

## Sermon Notes

### The Cost of Christmas — Matthew 2; II Cor. 8:9

- I. Christmas cost \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ a lot.
- A. Their \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 1:18,19)
- B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of home. (Luke 2:1-6; Matt. 2:13-15)
- C. But God \_\_\_\_\_, so they \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Will I respond when God calls?
- II. Christmas cost the \_\_\_\_\_ a lot. (Matt. 2)
- A. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 2:7, 16)
- B. They \_\_\_\_\_, but received \_\_\_\_\_ in return. (Matt. 2:9-11)
- C. God also uses our \_\_\_\_\_.
1. To \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 20:35)
- III. Christmas cost the \_\_\_\_\_ of Bethlehem a lot. (Matt. 2:16)
- \* Some of them may have later appreciated \_\_\_\_\_  
even more than most people.
- \* We must show people that Jesus came to fill the \_\_\_\_\_ that  
often expresses itself in violence.
- IV. Christmas cost \_\_\_\_\_ everything. (II Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:5-8)

Our greatest "thank you" is \_\_\_\_\_,

# Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich."*

— II Corinthians 8:9

**December 16, 2018**

## Order of Worship

*Christmas medley* *Adult Choir*  
(congregation - join us on verse 1 of each song)

1. *Joy to the World* 173
2. *Joyful, Joyful* 174
3. *How Great Our Joy* 197

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

Welcome & prayer

“Celebrate the Savior” - video challenge

*What a Glorious Night*

*He Shall Reign Forevermore*

“It’s Christmas” medley

*Silent Night* 171



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: Ben Parker)

Encouragement time

Message Tom Claibourne

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* 163

Decisions

Reminders & Prayer

## Bethlehem News

### Also Today

5:00 - Leave BCC for Christmas Caroling at Adams County Manor in West Union. We'll return to BCC for food & conversations.

### This Week

Tuesday - 1. Grief Share, 6:30 pm  
2. Volleyball, 7 pm

### Talent Show, Chili Cook Off & Game Night

December 30, 6:00 pm in the gym  
You can sign up in the foyer to participate with talents (either up front or on display tables) or the chili cook off. Bring some board games to share.

### Enjoyable Opportunity

The Creation Museum and Ark Encounter both have great Christmas events. Admission is free. Camel rides, theater, etc. are optional for a fee. Go to:

ArkEncounter.com/christmas  
CreationMuseum.org/Christmas

### Gifts to Inspire

There are 3 catalogs in the foyer if you want to bless others in a unique way this Christmas (Third World nations, persecuted Christians, etc.).

### Christmas Card Box

Continue to put cards in the box in **front** of the appropriate letter. Check the box for cards that have been “sent” to your family, & others you might be able to deliver to someone who is not here.

### Helping Hands Christmas Project

Today is the deadline for bringing your gifts or cash donations. Checks may be made out to Bethlehem but put in the memo for the Helping Hands Ministry.

If you need additional information, see Geraldine Naylor or one of the other coordinators (Morgan Edmisten or Lori Baldrige).

### Christmas Flowers

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

#### Name In Memory of

Basford Family - **Tom Manning**

Davis Family (3) - **Patty Davis, Mary Bramel & Ruth Bias**

Fisher / Seipelt Family (2) - **Minnie Fisher, Gladys & Cletis Fisher**

Foster Family - **Loren & Grace Gelter**  
Danny & Sharon Grooms (2) - **Donald Vogler & Wm. Ray Grooms**

Libby Hall - **J. E. Hall**

Hobson Family - **Ruth’s father and other family members that have passed.**

Mike, Jessica & Sarah Huston - **Tammy Huston**

Shirley Lewis - **Charles Hughes**

Tatman Family (2) - **Sam Tatman**

### 2019 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2019 (Whole Bible, Gospels, Psalms/Proverbs, New Testament, etc.). See the 2 sign up sheets.

1. Sign if you completed a Bible reading program in 2018 (indicate which one).
2. Sign if you plan to complete a Bible reading program in 2019 (indicate which one).

## Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for His eternal power and plan.
- ✚ Thank God for the faithful people He used related to the coming of Jesus.
- ✚ Thank God for His life-changing message.
- ✚ Pray for our decision regarding the candidate for our ministry position, as well as his decision.
- ✚ December Mission: SALT Ministries (George & Xena Al Salty, Missionaries to the Muslim world).
- ✚ Patrick Bihl - hip replacement surgery went well Wednesday.
- ✚ Derrick Pence - checked last week for heart irregularities; was having PVC’s (like heart hiccups); to be checked again in 2 months.
- ✚ Fred Daulton - fell last week causing more pain & limitations with his knee.
- ✚ Eleanora Bird - still very weak from a lung disease, but recovering at home, friend of the Claibournes.
- ✚ Todd Leach - undergoing radiation and chemo for a tumor attached to his tongue; on feeding tube since he cannot eat; Ann Simpson’s boss.
- ✚ Ruth Anne Haubner - had back surgery in Virginia this past Friday; our missionary to Brazil.
- ✚ Dr. Jack Cottrell - to have surgery for cancer Dec. 26; author & professor; CRA trustee with Tom C.
- ✚ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board. Thank you for reviewing the list often and contacting the office with updates.
- ✚ Other:

**Cleaning Teams:** David Davis Family  
Cathy Ball & Monica Bales/Laura Bloom  
**Nursery** (23) Coordinator: Kristen Souder  
9:30 - Kristen Souder  
10:30 - Johnna Kattine & Lauren Eiterman