

## Sermon Notes

### The Light of Christmas — Isaiah 60

“The Birthday of the Unconquered sun \_\_\_\_\_”

I. **There is a darkness that \_\_\_\_\_ the light.** (60:2)

A. The Bible: a story of the continuous struggle between

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Gen. 1:1-3; Isa. 59:1-3, 9-13)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is still darkening our world.

II. **There are lights that \_\_\_\_\_ light.**

\* People expect \_\_\_\_\_ to change things that only  
\_\_\_\_\_ can change.

\* Are you looking in the \_\_\_\_\_ ?

III. **There is a light that \_\_\_\_\_,** (60:1-3)

Good news: Isa. 9:1-2, 6-7; Luke 1:76-79; 2:9-11, 32

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ light has come. (John 1:4-9)

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of light is available. (John 8:12; 12:46; I John 2:8;  
I Pet. 2:9; Eph. 5:8)

Our response (John 8:12; John 3:16; Matt. 10:32; Luke 13:3; Mark 16:16; Luke 9:23)

God invites you to \_\_\_\_\_ with Him in the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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*“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.”*

— Isaiah 60: 1 - 3

December 22, 2019

## Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

Worship video

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

*Hark, The Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven*

*He Shall Reign Forevermore*

*Jesus Messiah*

*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: Makenna & Sidney Michael)

Encouragement time

Message

Tom Claibourne

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Decisions

Reminders, gifts for youth, & prayer

## Welcome !

Merry Christmas ! We are glad you have joined us for our celebration of God's great gift.

We welcome our youth to the auditorium today for Family Sunday. Youth pages are available in the foyer.

### Also Today

4:00 - Leave BCC to Christmas Carol at the Veterans Home, then to Pizza Hut together afterwards.

### Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, 9 pm

You won't want to miss this annual highlight. This year will feature a unique children's book presentation, as well as a special candle memorial time, along with some familiar aspects. Bring a friend, your extended family, and a heart for worship. We still have a few more invitation cards on the welcome counter.

### Next Sunday

1. "New Year, New You", 10:30
2. Baby Shower (Leah King), 3:00 pm
3. New Year's Eve Eve Eve Soup & Game Night, 6:00 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.

### Enjoyable Opportunity

The Creation Museum & Ark Encounter both have great Christmas events. Admission is free. Camel rides, theater, zip lines, etc. are optional for a fee. Go to: [ArkEncounter.com/Christmas](http://ArkEncounter.com/Christmas) or [CreationMuseum.org/Christmas](http://CreationMuseum.org/Christmas)

### New Church Directory

1. Please check the sheets in the foyer. If your information is correct mark OK next to your name.
2. Sheets are provided for corrections.
3. 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.**

### H.O.P.E. Box Coming Soon

Our leaders have been discussing a special new benevolence opportunity for quite some time.

Beginning in January we will place a H.O.P.E. (Helping Others, Providing Encouragement) Box in the foyer on Sunday mornings. We will each be encouraged to put in a dollar per person (or \$5 for a family of 5).

Each month the collected amount will be used to meet a need for someone who is struggling. A team of 3 from BCC will determine who is helped each month.

This will allow us to be a blessing aside from our regular tithes and offerings, outside the BCC general fund.

More details in January.

### Make Your Own Photo Booth

The posters are still in the foyer if you would like hold one of them up for a family Christmas picture.

### 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. Tom plans to lead a monthly discussion group for those reading through the whole Bible chronologically. Six have expressed an interest so far.

## Join Us in Praying

- ✠ Praise God for His eternal love, grace & righteousness.
- ✠ Praise God for the wonder and simplicity of how Jesus came here.
- ✠ Thank God for forgiveness, new beginnings, and eternal hope.
- ✠ December mission: SALT Ministry
- ✠ Scott Willey - Tuesday's surgery to remove mass from kidney went well; testing results this week; husband of co-worker of Lisa Berry.
- ✠ Fred Daulton - hip replacement surgery this past Friday.
- ✠ David Davis - knee surgery went well
- ✠ Tim Woollard - had back surgery at Bethesda North Hospital Friday; Kevin's brother.
- ✠ Mark Wright - had lung biopsy Tues.; results this week; to see oncologist; nephew of Floyd Morris.
- ✠ Diane Black - got along well with surgery; mother of Melissa Semple.
- ✠ Bonnie Swearingen - in her 90's; now a resident at Georgetown Villa; friend of Betty Tatman.
- ✠ Lawrence Young - begins treatments Dec. 30 for malignant mass around gall bladder; friend of Steve Naylor.
- ✠ Ruth Nixon - continuing to weaken and decline in nursing home in Fairborn.
- ✠ Kerry Allen - still in neck brace 2 more months; voice improving some; pain has decreased.
- ✠ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board.
- ✠ Other:

**Cleaning Teams:** Rob Davis Family  
Souder Family  
Duane & Connie Scott

**Next Sunday Nursery:**  
Coordinator: Jessica Cornette  
9:30 - Debbie Smiley  
10:30 - Jessica Huston & Kirsten Campbell