

Sermon Notes

The Forerunners of Christmas — Luke 1:5 - 25, 57 - 80

(The Forgotten Family in the Christmas Story)

- I. Be _____ any time. (1:5-17)
- A. Their right _____ helped make them ready. (1:6)
 - B. Being in the right _____ helped make them ready. (1:8-10)
- II. _____ God's message. (1:18-22)
- A. God has _____ Himself. (1:23-25, 57-66)
 - B. God has sent _____ messengers. (1:19)
 - C. God's _____ has guided the process. (II Pet. 1:20-21)
- III. Don't miss the _____ . (1:67-75)
- All about _____ !
- IV. _____ where God leads. (1:76-80)
- A. Zechariah _____ John for his mission. (1:14-17; Mal. 3-4; Luke 3:4-6)
 - B. John _____ his mission. (Lk. 3:2-6; 3:15ff; Matt. 11:11; Jn. 3:30)
- Let's be _____ , _____ , and _____ Jesus.

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him, to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace.”

— Luke 1:76-79

December 9, 2018

Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

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

Christmas Medley

Adult Choir

Joyful (The One Who Saves)

Holy, Holy, Holy (God With Us)

We Shall Reign Forever

Emmanuel

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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: Morris Family)

Encouragement time

Message

Tom Claibourne

O Little Town of Bethlehem

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Decisions

Reminders & Prayer

Bethlehem News

This Evening

Leave BCC at 6:00 pm for "Bethlehem Experience" at Countryside Church of Christ. (An interactive, outdoor experience walking through the ancient town of Bethlehem).

You can also meet the group there at approximately 6:20.

This Week

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

Wednesday - 1. Seniors lunch, 12 pm
2. Elders meeting, 7 pm
3. Shepherding meeting, 8 pm

Sunday Evening Schedule

Dec. 16 - Christmas caroling, 5:00 pm at the Adams Co. Manor (followed by refreshments & fellowship). See sign up sheets in the foyer.

Dec. 30 - Talent Night, Chili Cookoff, & Game Night - 6:00 pm in the gym.

Christmas Decorations

A special thank you to Betty Tatman, Judy Askren, Lisa Davis, Terry Parker & Ryan Tatman for the beautiful Christmas decorations throughout our buildings.

Christmas Treats

We need each family to contribute \$2. Please give your \$2 to Anne Morris.

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

Helping Hands Christmas Project

The display with gift tags (indicating gift details) is in the foyer. You can either wrap your gift or put it in a gift bag. Geraldine Naylor has asked that all gifts returned have the bow placed on the gift.

Cash donations are needed for more expensive toys. Checks may be made out to Bethlehem but put in the memo for the Helping Hands Ministry.

If you need additional information, see Geraldine or one of the other coordinators (Morgan Edmisten or Lori Baldrige). Next Sunday is the deadline for bringing gifts.

Missionary Cards

Show your love and support for our missionaries by signing the cards in the foyer.

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 the box in **front** of the appropriate letter. 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.



2018 Bible Reading Programs

Next Sunday, in the foyer several options will be available for 2019.

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.).

Backwards

Please note that the sign-up counter in the foyer must be approached from the back side now (sign-up papers, newsletters, Christmas cards, etc.).

Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for His eternal power and plan.
- ✚ Thank God for His perfect timing.
- ✚ 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).
- ✚ Frank Gelter - in a lot of pain from possible pinched nerve in shoulder.
- ✚ Bob Smith - rotator cuff surgery went well Tues.
- ✚ Patrick Bihl - hip replacement surgery went well Wednesday.
- ✚ Sandy Manning - had surgery December 1 to repair broken ankle.
- ✚ Family of Glenda Yockey - passed away Wed.; friend of Brenda Young, Jake & Kathy Jodrey.
- ✚ Family of Harvey Bream - buried Wednesday; former president of CCU; friend & co-worker of Tom Claibourne.
- ✚ Ruth Anne Haubner - to have back surgery in Virginia Friday; our missionary to Brazil.
- ✚ Fred Dodson - recovering from a heart attack; Rick Hobson's uncle.
- ✚ Continued prayer: Pat Berry, Eleanora Bird, Diane Black, William Bloom, Shane Crutchfield, Fred Daulton, Kristen Fisher, Pat Gelter, Doris Gilliam, Harry & Delores Hobson, Leona Inskeep, Chad Jodrey, Sigrid Johnson, James Jones, Karen Kennedy, Arelita Light, Pat Mustard, Mary Ruth Newman, Karen Newton, Nick Seas, Samantha Setty, Bernice Smith, Nancy Smith, Kevin Stapleton, Jamie Stout, John Swisher, Bobbi Utterback, John & Evelyn Woollard.
- ✚ Other:

Cleaning Teams: Campbell Family/Mike H. & David T./Judy A. & Sharon G.

Nursery (16) Coordinator: Jessica Cornette
9:30 - Connie Scott
10:30 - Angela Rothwell