with preparations here at BCC, or simply wants more information.

Attention Men!

A special study beginning in January will carry on the "Stepping Up" idea begun with the fall elective. This will offer encouragement, support, and accountability for men. More details soon.

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 and connecting with the families.

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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

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

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

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.

Congratulations!

Alexa Koehler has been hired as the part-time Worship Leader/Coordinator at the Sardinia Church of Christ. Alexa has been a key part of our worship team at Bethlehem for several years.

She becomes the 4th person from the BCC Worship Ministry in the past few years to go on to serve in a paid position at a church.

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.
- ✚ Mission: Christian Village Communities.
- ✚ Jeff Frederick - has missed lots of work due to his cancer and treatments; husband of Marlene.
- ✚ Continued prayer - Lafe & Karen Armstrong, Cathy Borchers, Eunice Burgess, Robert Cronan, Patty Davis, Axl Fannin, Frank & Pat Gelter, 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:

Cleaning Teams: Johnson Family
McKenzie Family/Hale Family

Nursery (1) Coordinator: Jessica Cornette
9:30 am - Debbie Smiley
10:30 am - Linda Wells/Jessica Huston
Liz James