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O Come, All Ye Faithful

Many musical performances of this season will include the song **“O Come, All Ye Faithful,”** a 17th Century composition. For six centuries Christians, have been singing this song that says in the end, “O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord.”

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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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 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

Paulina Hilt (Darriah Kelly's mother) as she is battling cancer.

Don Lemon has completed his chemotherapy but will have to wait for a cat scan in January before he will know if any more treatments are required.

Mary Collins had an ultrasound test for a couple of masses found in her neck. The results showed that one mass was a knotted muscle and the other was an enlarged thyroid. She is being treated and tested for both.

Esther Crisp remains at home with severe back pain.

Kenny Shumway (Carol Conkel's brother in Indiana) had laparoscopic kidney surgery Monday, but a major surgery will be required to deal with the situation.

Ruth Miller had successful laser eye surgery on Thursday and is at home recuperating.

Ben Shumway (Carol Conkel's brother) is also having problems with his kidneys.

Curt Conkel (Eldon Conkel's brother) is scheduled for surgery at King's Daughter's on December 28.

Eldon Conkel has had a round with pneumonia over the last week or so.

Bill Gammon is scheduled for an MRI on Wednesday to determine the pain problem with his back.

Kayla McGraw (granddaughter to Hayes and Eloise Hayward) had surgery at Children's Hospital in Columbus on Friday to remove her spleen. This is being done to resolve a long-standing problem she has had with her blood platelets. The surgery was done by laparoscopy. She is scheduled to come home today or tomorrow.

Howard Mougey (Shantelle Hammond's father) had an episode with his heart last Sunday and had to have two stints installed. He is home now recuperating.

Traci (Jennifer Gampp's cousin) has a serious kidney infection that endangers not only her health but also that of her unborn baby. Please pray for both.

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Steven Noel** (22 years old) who passed away last Sunday evening. His funeral was Wednesday in Minford.

To the family of **Mary Arnold** (longtime member at Lily Chapel) who passed away Friday evening. Arrangements for her funeral are pending.

Scheduled Bible Study Texts

Sunday		Wednesday	
12/19	Jn 11	12/22	Gen 11:1-9
12/26	Lk 17:11-37	12/29	Gen 11:10-14:24
1/2	Lk 18:1-14	1/5	Gen 15-17
1/9	Mk 10:32-52	1/12	Gen 18
1/16	Lk 19:1-28	1/19	Gen 19
1/23	Jn 11:55-12:19	1/26	Gen 20-23
	Mt 21:1-17		
	Mk 11:1-33		
	Lk 19:28-48		
1/30	Mt 21:28-22	2/2	Gen 24
	Mt 25:1-46		
2/6	Mt 22:15-23:37	2/9	Gen 25-26
2/13	Mk 12:41-44	2/16	Gen 27
	Jn 12:21-50		
2/20	Mt 24:1-51	2/23	Gen 28

Teen Devo/Christmas Party

December 21, at Scott and Candi's house.

Sunday PM Services

Tonight we will continue our video Bible study of John 19.

Elbrooke Services Today

This afternoon at 2 pm, we will be conducting worship services for the residents at Elbrooke Pavilion. We need singers to help out with the singing. Please come.

Volunteering to Work

Teen looking for volunteer work opportunities. Willing to assist with yard work, wood collecting/stacking/cutting, cleaning, or just about anything you need help with. Has truck able to use for hauling, transporting, etc. Call Zach Stimpert at 820-2835.

Teens Joy Of Giving Project

Meet at the church Tuesday at 8:30 am sharp. Wear old clothes. Boys bring boots for outside work and a pair of other shoes for inside. Girls be prepared to get dirty. Bring cleaning gloves, you will be deep cleaning, scrubbing floors, organizing the kitchen and family room areas. Be prepared to work efficiently and effectively. Thanks to those who got this project underway: flooring, beds, materials, hauling trucks and monetary donations. This is an awesome example of Christ working through our teens. If you have any questions please see Terry or Rhonda.

Joy of Giving Update

At this time we have collected more than enough funds to cover all the families we are trying to help through this program. The main need we have now is for delivery of the gifts. Check with Rhonda Berry today if you are willing to make a delivery or two or three.

Flu Shots Available Here Today



Before and after services today, flu shots are available in the fellowship hall for those who qualify. A copy of the guidelines is available on the table in the foyer. Cost is \$15.00 or we can bill through Medicare if you have your card and billing information. We have been taking names to reserve the doses, but apparently we are going to have more than enough to cover our needs. If you have someone who is homebound or in a nursing home needing the flu shot, our Health Ministry Team is willing to visit them wherever they are and administer the shot.

Tables Missing

We have 5 of the white top, long tables missing from our fellowship hall. If you know the whereabouts of these tables, would you check in with Steve.

Prayer Team List Deadline

Our old list of Emergency Prayer Team members is out of date. We are posting a list on the bulletin board for those who want to be a part of this team. Please sign your name if you are willing to pray for people on an emergency basis, give your home phone and work phone (if it's permissible to call you there) and indicate if you are willing to make at least 3 or 4 phone calls to activate a part of the prayer team. Deadline to sign up is next Sunday, December 19.

Adoption Completed

On Monday, December 20, **Nicky Rule** will become **Nicky Copas** as final orders will be entered by the Court that will make Nicky the legal son of Eric Copas. Everyone at 2530 S. R. 335 is excited and happy about the change. There will be a party in the next few weeks celebrating the event. Watch for the announcement.

T h o s e W h o S e r v e

<u>Sunday Morning</u> Bible Class Text Welcome & Prayer Song Director Scripture Reading Prayer Lord's Supper - Wine Bread Assist Assist Assist Assist Message Closing Prayer	<u>December 19</u> John 11 Tom Kelley Taylor Hoskins Greg Coriell Don Coriell Bud Coriell Terry Sullivan Ed McLaughlin John Gamp Ike Hardin Barry Hayward Steve Miller Jamie Riley	<u>December 26</u> Lk 17:11-37 Don Coriell Scott Gamp Jerry Gamp Matt Cram Mike Gamp Mike Coriell Chuck Allison Aaron Franke Steve Williams Matt Hoskins Steve Miller Jamie Riley
<u>Sunday Evening</u> Song Director Opening Prayer Lord's Supper Closing Prayer	Gabe Coriell Jon Coriell Jacob Miller Aaron Kallner	Zach Coriell Gary Glispie Josh Coriell Mark Risner
<u>Wednesday Evening</u> Song Director Prayer Bible Class Text	Mark Gamp Rich Book Gen 11:1-9	Aaron McCray Mark Risner Gen 11:10 - 14:24

Scheduled Services

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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