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A VIEWPOINT OF ANGELS

"Can't anyone tell me the meaning of Christmas!" Charlie Brown cries out in desperation. "I can Charlie Brown," replies Linus and recites the words of the angels to the shepherds in Luke 2:8-14.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 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. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." (Luke 2:8-14).

Have you ever wondered what the angels were thinking? Well you don't have too because this verse spells it out.

"Do not be afraid"—Easier said than done considering the reactions most people had upon seeing angels. However, maybe there was more to it than, "Do not be afraid I'm not going to hurt you." Maybe it also included, "Do not be afraid—because God just showed up in person" or "Do not be afraid—because Satan's hold on you has come to an end."

"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people"—I want you to think of your best day ever, multiply it by a billion and even then your experience will fall short compared to this day.

"Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."—A Savior has been born! Ever since Adam and Eve, Satan thought he was running the show. He scoffed at sacrifices, laughed at the weaknesses of man, and sneered at attempts by man to overcome him. Yet, now things have changed, "A Savior has been born!" God has sent His own Son to tip the scales, no longer will sin have its hold. "A Savior has been born!"

Of course, the viewpoint of the angels holds no less truth and power today.

Wade McKnight

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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 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

Henry Coriell has been diagnosed with liver cancer.

Sharon Gampp still at home recuperating from foot surgery.

Sarah Riley (Jamie's mother) has been readmitted to Holzer in Jackson with congestive heart failure.

Alex Cram had tests and consultations at NIH this week and is scheduled for more tests this week in Cincinnati.

Corey Bender (friend of Laryssa Grashel, 42 yr old father) diagnosed with lymphoma. PET scan this week showed tumors almost completely gone; however, a new spot has been detected near his hip.

Valerie Lemaster is home and recuperating from her stem cell transplant.

Steve Miller is working his way through the low days of the transplant today through Tuesday. All is going as expected. Thanks for the many prayers and kind wishes.

Brandy Gampp still recuperating at home.

Derek Miller finally made it home yesterday.

PTL: Terri Young successfully passed her nursing boards examination.

Austin Coriell had a stroke early Saturday AM and is in critical condition at SOMC.



Coming Events

12/26 Sunday PM Preaching

12/27 Jewelry Class, 2-4 pm.

Winterfest

Winterfest 2011 is scheduled for Feb. 18th to 20th this year. If you are planning to attend, please go to the church website **www.sunshine-church.org** or **www.riled-up.net** and click on the Winterfest button to register.

We need your name, email address, and in the message box please include your cell number, and a parental contact number. Please identify which number belongs to you, and which is your parents.

We are blessed again with two chartered busses, and lots of rooms in Gatlinburg. But the busses and rooms go quickly, so register now to make sure you have a spot.

Watch the bulletin for more information on the schedule and prices. The information will also be posted on the website above and emailed to those who register.

We are in prayer for all of you, and looking forward to an incredible Winterfest weekend.

-Shaun McCray & Jamie Riley

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.

Jewelry Class

Monday, December 27, 2-4 pm in the Annex. All of you ladies who came to the Ladies Retreat will remember the "jewelry lady" from the retreat. That's who is teaching the class. \$20 to cover the materials for the class. See Mandi Coriell for details. Sorry we had to postpone the original date for this class. The weather was not cooperating.

Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

12/26 Preaching Service
1/2 Matthew 5
1/9 Matthew 6
1/16 Matthew 7
1/23 Preaching Service
1/30 Luke 7:1-35

Wednesday

12/29 Eccl 5-8
1/5 Eccl 9-12
1/12 Isaiah 1
1/19 Isaiah 5-6
1/26 Isaiah 7, 9, 11
2/2 Isaiah 40

Fourth Sunday PM Service Tonight

This evening, **Aaron Kallner** will be preaching for us in the auditorium. Teachers, make whatever adjustments you need to make to accommodate this service.

Bulletin Announcements

If you have something to go into the bulletin for the next few weeks, please email it to Steve at **srmler1522@yahoo.com**, message him on Facebook or send it to the regular bulletin email address, **info@sunshine-church.org**. Remember the deadline for bulletin announcements is Saturday, 3 pm. After that time, contact Al Graff directly at 574-2859 and he will try to squeeze it in.

Spirit Club

We will **not** be meeting today.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of Luther Allison (Chuck Allison's father) who passed away early on Friday morning. All services are being conducted at Gaten's Funeral Home in Poca, WV. Viewing is Monday from 6-8 pm and the funeral is on Tuesday at 11 am.



Will You Make Resolutions, or Commitments?

This morning I began reading what others have written about New Year's resolutions, about entering a New Year, and related topics. I scoured books and the Internet in my quest to see what others had written. I was amazed at the amount of research material available.

I then opened my Bible to the back to look at the topic index and discovered something interesting. I did not find the word resolve or resolution listed. I did, however, find the word "**commitment**." I shouldn't have been surprised that that discovery, since the night before I had awakened and had written on the paper beside my bed, "commitment, not resolution."

The word resolve means to decide to do something. The word commit means to devote oneself unreservedly to doing something. What a difference!

Perhaps this is why our New Year's resolutions don't work. They are merely decisions to do something, often made at ten minutes before midnight because we feel we must make some resolutions. If they were, instead, commitments, something we could devote ourselves to unreservedly, we might just take them more seriously.

First, we might actually plan them with care and prudence well in advance of the stroke of midnight. We might break them down into manageable chunks that we could definitely achieve. And, we might be inclined to ask God to help us keep them. After all, not many people are surprised if we tell them that we've broken our resolutions. Everyone does that. But, breaking one's commitment is different. We probably wouldn't even want anyone to know that we've broken our commitment.

There are books and articles everywhere that can tell you how to make resolutions. They will tell you which ones are the best ones to make. Some writers believe that relationship resolutions are best. Others think that we only make resolutions because we feel there is a need to "fix" something in our lives. If you insist on carrying through with your usual tradition of making (and usually breaking) resolutions, you need only look to one of those authors for advice.

However, my suggestion to all of us is that we make a commitment, that we devote ourselves unreservedly, to setting aside a special time each day to study the word of God, and that we also devote ourselves to talking with God, praying, throughout the day. I know that making this kind of commitment will help us all in the other areas of our lives that need "fixed". By leaning on Him, we can lose weight, stop smoking, find more time to spend with our families, or any of the other normal "resolutions" we often make. And by committing ourselves to spending time with our Lord, we have a much better chance to achieve all of the other things we need to achieve in our lives.

I hope you'll join me in making this commitment. Have a wonderful, Jesus-filled New Year!

— Author Unknown



THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
L O R D S
S U P P E R
Message
Closing Prayer

December 26

Tom Kelley
Ralph Gampp
Spike Ferrell
Rich Book
Roger Cooper
Ryan Coriell
Price Gammon
Josh Coriell
Gary Glispie
David Gampp
John Gampp
Eric Miller
Jamie Riley
Luke Purpero

January 2

Don Coriell
Scott Gampp
Steve Williams
Mark Villinger
Shane Mougey
Lane Raiser
Dale Kuhn
Shawn Gragg
Zach Coriell
Jack Jennings
Tayte Pridemore
Mark Risner
Jon Coriell
Troy Gahm

Sunday Evening

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

Gabe Coriell
Davey Coriell
Aaron McCray
Tyler Meredith
Eric McLaughlin
Preaching Service

Matthew Hoskins
Tyler Jones
Aaron Kallner
Tim Gampp
Mark Gampp
Matthew 5

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Jacob Miller
Don Ramey
Ecclesiastes 5-8

Caleb Miller
Greg Shepherd
Ecclesiastes 9-12

Children's Bible Time

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

Jan. Theme: *Jesus' Miracles*
3-5: Mandi Coriell, Autumn Risner,
Aurie Coriell
6-8: Christy Veach, Tammy Foster,
Laryssa & Molly Grashel

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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sunshine-church.blogspot.com
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Bible Anagrams

Take a word and mix it up, what have you got? An anagram!

The names of several books of the Bible have been scrambled in this week's puzzle. Try to unscramble them if you can. Solution is at the bottom of page 3.

1. SEE SIGN

2. USED OX

3. VISIT CLUE

4. NAILED

5. LAST AGAIN

6. AS IN SHEEP

7. ON MARS

8. MOODY TENURE

9. HEMP LION

10. A SHOE

11. SOCIAL SONS

12. HUMAN