

Sermon Notes

Looking Forward

- I. By _____. (Heb. 11:8-10)
- Faith sees the _____. (Gen. 12:1)
 - Faith demands _____. (Heb. 11:8; Gen. 12:4; Ja. 2:14ff)
 - Faith comes at a _____. (Heb. 11:8-9; Gen. 12:1; Matt. 8:18-22)
 - Faith always _____. (Heb. 11:12-16, 39, 40; Neh. 9:7-8; Gen. 12:2-3; Matt. 1:1; Acts 3:24-26; Gal. 3:16)
- II. Without _____. (Heb. 11:8-9)
- _____ is greater than your fear. (Is. 41:10; II Tim. 1:7; Ps. 23:4)
 - Have _____ greater than your fear. (Phil. 4:6; Ps. 23:4; 56:3-4; Rom. 8:35-39)
- III. Look _____. (Heb. 11:10-16)
- To God's _____. (Heb. 11:13, 39, 40; II Pet. 3:9-12, 14)
 - To a new _____. (Heb. 11:9,10, 13-16, 39, 40; John 14:1-6; Rev. 21)

I will follow the example of Abraham as I, by _____

without _____, look _____!

Welcome to Bethlehem Church of Christ

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Derek James, Associate Minister



*“For God remembered His holy promise given to His servant Abraham. He brought out His people with rejoicing. His chosen ones with shouts of joy; He gave them the lands of the nations, and they fell heir to what others had toiled for; that they might keep His precepts and observe His laws.
Praise the Lord.”*

(Psalm 105:42-45)

December 31, 2017

Order of Worship

Welcome & prayer

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

Never Gonna Let Me Go

Great Are You Lord

Christ Be All Around Me

It Is Well (Oh My Soul)



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.

Musical Message: Alexa Koewler

Encouragement time

Message

Derek James

O Come to the Altar

Decisions

Reminders & prayer

Bethlehem News

No Evening Gathering

We will not gather formally this evening to allow your family to enjoy the holiday together.

This Week

Tuesday - 1. Grief Share Seminar, 6:00 pm

2. Volleyball, 7:00 pm

Wednesday - Basketball, 7:00 pm

(first of the season)

New Year — New Beginning

Tom's first 3 message titles in 2018 will begin "**Let God ...**" On January 21 he will point us toward a new vision for Bethlehem. That will be followed by an important series called "**We Hold These Truths: Core Principles for Bethlehem**".

Christmas Flowers

If you donated a poinsettia you may take it home today, or it can be taken to a shut-in or nursing home to bring a smile.

Christmas Cards

Check the table in the foyer for cards that have been "sent" to your family, or others that you might be able to deliver to someone who is not here.

Free Calendars

You may pick up a January calendar for your family in the foyer today. Beautiful 2018 calendars from local funeral homes are available on the sign-up counter in the foyer.

Wonderful News

We rejoiced last Sunday with Lauren Eiterman as she confessed her faith in Jesus and was baptized. Lauren is the daughter of Barbara Moore & Tom Eiterman.

Note From Derek

A special "thank you" to all our BCC Family who have continued to love and support my family and I throughout this bittersweet transition. We continue to pray for the life and faith of the Bethlehem church, even as we begin a new ministry with Farmdale.

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:2)

2018 Bible Reading Programs

Several options are available in the foyer for 2018 (Whole Bible, Gospels, Psalms/Proverbs, New Testament, etc.). See the 2 sign up sheets.

1. Sign if you completed a Bible reading program in 2017 (indicate which one).
2. Sign if you plan to complete a Bible reading program in 2018 (indicate which one).

B2B Day at Sunset Bowl

January 13 - (Noon to Midnight)

This will be a great fellowship, outreach, and fundraising event involving the BCC family, our community, and the Bethlehem2Brazil team. (B2B will receive half the proceeds of any games and shoes that day). Special features:

- 4 adult and 3 youth secret competitions.
- Costume competition.
- Afternoon bowling tournament (teams of 4 players).
- A Bethlehem display and Brazil display.

We need volunteers and greeters even if you are not a bowler, as well as donations for prizes.

Do Your Part

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

Join Us in Praying

- ✠ Pray for God's blessings on the new year.
- ✠ Thank God for leading Bethlehem through 2017.
- ✠ Ask God to help you to, "By faith, without fear, look forward!"
- ✠ Praise God and thank Him for always keeping His promises!
- ✠ January Mission: Mark & Joy Hoff (Honduras)
- ✠ Carol Truesdell - doctor's appointment this past Friday in Cincinnati; slowly improving.
- ✠ Tammy Huston - at Anderson Mercy; may be moved to Drake Hospital soon.
- ✠ Donnie Morrison - heart surgery on December 22 went well; Grandfather of Brian Dugan.
- ✠ Bill Hale, Sr. - now home following short hospital stay for breathing problems. Father of Billy Hale & Melissa Zahn.
- ✠ Dave Souder - improving from recent stroke; at Ohio Valley Manor for therapy; Josh's father.
- ✠ Shannon Lambert - stage 4 cancer; at home under Hospice care; sister of Shane Crutchfield.
- ✠ Continued prayer - Billy Colliver, Belinda Dick, Jack Downs, Frank & Pat Gelter, Harry & Delores Hobson, Ken Holtzclaw, Nancy Hughes, Heather Huston, Sigrid Johnson, Abby Kyle, Sandy Manning, John Newman, Michael Orr, Ronnie Reeves, Gordon Schrichten, Bernice Smith, Kevin Stapleton, Curt Steelman, Matt Taylor, Bill Tumbleson, Chris Young.
- ✠ Other:

Change In Schedule

The next BETHLEHEM STAR will be published January 17 as a 2-month edition.

Cleaning Teams: Rob Davis Family
Sam Young Family/Scott Family

Nursery (7) Coordinator: Melissa Brown
9:30 - Melanie Ohnewehr
10:30 - Angela Rothwell/Victoria Kohler