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Born a Beacon

“Therefore Pilate said to Him, ‘So You are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth.’” (John 18:37)

There could be no more dramatic scene. Pontius Pilate, the one Roman able to acquit or condemn, faced this castigated Jew whose life was demanded by His enemies. The procurator was turned into a witness to Jesus’ innocence - “I find no fault in this man” - and yet he succumbed to the pressure of being accused of disloyalty to Rome and ordered the crucifixion of the Christ.

The baby swaddled in the manger was marked for sacrifice since before He was born. His name of Jesus meant that He would save His people from their sins. The promises and warnings to Mary. The prediction of Simeon. The proclamation of John the Baptist. Jesus’ own predictions of His death and resurrection. The hatred of His own people. The prophetic purpose of God the Father in Isaiah 53 that all our sin would be laid on this Lamb of God.

Jesus was born a king, and yet the king had to die to redeem all sinners. Gethsemane proves that He did not have a death wish, but He had the will to obey God unto death. All of His life, starting with the Christmas events, culminated in His confrontation with Pilate and the execution that was ordered. Jesus went on to declare that “Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice,” indicating the element of faith that His kingdom requires. Pilate’s answer of “What is truth?” fell far short of that required faith.

All mankind continues to be confronted with this call to truth: that Jesus was born to die for our sins, and we need to accept that sacrifice as counting for us. He was born a beacon to mankind, the light of the world, the baby marked for redemptive death, the one who draws us to God and who lives as our king.

Dr. Eugene Pond
Dallas, TX



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 "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 Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

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

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) has stabilized.

Teresa Havens (Kathy Forbes sister) diagnosed with breast cancer this week.

Peggy Hollback appointment with transplant doctor in Cincinnati on December 31.

Loren Riley (Jamie's brother) diagnosed with rare form of lung cancer. Cards to 4219 Beaver Pike, Beaver 45613.

Mark Dever (Merritt and Helen Hayward's son-in-law) diagnosed with colon cancer, being treated at the James Cancer Center.

Sarah Gilliland going through difficult times.

Sharon Gampp recuperating from rotator cuff surgery.

Vivian Woodworth (now living in Searcy, Ark) having problems with kidney stones. Cards to 801 South Benton, Apt 3-100; Searcy, Ark 72143

Vanessa Dixon had knee surgery on Friday.

David Munn (son of Bob and Maxine Munn) diagnosed with cancer of the kidney, lungs and bones.

Jim Cunningham now in Riverbend. Some deterioration. Cards to 900 Pirate Dr, Wheelersburg 45694.

Dee Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) at home but weak. Diagnosed with cancer.

Ellen Waske (Owen Waske's mother in Florida) blood clots in lungs.

Bud Coriell Stage 4 cancer. Cards and prayers appreciated. 791 Coriell Rd; Portsmouth 45662.

Garnet Lindeman showing some improvement lately. Staying with Nancy, her daughter.

Gary Heimbach (minister at Cedar St church in New Boston) had surgery for bladder cancer on Wednesday.

Alan Graff being treated for cancer of the lung and kidney. Meds causing problems with blood pressure and pulse.

Lisa Brogdon going through losses of several family members recently.

Henry Mason showing some improvement. Cards to Alexandria House, 811 Findlay St, Portsmouth 45662.

Jeanie Williams (P J McGaughey's mother) being treated for multiple myeloma through the James Cancer Center.

Josie Kate AmXing Cordle (2 ½ yrs old) scheduled to arrive in Dewey and Kristin Cordle's home sometime in February. Prayers for safety, protection and no overwhelming problems between now and then.



Coming Events

Details for events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

12/1-25	The Coming of Jesus
12/24	Christmas Eve devotional
12/28	Sunday PM Preaching Service
12/31	New Years Eve Celebration
1/23-24	Ohio Winter Lectures, Columbus

Worship Leaders Class

This evening at 5 pm. See Judi Allison.

Singing

Singing here at the building at 6 pm each Sunday night.

Men's James Group News

The groups meeting on Sunday night and Wednesday will be taking a short break during the holidays from meeting. No meetings for either group from December 22- January 6. In January we start with the book called **Keep It Simple**. If you need a copy, see Steve Miller. \$10 per book.

Coats for Kids Update

At the present time we are short about \$200 of covering all the expense of 75 winter coats, hats and gloves for elementary students in the Minford Schools. Originally the administrators and teachers gave us a list of 52, but the list grew to 75 very quickly. Thankfully, God has blessed us to be able to cover the costs of these coats. The children, the parents, the school personnel are all extremely grateful for this gracious gift from you. Thank you for helping this way every year. If you want to help with the last \$200, see Laryssa Grashel, Eugene Risner or Kristine Coriell. Also, Kristine was present when some of the children received their coats. You should ask her to describe that moment.



Theme for December

Our classes on Wednesday night and Sunday in December up through Christmas will be on the theme of the coming of Jesus into our world. Elders and ministers will be leading the classes. This is the tentative schedule for the month:

Sunday PM

12/21 Tom Kelly

12/27 4th Sunday Preaching

Service—Aaron McCray preaching.

Wednesday PM

12/24 Steve Miller

Christmas Eve Devotional

Christmas Eve comes on Wednesday night. We will be meeting at our regular time but there will be no classes. All are invited to be in the auditorium for a special devotional service.

New Years Eve Celebration

Wednesday, December 31, after our Bible Study, all are invited to stay at the building and bring the New Year in together. More details coming.

Youth News: WinterJam

The youth group will be going the the Winterjam concert on January 17. Anyone planning to go needs to sign up in the foyer. The cost for the event is \$30.00. Money needs to be turned in by December 17. This is a senior youth group trip. For more information talk to Tim or visit the Winterjam website at: <http://2015.jamtour.com>

Wednesday Night Teachers

We are in need of two teachers for Wednesday night Bible classes. Please see Nick Davis for grade levels and other information if you are interested.

More Fellowship Directories

Copies of the latest edition of the Sunshine Fellowship Directory are on the table in the foyer for our regular attenders to have.

Budget Finalization for 2015

The deacons have been working on the budget for 2015 for the past few weeks and now need your input. If you have ideas or plans for ministry for 2015 that need new funding or additional funding from the church, please check with one of our deacons (preferably the one in charge of the area which includes your idea) and get your request officially considered for the 2015 year. **We need to have all requests in by December 21.** Ministry leaders of all areas, if you have not checked in with your deacon please do so ASAP.

Building/Annex Reservations for 2015

We allow our building to be used by community individuals and groups free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. However, we hold off on making reservations for non-members until our members have had a chance to reserve their dates. The month of December will be our month to make our reservations for the building for 2015. If you anticipate needing the building or annex for 2015, see Delores Gampp right away and make your reservation. This does not mean you cannot make a reservation later in the year. It's just a way of giving our members first chance at the dates. Ministry leaders, if you know your dates, get them reserved now through Delores Gampp.

Church Events Calendar

In our church office we have a large calendar on the wall for church events. In order to help us in planning and organizing ourselves, we would like for all church events (whether they involve using our building or not) to be recorded on the calendar as soon as you know their date. If everyone works with the calendar things will run a little smoother for all of us. Thanks for your cooperation.

Card Shower

December 31 is Russ and Sarah Gilliland's 60th wedding anniversary. Cards of congratulations and encouragement would be greatly appreciated. Address is 10355 SR 139, Minford 45653.

Video Music

This morning before our AM service a video will play featuring the song, "Mary, Did You Know?" The song is sung by a group called Pentatonix, probably the best acappella group anywhere. I wanted to let you know that all of the music you hear will be produced by the human voice, even the percussion sounds that are in the background of the song. The video part of the presentation are excerpts taken from a movie entitled "The Nativity".



Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. -Luke 2:14

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

December 21

Don Coriell
Nick Davis
Jason Coriell
Terry Grashel
Steve Miller

December 28

Jon Coriell
Shaun McCray
Troy Gahm
Shane Mougey
Jamie Riley

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer

David Bradshaw
Wesley Book
Jeff Vanatta
Tim Coriell
Mark Villinger

Matthew Hoskins
Don Ramey
Ira Coriell
Dewey Cordle
Jason Coriell

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer

Mark Gampp
Steve Williams

Gabe Coriell
Mike Coriell

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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A Christmas Message

In the movie "A Christmas Story," Ralphie gets a Little Orphan Annie decoder ring to read a secret message from Annie. This week's puzzle is a message encoded in the same way, but this message is more important than "Drink your Ovaltine." Match the letters to the numbers to reveal a seasonal scripture. The solution to the puzzle is at the bottom of page 3.



A = 6 I = 7
B = 20 J = 17
C = 16 K = 21
D = 1 L = 11
E = 5 M = 15
F = 23 N = 3
G = 13 O = 8
H = 2 P = 4
I = 7 Q = 24
J = 17 R = 9
K = 21 S = 18
L = 11 T = 10
M = 15 U = 22
N = 3 V = 26
O = 8 W = 12
P = 4 X = 19
Q = 24 Y = 14
R = 9 Z = 25

13 11 8 9 14 10 8 13 8 1 7 3 10 2 5
2 7 13 2 5 18 10 6 3 1 8 3 5 6 9 10 2
4 5 6 16 5 13 8 8 1 12 7 11 11
10 8 12 6 9 1 15 5 3