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O, Come Let Us Adore Him!

Much of the world will celebrate Christmas. This may be a greater opportunity than we've realized. By the name, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world. But, I have no doubt that the celebration for many will have little to do with Jesus' birth. A large number of celebrants will think of giving, and that is good, and a large number will think of profits, and that might be good in the economic sense.

Lest we forget, there will also be a large number of people who are too sad to celebrate anything because of their pain for a lot of reasons, including lack of funds to live like the rest of the world does or perhaps the loss of a loved one.

There are many reasons for pain. For now, we just need to understand that pain is there.

Now to the opportunity. Many musical performances of the time will include the song "O Come, All Ye Faithful," a 17th Century composition. For six centuries Christians, or Christian wannabees, have been singing this song that says in the end, "O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."

So, in my view, the opportunity is included in the song's call to the faithful to come. That almost sounds like a wakeup call to me in this time. And, because of our present distresses of economy, terrorism, and just plain worldliness, the call may be more important than ever before.

Speaking to the "faithful," as the song does, presumes existing followership of the Lord. The call, then, would be to come to a remembrance of the birth of Jesus and reflect on the importance of that, while expressing an adoration (that seems to be a central theme) to Him and all that he has done.

There is another aspect of the "faithful," or so it seems to me. Sometimes the faithful are

not so faithful. Sometimes we drift a little from where we ought to be. Sometimes we need refueling, and I think that is an important reason for singing the song as a call to return to the altar, so to speak.

Christians do need prodding from time to time, perhaps all the time. I see that as a good outcome of attending daily, weekly, or whenever services of the church. All of us need to be constantly refocusing our direction, especially in times such as these.

There is another reason to come, however. It hinges on the example we need to show to those who live around us.

What better time than Christmas, when everybody, or most everybody, is doing it than to emphasize the religious aspect of Christmas and Christ, the reason for the season.

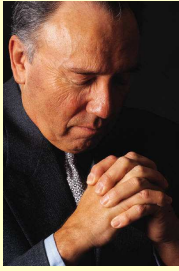
If the world only sees the lights on our homes, the gifts we buy in our stores, the clothes that we wear and the food on our tables there is not a lot of benefit in spreading the word that He was "born the King of angels." But if we, in doing all that other stuff, make it a point to really emphasize the words and meaning of the song, I think a great impact can be made for Him in bringing some (even many) to the realization that, yes, He is the Savior and cause them to say, "I need him."

The first verse of the song and the chorus goes, "O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem; Come and adore Him, Born the King of Angels; O come let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord."

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow in this season and for all time.

Chuck Owen
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Prayer Requests



For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.
For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.
For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.
For the lost in our families and community.
For the ban on partial birth abortion to stand as law.
For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.
For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri
For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process

Sam Miller asks us to continue in prayer for him in his flight training

Duane Skaggs (son of the late Gwen Skaggs) remains at home recuperating from a broken neck.

Diane Piccone (Lisa Haskins' mother) was taken to the hospital on Saturday with a high fever. Lisa was called to Columbus by the family. Prayers for physical, emotional and spiritual strength.

Debbie Miller (Steve's sister in law in Cincinnati) had successful aneurysm surgery on Monday and is home recuperating.

Mike Dixon was taken to the hospital Wednesday for an emergency appendectomy. He is home now recuperating. Will be off from work about 3 weeks.

Arlene Knore will be having surgery on Tuesday at SOMC.

Vic Knore will be having an MRI Tuesday afternoon.

Rick Richmond has been having seizures lately and a mass has been discovered in his brain. He had an MRI on Thursday at King's Daughters Hospital.

Norma Jean Fannin (Alma Coriell's sister in Lancaster, Ohio) had surgery for breast cancer on Tuesday. The doctors believe they were able to remove all of the cancer.

Sarah Riley (Jamie Riley's mother) was hospitalized this week with congestive heart problems and pneumonia. She is home now.

Derek Miller is making his way home from Afghanistan for a visit. Prayers for his safe travel.

Budget for 2007

There are copies of the budget for 2007 available on the table in the foyer for the congregation to review. Please pick up your copy today.

Thank You

Received from **Sam and Karren Griffith** for kindnesses extended to the family in the passing of Karren's father. The note is posted on the bulletin board.

Received from the **family of Allison Williams**, thanking the church for the money that was donated to help with the medical expenses they incurred as Allison was dying. Note: Allison was the 16 year old MHS student who recently passed away with some kind of brain tumor. Note is posted.

Balcony Project Nearly Complete

There are just a few more details to take care of, but for all intents and purposes the balcony project is complete. Thanks to Terry Sullivan, Jack Jennings, Scott Gampp, Steve Miller and others who contributed to the project. Again, the purpose of this structure is to get our audio-visual equipment to a place that is secure and advantageous for the people who run it. Note: In order for a technician to adjust sound levels to the right setting, they must be in the room to hear it with their own ears. Sitting by the window in the elders office was not a workable option.

Teen Devo

Matthew Gampp's house, Tuesday, 6:30 pm.

Junior Devo Hosts Needed

Please see the sheet on the bulletin board to sign up for hosting a Junior Devo.

Christmas Program

There will be a meeting this morning: immediately after services in front of the auditorium for everyone involved. There is still room in the program for more children to be involved so stay for this meeting if you want your children in the play.

Practices:

- Monday 7:00pm: Scene 1 and all animals, angels and shepherd.
- Wednesday 6:00 pm: Scene 2 and all animals, angels and shepherds.
- Thursday 7:00pm: Scene 3
- Rehearsal Dec 19th at 7:00pm
- Program Dec 21st at 7:00pm

What's New in the Library?

Jesus Among Other Gods by Ravi Zacharias. A basic comparison of the claims and teaching of the world's major religions.

Straight Talk to Men: Recovering the Biblical Meaning of Manhood by James Dobson. What does God expect from real men in today's society? Dobson points us to the teachings of the Bible to answer the question.

Boundaries with Kids by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Practical, biblical insights for parents in "training up a child in the way he should go."

Women's Connection for December

Don't forget, ladies, the Women's Connection for December starts at Elbrooke Pavilion on Thursday, December 14 at 7 pm, singing Christmas carols for the residents there. Refreshments will be served at the building following our caroling at the Pavilion. See Stephanie Copas for details.

Elbrooke Today

Today, at 2 pm we are responsible to lead the worship service at Elbrooke Pavilion. Check the sign up sheet on the bulletin board for slots that still need to be filled. Also on Thursday evening, we are inviting all of our members to show up at 7 pm and help us sing carols for the residents there. If you can help out with the caroling please find the sign up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up so we'll know how many people to plan for.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 10 - Elbrooke services, 2 p.m.

Dec. 10 - Kid's Night, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 - Women's Connection caroling at Elbrooke, 7 p.m.

Dec. 17 - Joy of Giving Deadline

Dec. 19 - Christmas Program Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Dec. 21 - Christmas Program Performance, 7 p.m.

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

12/10 Mark 2:23-3:12

12/17 Mark 3:13-17

12/24 Matthew 5

12/31 Matthew 6

Wednesday

12/13 1 Kings 7

12/20 1 Kings 8

12/27 1 Kings 9-10

Kids Night Tonight

This evening at 6:30 pm, we will be having another Kids Night. Remember, kids, brush up on your favorite memory verse. Prepare a song that you would like to sing for us. Review your books of the Bible. Bring your Bible. You'll need it. We will be learning a new song with the "signs" for the song. We might even sing "Three Wandering Jews." Wouldn't that be a hoot! Remember, 6:30 and bring your parents. At the end of the hour we will have set aside about 15 minutes to serve the Lord's Supper to those who may need to partake. —Steve.

Joy of Giving Update

As of this morning, we are \$700.00 short of covering all the clothes and toys that have been purchased for needy kids in our community. Give your cash or check (made out to Sunshine church and notated Joy of Giving) to Rhonda Berry, Eugene Risner or Shaun McCray. If you put your contribution in the one of the boxes be sure to designate "Joy of Giving." All the shopping has been done. All we need is the money to cover the gifts. Thanks, Sunshine!



**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, IN WHOM
I AM WELL PLEASED; HEAR YE HIM.**

Matthew 17:5

Schedule of Worship Services

Regular Service Times

<u>Sunday Morning</u>	<u>December 10</u>	<u>December 17</u>
Bible Class Text	Mark 2:23-3:12	Mark 3: 13-17
Welcome & Prayer	Tom Kelley	Don Coriell
Song Director	Nick Davis	Ralph Gampp
Scripture Reading	Travis Scott	Troy Gahm
Prayer	Aaron McCray	Jeff Hayward
Lord's Supper –Bread	Mike Gampp	Dewey Cordle
Wine	Gary Glispie	Mark Gampp
Server 1	Ed McLaughlin	Sean Higbee
Server 2	Jack Jennings	Barry Hayward
Server 3	Matthew Hoskins	Ike Hardin
Server 4	Lane Raiser	Matthew Gampp
Server 5	Mark Risner	John Gampp
Server 6	Dale Kuhn	David Gampp
Message	Steve Miller	Steve Miller
Closing Prayer	Eric McLaughlin	Gabe Coriell
<u>Sunday Evening</u>		
Song Leader	Rich Book	Bud Coriell
Opening Prayer	Terry Sullivan	Greg Coriell
Lord's Supper	Jacob Miller	Ira Coriell
Closing Prayer	Zack Sims	Josh Coriell
<u>Wednesday Evening</u>	<u>December 13</u>	<u>December 20</u>
Song Director	Caleb Miller	Zach Coriell
Prayer	Aaron Kallner	Nick Gampp
Bible Class Text	1 Kings 7	1 Kings 8

Sunday
Bible Study - 9:45 am
Worship - 10:30 am
Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday
Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Men, if you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.



Can you find the eleven hidden colors in the following paragraph?

Many injured animals are invited to live at the 'Toronto Range'. Stop in kangaroo corner and marvel at the lovely creatures within. Dig over the potato patch to find small furry caterpillars, but don't yell! Owls can be found swooping for edible rodents, earwigs or perhaps bluebottles in the undergrowth. The brown bear, Rob, lacks grace and may look like an ogre, enter at your own risk! Peacocks can be found showing their colorful wares, which look fantastic when viewed with our ultraviolet torch.



CORNER

Many injured animals are invited to **LIVE** at the 'Toronto **RANGE**'. Stop in kangaroo corner and marvel at the lovely creatures within. Dig over the potato patch to find small furry caterpillars, but don't **YELL**! Owls can be found swooping for **EDIBLE** rodents, earwigs or perhaps **BLUEBOTTLES** in the undergrowth. The **BROWN** bear, Rob, **LACKS** grace and may look like an **OGRE**, enter at your own risk! Peacocks can be found showing their colorful wares, which look fantastic when viewed with our **ULTRAVIOLET** torch.