

Sermon Notes

“I Have Decided to Live as a Pilgrim”

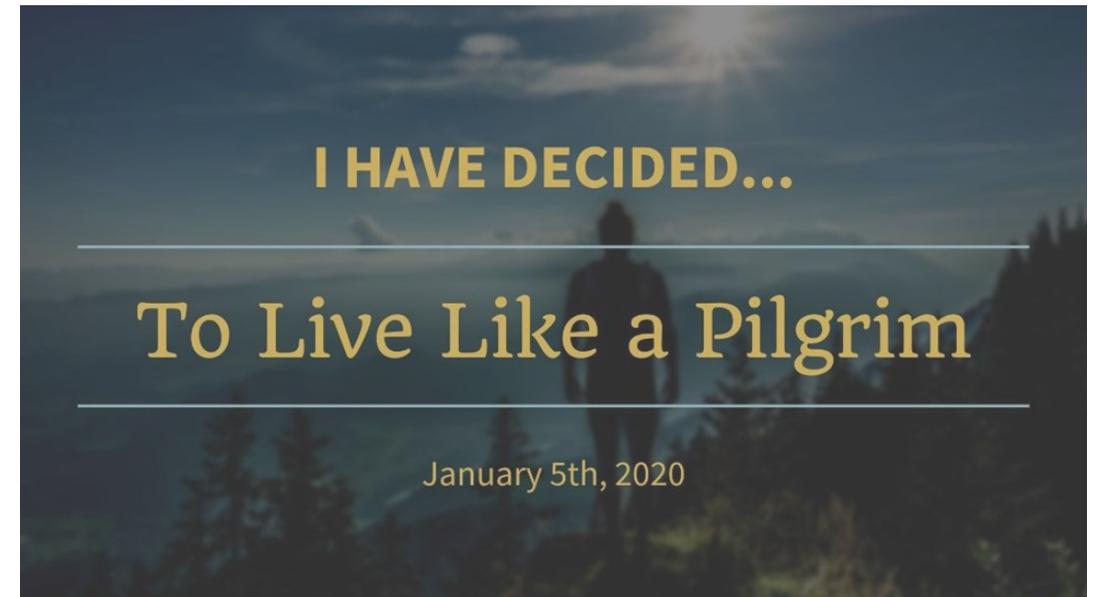
- I. **Living as a pilgrim** (I Pet. 1: 1, 17; Gen. 47: 7 - 9)
- A. A pilgrim is on a _____ . (Gen. 1:27-28; 31; 2:15)
 - B. A pilgrim makes _____ . (Phil. 3:12-14)
 - C. A pilgrim journeys into _____ territories. (Gen. 12:1, 4; Heb. 11:8)
- II. **Living wisely as a pilgrim.**
- A. A wise pilgrim is _____ .
Key word: _____ ! (Moses in Exodus)
 - B. A wise pilgrim follows the _____ .
(Gen. 12:1-4; II Chron. 20:1-12)
 - C. A wise pilgrim journeys with _____ . (Eccl. 4:9-12)
 - D. A wise pilgrim doesn't get too _____ to things.
 - * We are _____ here. (I Pet. 1:1, 17; 2:11-12; I Chron. 29:15)
 - * This _____ is not our home.
 - E. A wise pilgrim focuses on the _____ destination.
(Heb. 11:8-10, 13-16; Phil. 3:20-21)

**We can come to God just as _____ , but God doesn't
want us to _____ where we are.**

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.”

— Hebrews 11: 8 - 9

Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

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

Open Up the Heavens

Encouragement time

Christ Be All Around Me

Let it Be Jesus

The Old Rugged Cross

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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.

Prayer for January Marriages - Christian Martin

Message

Tom Claibourne

Just As I Am / I Come Broken

Decisions

Reminders & prayer

Bethlehem News

Welcome

We're glad you have made it a priority today to worship God with others. Thank you for wearing a name tag to help us all get better acquainted.

This Evening

All ages will gather in the auditorium at 6:00 for a special & enjoyable time of preparation for 2020.

Christmas Cards

Please check the small table for cards that have been "sent" to your family, & others you might be able to deliver to someone who is not here.

This Week

Tuesday - Volleyball, 7:00 pm

Wednesday - 1. Leadership meeting, 7:00 pm
2. Basketball, 7:00 pm

Do Your Part

Several 6-month ministries are available on a list in the foyer (bell-ringing, pencil sharpening, etc.). Sign up if you can help. If you are currently performing something on the list & plan to continue, please sign up again.

Free Calendars

January church calendars & 2020 calendars from Meeker funeral home are in the foyer.

Want to Stay Informed?

Please write the necessary information on the lists on the Welcome Counter to receive the monthly "BETHLEHEM STAR" or group emails from the preacher (news, information, inspiration, etc.).

H.O.P.E. Box

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

Beginning next week 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 next Sunday.

2020 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2020. See the 2 sign up sheets:

1. Sign if you completed a Bible reading program in 2019 (indicate which one).
2. Sign if you plan to complete a Bible reading program in 2020 (indicate which one).

Bible Reading Growth Group

This year we are offering a unique growth opportunity in connection with our Reading Through the Bible program. Tom Claibourne is inviting all those reading through the entire Bible to join him once each month (maybe even twice if people are interested) to share thoughts and questions.

At least 6 have expressed an interest so far. First meeting: Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 pm.

Good News

We rejoiced last Sunday as Tanner Jodrey confessed his faith in Jesus Christ & was baptized into Him. Tanner is the son of Chad & Jessica Jodrey.

Join Us in Praying

- ✠ Praise God that He is eternal Lord of the ages.
- ✠ Thank God for His countless blessings in 2019.
- ✠ Pray for the courage and submission to allow God to make you a new person in 2020.
- ✠ January mission: Hoff's Honduras Ministry.
- ✠ Betty Fenner - had more mini-strokes over the past couple weeks, but doing well currently; mother of Tom Claibourne.
- ✠ Betty Tatman recovering from pneumonia.
- ✠ Sharon Foster - will have surgery Tuesday at Cleveland Clinic to re-do a past gastric surgery; sister-in-law of Jeff Foster.
- ✠ Tim Copas - UC Hosp.; kink in his bowel; ongoing cancer battle; cousin of Angie Holbrook.
- ✠ Arelto Light - has been in Anderson Mercy Hosp. with dehydration and CHF; Ruth Robson's mother.
- ✠ Charlene McQuery - was in the hospital before Christmas; low potassium level; now home and much improved; Brenda Young's mother.
- ✠ Continued prayer list is on the prayer board.
- ✠ Other:

Prayer

Please join the Claibournes in praying for their son-in-law, William Masse. Wednesday he has his immigration appointment at the US Embassy in Paris. (2:45 am EST)

Let Us Know

If your birthday or anniversary did not appear on the monthly 2019 calendars, please provide the information to our church office (Donna's mail tray or at bethlehemchurch2@yahoo.com).

Cleaning Teams: Johnson Family
Lung Family/Logan Family

Next Sunday Nursery:

Coordinator: Melissa Brown
9:30 - Connie Scott
10:30 - Nathan & Jessica Cornette