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The Christmas story is filled with controversy at so many levels. We can begin with December 25th as an odd time for Jesus' birth since shepherds were unlikely to be tending sheep in the fields during the winter months (Lk. 2:8); it was possible, but unlikely. We can clarify how the Bible speaks of the three gifts of the Magi, but says nothing of the number of Magi present (Mt. 2:11b). We can preach that the traditional manger scene never occurred, as the shepherds saw the baby Jesus in the manger (Lk. 2:16), but the Magi went to a house to see Jesus (Mt. 2:11a).

Not only is the traditional manger scene foreign to the Biblical narrative, but the Christmas story, according to Matthew, is filled with scandal, jealousy and murder, making any prime-time movie look white-washed in comparison. Matthew specifically calls out four women with tainted lives in Jesus' genealogy: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth (she spent the night with Boaz), and Bathsheba, which leads to a young Mary pregnant out of wedlock (Mt. 1:5-6,16). Matthew's story ends in a blood bath, as well as a fore-shadow of the crucifixion; Herod's jealous rage executes and orders to kill all baby boys in the Judean region (Mt. 2:16). Like the cross, we've glossed over and photo-shopped the birth narrative of Jesus to make the story more palatable.

If we begin talking about the amount of commercialism tied to Christmas, we might all be shamed.

While I've come to terms with the Christmas story's relationship to the pop-culture telling of the birth story of Jesus – I'm just kinda glad that Jesus' story is being told (i.e. Phil. 1:15-18) – one area I've struggled with is the classic Christmas song, "Do You Hear What I Hear?" (It's also one of my favorites). I can accept the liberties with the Biblical story and the use of fantasy as imagery in the song.

The night wind speaks to the lamb about the star in the sky.

The lamb goes to the shepherd boy about the song he hears, presumably the song of the angelic host.

The shepherd boy, in combining him with the Wise Men, goes to the Mighty King to tell him about the child shivering in the cold, pleading with the King to bring silver and gold.

At this moment the song departs entirely from the Biblical narrative. It's this divergence that I've struggled with the most.



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Prayers For Sunshine Family

Judi Allison is in Pleasant Hill Manor room E40.

David Bradshaw is recovering from surgery on his finger this past Tuesday...and still has a bad shoulder tear.

Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.

Gene and Esther Crisp at Riverbend 123.

Brittany Gampp is having back surgery on Dec. 20th.

John Gampp is home and recovering.

Russell Gilliland heart valve surgery scheduled for Dec. 14.

Ike Hardin living at Edgewood Manner. (Sharon and Ronnie as they care for him.)

Brenda Kallner recovering from wrist surgery.

Garnet Lindeman is requesting prayers.

Kensley McCray has pneumonia.

Ruth Miller is at Hospice SOMC Inpatient Center Unit room 7 (family as they care for her).

Ruth Morris is in Best Care for rehabilitation until mid December.

Tyler Meredith is heading to Commerce, Texas for mission work.

Jamie Riley is having eye surgery on the 14th.

Terri Young regulating her medication and not feeling well.

Prayer Requests

Lia Coriell Ira and Shelby are scheduled to go to China in the middle of January. Prayers for adoption process to go smoothly.

Anonymous Prayer Requests (12/3/2017)

Moore family from Oak Hill, Ohio who lost their father, Paul, their 4th grade daughter, Libby, and 5th grade son, James in an auto accident.



12/25

Christmas

12/31

New Year's Eve Party

Sunshine Church Service Info

Anonymous Prayer Request Hotline:

Text **94706 & your request** to the phone # **22333**

Sunday Morning Live Streaming: <http://media.sunshine-church.com> or <http://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us this year, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, sign our guest register and pick up your gift for being one of our guests today.

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You can simply pick it up before the services or on your way into the auditorium.

Please Note

Please note that Jon Partlow's number has been changed to (740) 716-8741.

December Birthday Celebration

Please join us after Wednesday night services on December, 20th for the December Birthday Celebration!

Elders Meeting Together

December 2017

Meeting:

Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:00PM

Praying:

Thursday, Dec. 28 at 7:30PM

Sunshine Is Going Christmas Caroling Today!!

Sunshine will be going Christmas caroling at nursing homes today between church services. We will be staying after morning services to make Christmas cards and fill goodie bags. Upon completion we will travel to the nursing homes where we will hand out goodie bags and cards to the residents, we will also be caroling. In advance, please make and bring cookies to give to the residents (there will be a cookie sign up sheet in the foyer). We will order pizzas and have lunch together at the church. If you have any questions please see Tim.

Need Something To Do?

If you are in need of something to do, consider going to a school activity or athletic game that members of our youth participate in! We have several of our youth that play basketball, swim, and participate in musical activities (to name a few). It's a great way to get out of the house during the winter months and encourage our youth. Here are school websites which list athletics and activities to which our youth attend:

Minford:

<http://www.minford.k12.oh.us/>

Valley:

http://www.valleyindians.net/valleyhighschool_home.aspx

Wheelersburg:

http://www.burg.k12.oh.us/wheelersburghighschool_home.aspx

Please Be Praying

Please be praying for Honduras and our missionary friends who are living there. Honduras is in political turmoil which has caused violence throughout the country.



Coats For Kids

It's time for donations for winter coats and hats and White Christmas for local school kids. Please give donations to Kristine Coriell, Laryssa Grashel, or Eugene Risner. Thank you!

Thank You

Patsy sends a thank you to everyone for their visits, thoughts, and prayers during Al's sickness and passing.

Update Personal Information

Please give the office a call to update personal information in regards to address, phone, birthdays and anniversaries. Also, we are working on collecting portrait format (as opposed to landscape format) pictures of families. Please email updated family pictures to Gary Glispie at jrkrye@yahoo.com or message him on Facebook. Thank you!

Christmas Program DVD

Last week's Christmas program was recorded and if you'd like a copy please get with Jacob Miller or send an email to info@sunshine-church.org.

Family Bible Time

Week 50:

Dec. 10—Lesson 99 John 14

Dec. 13—Lesson John 15

Discussion Questions for Families:

1. Jesus told his apostles he was going to prepare what after leaving the earth?
2. Why did Jesus say that the world would hate his disciples?

Week 51 Text:

John 16 and 17

Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>12/10/2017</u>	<u>12/17/2017</u>	<u>12/24/2017</u>
Welcome	Wayne Gampp	Tom Kelley	Shaun McCray
Reading	Matthew Hoskins	James Jacobs Sr.	Steve Williams
Midservice Prayer	Mark Risner	Jeff Vanatta	Shaun Young
Communion	Dale Kuhn	Aaron Kallner	Eric Miller
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	Jared McCray	Shaun McCray	Eric Meredith
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>12/10/2017</u>	<u>12/17/2017</u>	<u>12/24/2017</u>
Song Leader	Caleb Miller	Johnny Beekman	Rich Book
Reading	Greg Shepherd	Joel Shepherd	Ethan Beekman
Communion	Price Gammon	Mark Gampp	Mike Gampp
Assist	Matthew Risner	Eli Cordle	Adam Cordle
Prayer	Jacob Miller	Sam Williams	Spike Ferrell
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>12/13/2017</u>	<u>12/20/2017</u>	<u>12/27/2017</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Partlow	David Bradshaw	Zach Coriell
Prayer	David Deacon	Greg Ferrell	Shawn Gragg

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Early Worship - 8:15 am

Late Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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“What If” from page one...

When Herod heard the news that the Christ was born, he used worship as a pretense for murder (Mt. 2:8). The baby was a threat to his throne, and he was going to eliminate any threat (historically, Herod was known for such actions). However, the song says the Mighty King declares to all the people hope and peace, as the baby child will bring goodness and light.

It's here that my upbringing starts to scream, “We cannot sing this song, because it's not true!” The Mighty King tried to stop the baby's reign before it even started; he never promoted his reign. My soul was in turmoil. I loved the song, but it told a story that never happened. The song is nothing but short of a lie.

A couple of years ago, I experienced an epiphany when a different understanding of the song emerged. Maybe the song was not about “What Did” happen. We know what happened. Instead, maybe the song tells us about “What If” something else happened.

“What If” the Mighty King humbled himself?

“What if” the Mighty King used his power and position to lead a restoration?

“What If” the Mighty King rallied the people of Judea around Christ?

“What If” the Mighty King led the throng in worship to the Christ?

We all live somewhere between “what did happen,” and “what could have happened.” A husband and father could have been the spiritual leader of his family, but chose apathy while mocking or criticizing people of faith. A business owner could have ministered to the people but was too preoccupied with making his next dollar. A church could have made a difference in the community, but were too consumed by internal strife or just afraid to act in faith.

Living between “what did happen” and “what could have happened,” means we have the choice. The choice is not only what kind of story we want to live out, but what kind of story God wants us to live out .

Soli Deo Gloria!

Have a blessed week! :)