

## Sermon Notes

### The Wonder of Christmas

#### I. The Blessing of Wonder

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ are better at wonder than adults. (Matt. 18:2-4)
- B. Wonder keeps us \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. The Loss of Wonder. (Col. 3:17, 23)

#### III. Regaining & Living with Wonder

- A. Take some \_\_\_\_\_ steps.
- B. Ponder the amazing wonders of \_\_\_\_\_ coming \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Lk. 1:29, 65-66; 2:17-19)
1. The wonder of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The wonder of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (John 1:1-4, 14)
  3. The wonder of Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ conception.  
(Matt. 1:21-23 / Mic. 5:2)
  4. The wonder of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 4:4-5)
  5. The wonder of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 2:2, 9-12; Isa. 9:6; 11:1-2; 28:29; Col. 2:3)
  6. The wonder of God's \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt. 2:4-6 / Mic. 5:2; Lk. 2:4, 15; John 6:33-35, 51)
  7. The wonder of \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus came. (Isa. 9:6-7; I Tim. 3:16)

The wonder \_\_\_\_\_ when God is born in us.

## Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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*“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.”*

— Luke 2: 17 - 19

December 15, 2019

## Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

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

*Go Tell it on the Mountain* 181

*Carol Medley (167, 183, 171)*

*What Child is This?* 179

*Away in a Manger* 176



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: Connie Scott & Kayla Berry)

Encouragement time

Message Tom Claibourne

*O Little Town of Bethlehem* 169

Decisions

Reminders & prayer

## Bethlehem News

### Also Today

12:15 - Youth leaders (morning & evening teachers): Christian needs to meet with you up front to discuss youth age group divisions.  
6:00 - "Bethlehem Experience" at Countryside Church of Christ. (An interactive, out door experience walking through the ancient town of Bethlehem). **We will leave BCC at 5:45** in the van or you can meet us there.

### This Week

Tuesday - Volleyball, 7 pm  
Saturday - Teen Christmas Party at the Martins, 6 - 8 pm

### Next Sunday — leave BCC 4 pm

Christmas Carol at the Veterans Home, then go to Pizza Hut together afterwards.

### Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Service, 9 pm. A special time. Bring all your family for this meaningful gathering.  
Dec. 29 - 1. Baby Shower (Leah King), 3 pm.  
2. New Year's Eve Eve Soup & Game Night, 6 pm

### 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.

### Make Your Own Photo Booth

We encourage you to use one of the nice scenes in the foyer for a family Christmas picture. Several posters are available if you want to hold one of them in the picture.

### New Church Directory

Please check the sheets in the foyer:

1. If your information on sheet 1 is correct mark ok.
2. Make corrections to sheet 1 on sheet 2.
3. Complete sheet 3 to be added on sheet 1.
4. If you didn't have your picture taken but would like one in the directory, email a picture to Renee Huff [neenee129@yahoo.com](mailto:neenee129@yahoo.com) **by next Sunday.**

### Unique Giving Opportunity:

Some catalogs in the foyer offer opportunities to help people in practical ways in developing nations (rice, goats, water systems, fruit trees, mosquito nets, food kits, bedding and more).

### Want Some Christmas Inspiration?

The BCC Library features around 40 Christmas Books (non-fiction and fiction). Why not check out one or more this season? There are adult and children's books for your family to enjoy.

### Thanks

We thank Betty Tatman, and the following people who helped her in any way with decorations for the season: Judy Askren, David & Carol Basford, David & Lisa Davis, Grace Fraley, Anne Morris, Terry Parker, and Ryan Tatman.

### 2020 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2020 (Whole Bible, Gospels, Psalms/Proverbs, New Testament, etc.). 2 sign up sheets.

1. If you completed a Bible reading program in 2019 (indicate which one).
2. If you plan to complete a Bible reading program in 2020 (indicate which one).
3. If you plan to read through the entire Bible in 2020 Tom would like to meet with you in the library after this morning's service.

## Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for being perfect in wisdom & unlimited in power.
- ✚ Thank God for sending His Son Jesus into our real world to save and redirect us.
- ✚ Pray that you can gain a true sense of wonder about what this season represents.
- ✚ December mission: SALT Ministry
- ✚ Family of Mari Ann Mullen - funeral was Tuesday; mother-in-law of Debbie Smiley's nephew.
- ✚ Fred Daulton - to have hip replaced Friday at Anderson Mercy.
- ✚ David Davis - will have meniscus tear repaired Wednesday.
- ✚ Becky Bouquot - stoved up from car accident Wednesday; daughter of Judy Askren.
- ✚ Tony Gray - plans to return to work this week.
- ✚ Diane Black - to have surgery Tuesday; mother of Melissa Semple.
- ✚ Lawrence Young - malignant mass around gall bladder; at home awaiting scheduling for cancer treatments; friend of Steve Naylor.
- ✚ Ruby Gray - serious car wreck Dec. 7; off work at least 2 weeks; Amber Lungs supervisor; lives in Portsmouth.
- ✚ John Waits family - John passed away Wednesday; brother-in-law of Sharon Grooms.
- ✚ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board. Thank you for reviewing the list often and contacting the office with updates.
- ✚ Other:

**Cleaning Teams:** Cluxton Family  
Marlene & Jessica Frederick  
Seipelt Family

**Next Sunday Nursery:**  
Coordinator: Melissa Brown  
9:30 - Kristen Souder  
10:30 - Tami & Bailey Joy Davis