

Sermon Notes

"Happy Holy Days"

I. Don't forget what a " _____ " is.

— "A day intended to be _____ & _____,
as a time of _____ and honor."

Bible festivals (Deut. 16)

1. _____ (16:1)
2. _____ (Ex. 12:24-27)
3. _____ (Deut. 16:10-11, 14-15)
4. _____ (Deut. 16:10, 16, 17)

II. Don't be _____ of "Christmas"

III. Don't miss the _____.

1. _____ (Luke 2:8, 9; John 8:12; 10:22)
2. _____ (Matt. 2:2; 9-10; Rev. 22:16)
3. _____ (Matt. 2:11; James 1:17; John 3:16)
4. _____ (Hosea 14:8)
5. _____ (John 10; Is. 53)

IV. Don't lose your _____. (Luke 1,2; I Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17)

What will you _____ this Christmas?

It depends on where your _____ is.

Welcome to *Bethlehem Church of Christ*

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"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

— Colossians 3:17

December 6, 2015

Order of Worship

Welcome & Cherub Choir

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

You Are Holy

Christmas Offering

Amazing Love



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.

Encouragement time

Christmas Carol medley (190, 191, 192)

Message Tom Claibourne

The Light of the World Is Jesus 429

Decisions

Closing reminders

Brief congregational meeting

Bethlehem News

More Opportunities Today

- 12:15 - Missionary lunch
- 1:00 - Set up tables for evening
- 5:15 - Practice for county choir
- 6:00 - Sounds & Tastes of Christmas — help us welcome our guests from other congregations.

This Week

- Tuesday - Ladies Bible Study, 1:00 pm
- Wednesday - 1. Seniors lunch, noon
- 2. Elders meeting, 7:00 pm
- 3. Shepherding meeting, 8:00 pm
- Saturday - Living Nativity in Winchester, 11:00 am - 1 pm. We will be participating with another church. See the sheet in the foyer and sign up to help. Our time is 11-12.

Congregational Vote

The elders have nominated Danny Grooms, Bob Smith, and Josh Souder to become deacons at Bethlehem. We will vote as a congregation today.

Next Sunday

5:00 - Caroling at the VA Home— we will sing a few carols on each hallway to bless the residents. We'll return for some food at BCC.

Christmas Card Box

The Christmas card box is in the foyer if you would like to share Christmas greetings with others in the church. 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.

Christmas Treats

The next 2 Sundays we will be collecting money to pay for Christmas treats for our youth. We will need each family to contribute \$3 to cover the cost. Please give your \$3 to Anne Morris.

Living Nativity in West Union

December 16 & 17 — 6 - 8 pm

This is an incredible opportunity to share the Gospel in a very public way, in a very visible location. We plan to participate with 4 other churches

Please indicate on the papers in the foyer how you can help. (stable, costumes, portraying characters, animals, accessories, greeting, etc.). We are responsible for Dec. 16, 6 - 7 pm.

Christmas Helping Hands Project

The deadline for bringing gifts is next Sunday. You can either wrap your gift or put it in a gift bag. All gifts returned should have the bow placed on the gift. Monetary donations are needed to furnish meals and help cover the cost for the more expensive gifts.

Free Devotional Booklets

You may pick up a free Advent devotional booklet in the foyer for you and your family.

Mom's Prayer Group(s)

As more mothers sign up, plans are being made to match up prayer partners at different times and ways.

There will be an important meeting next Sunday at 12:00 in the fellowship hall.

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 Linnea by next Sunday.

Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for being Lord of all the ages
- ✚ Thank God for so many reasons to live with joy.
- ✚ Thank God for the seasonal opportunities to point people to Jesus.
- ✚ Pray for the courage to live with holiness.
- ✚ December Mission Focus: Christian Workers (Matt. 9:37-38)
- ✚ Steve Naylor - removal of cataract went well Monday, will have the left eye done Dec. 15.
- ✚ Christine McKenzie - returned home Thursday; had a CT scan; to see neurologist on Tuesday; feeling better.
- ✚ Family of Brenda Edwards - passed away Monday; no services were held.
- ✚ Marty Furnish - cancer returned; spread to other parts of body.
- ✚ Delores Holtzclaw - had surgery Thurs.; blocked artery in leg; Angela Rothwell's sister-in-law.
- ✚ Ken Holtzclaw - met with surgical team Thursday to discuss deep brain surgery; Angela's father.
- ✚ Anthony & Rebecca Tatman - birth of twins in 2 weeks; they may have lung problems; (Anthony is Betty's grandson; & David's nephew).
- ✚ Continued prayer List - Linda Barnes, Eunice Burgess, Fred Dodson, Jack Downs, Carolyn Fraley, Daisy Gill, Beth Glenn, Kathy Grooms, Jo Hanson, Harry Hobson, Judy Hughes, Fred Huston, D. J. King, Edna Lung, James Moore, Lloyd & Charlene McQuery, Alta Murphy, Danny Naylor, Patty Naylor, Pete Palmer, Emma Pfanckuch, Mary Powell, Win & Mary Rayburn, Tony Rowe, Gordon Schrichten, Phyllis Scott, Tim Spires, Linda Thompson, Shawn Wagner.
- ✚ Other:

Cleaning Teams: Kevin & Doris Woollard
Tom Eiterman/Chuck & Jakki O'Brien

Nursery (13) Coordinator: Melissa Brown
9:30 am - Debbie Smiley
10:30 am - Ann Simpson & Sarah Huston