

Sermon Notes

“Preparation”

I. God prepared (Eph. 1:3-4)

- A. God prepared His _____ (numerous prophecies)
- B. God prepared the _____ (Gal. 4:4-5; Lk. 2:6-7)
 - 1. _____
 - 2. _____
 - 3. _____
 - 4. _____
 - 5. _____

II. Joseph & Mary prepared

- A. They accepted God's _____ (Lk. 1:26ff; Matt. 1:18ff)
- B. They submitted to God's _____ (Lk. 1:37-38; Matt. 1:24-25)
- C. They traveled to God's chosen _____ (Micah 5:1-2; Lk. 2:1-4)

III. We prepare

- A. Lots of _____
- B. Our hearts
 - 1. To _____
 - 2. To _____
 - 3. To _____
 - 4. To _____
 - 5. To _____

Are you prepared for Jesus to come _____, or for
you to _____ Him? (Matt. 25:21; 7:23)

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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“But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” — Galatians 4:4-5

“While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.”

— Luke 2:6-7

December 4, 2016

Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

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

Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)

Encouragement time

Angels Medley 190, 191, 192

Your Name

Jesus Paid It All 218



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)

Prayer for December marriages

Message Tom Claibourne

Come Home Running

Decisions

Reminders & prayer

Bethlehem News

Sounds & Tastes of Christmas

6:00 pm at Peebles

Six congregations will join together for a special evening to celebrate music & snacks of the season.

Choir members need to be there at 5:00 for the practice with the other choirs. Sign up in the foyer if you can donate some refreshments.

This Week

Monday - Grief Share, 6:00 (Library)
(Weekly through December)

Tuesday - Volleyball, 7:00 pm

Thursday - High School Shift, 6:00 pm

Friday - Cantata Dress Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Christmas Treats

We need each family to contribute \$3 to cover the cost. Please give yours to Anne Morris by next Sunday. Treats will be distributed to our youth at the end of morning worship on Dec. 18th.

BCC T-shirts are in

Cost \$8.00

To pick up your shirt(s), Linda Wells will be in the fellowship hall prior to morning Bible classes & also following morning worship. Payment is due when you pick up your order. Checks should be made out to the Bethlehem Church of Christ.

Christmas Talent Night at BCC

December 18, 2016

5:00 - Chili cook-off

6:00 - Talent show featuring: BCC youth & more.

If you would also like to participate in the program or with a display item (Crafts, quilt, etc.), see Derek.

Christmas Flowers

If you want to donate money for a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone please sign the list in the foyer and give \$8 to Mary Hale soon.

Want to Improve Your Leadership?

In Jan. we hope to host a special leadership class called "The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership Mastermind Study", led by DeeAnn Stricklett, who is a certified instructor.

The class is open to anyone who wants to improve their leadership skills (parents, church leaders, coaches, CEO's, community group leaders, etc.)

Interest sheets are available in the foyer.

Christmas Helping Hands Project & Restocking the Food Pantry

The Helping Hands display is set up in the foyer. Dec. 18 is the deadline for bringing gifts. You can either wrap your gift or put it in a gift bag. Bows have codes to identify age group, boy or girl, etc. Sarah Kohler has asked that all gifts returned have the bow placed on the gift. Cash donations are needed for food items not in the food pantry and more expensive toys. Checks may be made out to Bethlehem but put in the memo for the Helping Hands Ministry.

If you have any questions or need additional information on where to purchase items, see Sarah or one of the other coordinators (Morgan Edmisten or Geraldine Naylor).

There is an **immediate need** in our food pantry for the following items: Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, noodles, soups, peanut butter, cake mixes, jellies, assorted canned meats (tuna, ham, etc.). Boxes are in the foyer to collect the items.

Living Nativity

We are uniting with 5 other congregations again this year to provide the living nativity on the courthouse square Dec. 21 & 22, 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Please sign up in the foyer to help with cookies, greeting, serving, animals, stable construction, or portraying a character. Our night is the 21st.

Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God as the eternal Lord of the ages.
- ✚ Thank God for His careful plan and preparation to send His Son here for us.
- ✚ Pray for personal opportunities to point people to Jesus this season.
- ✚ Pray for all our congregational events and out-reach this season.
- ✚ Mission: Christian Benevolent Association.
- ✚ Addy Ishmael - had tonsils and adenoids removed Thursday.
- ✚ Brittany Ishmael - things going well now with the pregnancy.
- ✚ Mary Downs - had a reaction to medication; better now.
- ✚ Jack Downs - returns to GA this week for scheduled PT scan.
- ✚ Ruth Hobson - was to have returned home Friday from OVM. Will continue therapy at home.
- ✚ Faye Parker - to have back surgery, probably this week.
- ✚ Evelyn Wamsley - passed out during choir practice Sunday night; having tests done.
- ✚ Continued prayer list - Lafe & Karen Armstrong, Cathy Borchers, Eunice Burgess, Patty Davis, Axl Fannin, Jeff Frederick, Frank & Pat Gelter, Harry Hobson, Ken Holtzclaw, Judy Hughes, Carol Mayhugh, Jeanie Meade, Russell Newman, Justin Palmer, Win & Mary Rayburn, Drew Reid, Gordon Schrichten, William Twaddell.
- ✚ Other:

Cleaning Teams: Rob Davis Family
Cathy Ball & Angie Eglian / Bob Manning Family
Nursery (11) Coordinator: Jessica Cornette
9:30 am - Connie Scott
10:30 am - David & Melissa Brown