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The Coming of Bethlehem in your Heart

I would like for you to meditate with me on the announcement of the angel to the shepherds in Bethlehem. . . .

He scared the living daylights out of them. That is what it says — in a rather loose translation. They were terrified, and rightly so, for this was a sudden appearance of a supernatural figure.

I don't know what the angels look like. Scripture does not describe them very carefully. The best description we have of the appearance of angels says that they are like young men dressed in white garments. Those were the angels that appeared at the resurrection. . . .

But the angel suddenly appeared out of the darkness of the night. Around him shone the radiance of glory — a nimbus — as the glory of the Lord shone round about the shepherds. And as the Authorized Version puts it, "they were sore afraid." Luke 2:10:

But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." {Luke 2:10-11 NIV}

Thus the birth of God's long-awaited redeemer was introduced to a darkened, weary, and exhausted world. . . .

It is striking that the human emotion that was first encountered by the angelic messenger was that of fear. Men were afraid in that day. They were afraid of many things, as they are today. . . .

Perhaps the most striking thing to us about this story is that we can so easily put ourselves back into that situation of fear, for by far the dominant mood of the hour today is that of fear. . . .

Yet the first word of the angel to those shepherds in the field was "Fear not. Be not afraid." I do not think any greater news can come to us than that announcement. It came to them, as the angel went on to say, because a Savior was born in Bethlehem — a Deliverer. Because of the presence of a Deliverer, they need not be afraid of anything.

You and I know how frequently we draw the parallel between the coming of Jesus as a babe in Bethlehem and the coming of Jesus into the human heart. .

Every Christmas season we remind each other that it is not enough for Christ to have been born in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago. What really counts is Christ being born in the human heart. Your Bethlehem is when Christ came to you and was born in your heart. It is that remarkable parallel that constitutes the good news of Christianity today — that Jesus can be born in us as certainly as he was born in Bethlehem. Therefore, to us, the angel stands to make his welcome announcement: "Fear not. Fear not, for unto you is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

Ray C. Steadman



For our nation as we are going through troubled times
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 Derek Miller and Mark Ellis in Afghanistan; **Darren Shepherd** in Iraq

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Dennis Mead (former superintendent of Minford Schools) battling cancer but has recently received good reports about his condition.

Alex Cram is scheduled for surgery at Children's in Columbus on Thursday. The following week he will be going back to the NIH in Maryland for more testing and consultation.

Corey Bender (friend of Laryssa Grashel, 42 yr old father) diagnosed with lymphoma (both kinds).

Mike Dixon diagnosed with a herniated disc, surgery recommended.

Dan Ruch (Dennis and Toni's son) has completed first round of chemo. Has 5 more to go. Doing well.

Dolly Vandyne took another spill this week but after a trip to the ER, no harm done.

Janie Hawkins (Sharon Gampp's sister in law in Texas) had to discontinue tumor embolization. Will be taking standard chemo.

Valerie Lemaster in James Cancer Center since November 23, undergoing blood stem cell transplant.

Chet Rase (June Book's father) in SOMC with pneumonia.

Steve Miller goes to James Cancer Center tomorrow for blood stem cell harvest. Expected to take 2 or 3 days.



Sunday

12/5 Jn 5:1-47
 12/12 Mk 2:23-3:12
 12/19 Mk 3:13-19
 12/26 Preaching Service
 1/2 Matthew 5

Wednesday

12/8 Proverbs 10-20
 12/15 Proverbs 21-31
 12/22 Eccl 1-4
 12/29 Eccl 5-8
 1/5 Eccl 9-12

Match The Proverb Answers:
 E,K,J,B,D,A,I,G,C,F,H



Coming Events

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12/5 Teens to Ashland Mall
 12/6 Sweet Monday, 7:30 pm
 12/12 Deadline for deacon response
 12/17 Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.
 12/18 Teens to Clifton Mill
 12/19 Teen Christmas Party

Thank You Card Received

From Valerie Lemaster. Posted on the bulletin board.

Sweet Monday in December

December Sweet Monday will be Dec. 6 at 7:30 PM in the annex. We will be doing the white elephant gift exchange just like last year--bring something from home wrapped to be "gifted" to someone else! Also, we are going to put together a few care boxes to be sent to the troops overseas--keep watching for more details! Thanks! Heather

Spirit Club Meeting

6 pm this evening.

Men to Be Considered for Deacons

The shepherds of Sunshine have seen the need to increase the number of men serving as deacons here at Sunshine. They have prayerfully contacted and gained consent from the following men to put their names before the congregation as possible deacons for the church. They are **Dewey Cordle, Nick Davis, Shawn Gragg, Aaron McCray and Mark Risner**. The elders are asking each member of the church to consider each man and determine if they are qualified to serve as deacons by the standards of I Timothy 3:8-13. Whether you agree or disagree, the elders would like to hear from you by Sunday, December 12. Today our lesson will be on the subject of deacons and their qualifications and appointment. Questions and comments should be directed to the elders.

Teen News and Events

December 5--After services this morning we are going shopping at the Ashland Mall to buy gifts for 8 foster care teens in Scioto County. We will also be eating out for lunch. Let's plan on loading these 8 kids up to give them a dream Christmas! If everyone comes, we are planning to split up into groups and each group take one kid and buy for them. It's going to be great! Start praying!

December 18--We will be traveling to Clifton Mill to see the Christmas lights and then going shopping at the outlet mall and eating out. The kids will be shopping for a passing party gift for the teen Christmas party. (Contact Tim about cost of the gift.)

December 19--After evening services we will be having our annual teen Christmas party. This will include food, movie and a passing party.

We Need Your Help

We have had locks on both doors leading to the baptistery for a long time. The purpose of the locks high up on the corner of the doors is to prevent children from getting anywhere near the baptistery without adults around. I know of a couple cases where small children managed to get into a church baptistery and drowned before anyone discovered they were missing. Occasionally, we will find the locks on our baptistery doors undone. We are asking all of you to be very careful to keep those doors locked. If you are walking by and see the door locks undone, check inside to see what's going on and then lock the door if it is appropriate. Thanks for your help.

Children's Bible Time Need

There are still a few openings left for Children's Bible Time in 2011. The schedule is posted on the window in the foyer. If you are willing to teach or help, please sign up for the slot that works for you.

Christmas Program & Soup Fellowship

Our annual Christmas Program will be presented on Friday, December 17, at 6:30 pm. Please sign up in the foyer today if your child would like to participate this year. Our first practice will be today at 4:30 pm. We will be having a soup fellowship immediately following the program so start planning your favorite soup recipe to share with everyone. We have a great community response to this; it's a great outreach for the Sunshine church. Please plan to help out if you possibly can. See Kim or Aaron McCray for details.

Attention All Cooks & Bakers!

Cookies and soup are needed in connection with our annual Christmas Program (see above). There is a signup sheet in the foyer, please stop and put your name on the list! Thanks!



Change in Classrooms

Due to overcrowding in the 2nd and 3rd grade classroom, we are moving them to a larger classroom.

The 2nd and 3rd graders will move to Class #2 (middle classroom in the back hallway) and the 2 and 3 year olds will move to Class #9 (classroom off the south hallway which leads to the back hallway). If you are confused, see Rich Book.

Welcome, Alexa!

Alexa Sarah Rose Coriell was born about 4 pm on December 1 at SOMC weighing 8 lbs and measuring 22 inches. She is the first child for Zach and Jessie Coriell. Alexa came home with her mother on Friday. All is going well. Congratulations to the Coriell and Rose families on this wonderful addition.

2011 Budget Deadline

Deacons and Ministry Leaders, the deadline for turning in budget requests for 2011 is December 5. Please get your requests back to Shaun McCray in a timely manner. Thanks.

Go, Matthew!!!

Today **Matthew Risner** is in Cincinnati as one of four finalists in the Pass-Kick-Punt competition. He is one of four 7 year olds chosen to compete in the Bengals district. Today at half time during the Bengals game, Matthew will be competing against the other three contestants. There is a chance that it would be televised. Game starts at 1 pm. Half-time would be around 2 or 2:30 pm. Go, Matthew!!!!



The Women of Faith 2010 conference will be in Columbus on April 29th & 30th. Signup sheet is available in foyer. Cost is \$89 which includes lunch....(this would be a great Christmas gift) see Cheryl Villinger, Kendra Cram, or Cara Jo Borland for more details.

Worship Service Teams

The deacons are in the process of developing a team approach for the organization of those who serve during our Sunday morning worship service. The intent of this change is to offer more men an opportunity to actively participate in services and to decrease the pre-service confusion. A team leader would be responsible to fill the roles of communion servers, prayers (opening and closing), and scripture reader. We envision each leader being responsible for approximately four services per year. Several men expressed an interest in this approach during the recent leadership retreat. We are in need of additional men to lead teams. A short meeting will be held in the front of the auditorium immediately following this morning's worship service. Please attend if you are interested in this leadership opportunity.

Help For The Needy

A special event has been scheduled to provide clothing, coats, toys, Bibles, and other items for the needy in our area on December 11th at the old PHS gymnasium at 8th and Waller streets in Portsmouth. The event is being sponsored by Miley's Missions.



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L Server 6
O Server 5
R Server 4
D Wine
S Bread
S Server 3
U Server 2
P Server 1
P Message
R Closing Prayer

December 5

Don Coriell
Ralph Gampp
Eric Copas
Greg Coriell
Chuck Allison
Derrick Mooneyham
John Gampp
Troy Gahm
Ira Coriell
Eric Miller
Shane Mougey
Mark Gampp
Steve Miller
Shawn Gragg

December 12

Jon Coriell
Scott Gampp
Spike Ferrell
Rich Book
Roger Cooper
Ryan Coriell
Dale Gampp
Dewey Cordle
Gabe Coriell
David Gampp
Jerry Gampp
Lane Raiser
Steve Miller
Aaron Kallner

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class

Zach Coriell
Tim Gampp
Tyler Jones
Luke Purpero
Greg Shepherd
John 5:1-47

Aaron McCray
Mike Gampp
Gary Glispie
Matthew Hoskins
Jack Jennings
Mark 2:23-3:12

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Caleb Miller
Tim Coriell
Proverbs 10-20

Don Ramey
Jamie Veach
Proverbs 21-31

Children's Bible Time

Dec. Theme: *The Birth of Jesus*
3-5: Stephanie Copas
6-8: Becky Dixon

If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please contact Dewey Cordle at 820-4624

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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These maxims are taken from the Book of Proverbs.

Use the words in the list at the far right to complete each one.

The correct answers are at the bottom of page 2 of this bulletin.

Match The Proverb

10:2 Righteousness delivereth from ____
10:8 A prating fool shall ____
10:14 The mouth of the fool is near ____
12:16 A prudent man covereth ____
13:4 The soul of the diligent shall be made ____
14:18 The prudent are crowned with ____
14:18 The simple inherit ____
16:31 A hoary head is a crown of ____
17:21 The father of a fool hath ____
27:5 Open rebuke is better than ____
27:6 The kisses of an enemy are ____

A. knowledge
B. shame
C. no joy
D. fat
E. death
F. secret love
G. glory
H. deceitful
I. folly
J. destruction
K. fall