

Sermon Notes

The Voices of Christmas

Genesis 35:16-20 (c. 1900 BC) ; Jeremiah 31:15 (586 BC) ;
Matt. 2:16-18 (c. 2 BC)

I. The voice of God _____.

Gen. 3:15 → 12: 1-3 → 49:8-10

Isaiah 11:1 & Jer. 23:5-6; Isa. 7:14; Mic. 5:2; Dan. 9:26-27

* It is one _____ with one ultimate _____.

II. The voice of Rachel _____.

3 reasons:

1. Pain & _____. (Gen. 35:16-20)

2. Descendants being carried off into _____. (Jer. 31:15)

3. Descendants being _____ by an evil king. (Matt. 2:16-18)

Jesus came into our _____!

III. The voice of an angel _____. (_____!)

Luke 2:8-12

Jer. 31:16-17

Matt. 2:19-20

God _____ His _____!

IV. _____ voice and ears at _____.

Where will your _____ end, and what will you

_____ and _____ along the way?

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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“Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ‘A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.’”

— Matthew 2: 17 - 18

December 8 2019

Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

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

What a Glorious Night

Holy, Holy, Holy (God With Us)

"It's Christmas" Medley



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 Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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Bethlehem News

Also Today

4:00 — 50th Anniversary Celebration for our work with the Haubners in Brazil. A special service with various congregations and the Haubners participating. Then a reception will be enjoyed by all. Hosted by the Georgetown Church of Christ.

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.

This Week

Tuesday - Volleyball, 7:00 pm

Wednesday - 1. Seniors lunch, noon

2. Elders meeting, 7 pm

3. Shepherding meeting, 8 pm

Friday - Teen 5th Quarter after ballgame

Next Sunday

Leave BCC 5:45 pm

"Bethlehem Experience" at Countryside Church of Christ. (An interactive, out door experience walking through the ancient town of Bethlehem). We'd love to take as many as possible together as a group.

Mark Your Calendar

Teen Christmas Party — Dec. 21, 6 - 8 pm.

Christmas Caroling — Dec. 22, at the Veterans Home.

Baby Shower (Leah King) — Dec. 29, 3 pm.

Directory Pictures

There have been some complaints about pictures. If you have a problem with picture quality, with your order, or any other issues, please contact **Life Touch Customer Service** at 888-313-1746 or email lcdcs@lifetouch.com (if you contact them you need your 8-digit sitting number).

Bethlehem Blessing Others

Thank you to everyone who filled boxes for Operation Christmas Child, help buy gifts for clients at the Pregnancy Resource Center, & participated in the "Shining Clothesline" project to help one of our local schools.

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.

2020 Bible Reading Group

For those who will read through the entire Bible in 2020, Tom Claibourne invites you to take things a step further by meeting as a group with him periodically to share thoughts & questions. He would like to discuss possibilities for this next Sunday after the morning service.



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).

Join Us in Praying

- ✚ Praise God for being perfect in wisdom and unlimited in power.
- ✚ Thank God for sending His Son Jesus into our real world to save and redirect us.
- ✚ Pat Berry - recovering from Tuesday's shoulder replacement.
- ✚ Tony Gray had 2 stents put in Monday to clear blockages.
- ✚ Lawrence Young - mass around gall bladder; Univ. Hosp.; commander of Adams Co. Honor Guard; friend of Steve Naylor.
- ✚ December mission: SALT Ministry
- ✚ Jonathan "Bub" Stivers - injured in mining accident Wed.; EHS grad; had surgery Wed. at UC to insert pins in spine; in a lot of pain; hoping to be moved to Drake for therapy soon; best friend of Deb Forsythe's nephew.
- ✚ Doug Ingram - ongoing cancer treatments; friend of Kay McWain.
- ✚ Randy Tolle - heart catherization Friday; no major blockages; no other heart procedures needed; some changes in diet & exercise recommended; husband of Penny.
- ✚ Rick Vogler - knee replacement Tuesday; Anderson Mercy; brother of Sharon Grooms.
- ✚ John Waits - hoping to get moved to Monarch Meadows; in Bethesda North Hosp.; brother-in-law of Sharon Grooms.
- ✚ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board.
- ✚ Other:

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.

Cleaning Teams: David & Lisa Davis
Quinten & Amanda Scott/Laura Bloom

Next Sunday Nursery:

Coordinator: Kristen Souder

9:30 - Connie Scott

10:30 - Sarah & Wyatt Manning