

GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS & NOTES

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What We Know About Jesus' Birth (Part 1)

Christmastime is the only time of the year that the birth of Jesus receives attention. Some people are content to leave Jesus in the manger for the rest of the year, forgetting that he grew to be an adult, ministered for three years, and gave his life for humanity. Before we get to the adult Jesus, we learn about the Incarnation of Christ. This miraculous event was told to Mary by the angel Gabriel, and now it occurs. But first, let's pause to address the matter of Christmas.

We know that Jesus was born in the days of King Herod (Matt. 2:1). However, Josephus recorded that Herod died in 4 BCE (*Antiq.* 17.8.1). Another vital record of the year of Christ's birth would have been the census mentioned in Luke's Gospel (Luke 2:1). Quirinius served two terms as governor of Syria: the first term was from 4-1 BC, and the second term was during AD 6-11 (*Schaff History of the Christian Church* 1.2.16). Therefore, Jesus must have been born between 4-6 BC because Herod had all male children murdered two years and younger (Matt. 2:16).

The earliest suggested date of Jesus' birth comes from Clement of Alexandria (ca. 160-220), an Egyptian theologian. When Clement lived, the Gnostics were a sect that sought to advocate tenets of Greek philosophy and sacred doctrine. While many sects of Gnostics seemed to have existed, one belief among many was that anything material was inherently evil. They agreed that Jesus was "manifested"—from the Greek term *epiphaneia* (Epiphany). The discussions of when Christ was manifested led ultimately to his birth date since some argued that Christ's birth was his manifestation. Clement wrote that May 20th was the likely date. He also suggested April 19th or 20th as possible dates.

Clement acknowledged an Egyptian Gnostic group called Basilideans. They held that Christ's baptism was the date of his manifestation or Epiphany and designated January 6th as the date. This date became the agreed-upon date for Christmas in ancient Christianity. They celebrated not Christ's birthday but his baptism. Joseph Kelly explained in his book, *The Origins of Christmas*, that Christians believed Christ was baptized on his birthday. These two events made January 6th significant since it was the date of his birth and baptism, so they taught. John Cassian, the fifth-century Balkan Christian, is recorded to have agreed with this sentiment. Stay tuned for more next week!

—Steven



Saturday, December 7, 2024

Breakfast With Santa

9-11

Thursday, December 12, 2024

YNH Christmas Lunch

Class at 10:30

Lunch at 11:00

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Widows & Widowers' Luncheon

11:00

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

No Mid-Week Bible Study

Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Mid-Week Bible Study

Regularly Scheduled Time

Singing Night in Semper Fi

Garry

WORSHIP—Sunday AM: 9:00 Sunday PM: 6:00

CLASSES—Sunday AM: 10:15 Wednesday PM: 6:30

RADIO—Sunday AM: 9:00-10:00 Sunday PM: 6:00-7:00—WVHM FM 89.7

DAILY RADIO—Monday-Friday 6:25 & 7:25 am—FM 89.7

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COLLEGE & YOUNG-N-HEARTS



YOUNG - N -


DECEMBER 5th, 2024 - OUT TO EAT @ The BURGER BARN. The bus will leave from the church parking lot @ 10:30am. Please invite a friend to join us 😊

DECEMBER 12th, 2024 - Young N Hearts CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL @ 10:30am

 Our CHRISTMAS MEAL & PARTY will follow @ 11am. Please share this with friends and family and invite them to join us!



DECEMBER 4th, 2024 - SINGING NIGHT @ 6:30pm Please meet in the Semper Fi Classroom

 DECEMBER 6th, 2024 - C20 Christmas Party @ 6:30pm. Please invite a friend to join us! 😊

DECEMBER 8th, 2024 - C20 Class @ 10am -
Topic: The Life of Christ

Library

E. Bailey

Christmas Gift Books

If you haven't finished your Christmas shopping and you have a friend or relative who is especially into hymns and hymn history, there are a number of books still available out there that deal with this general topic. Some are readily available on the current market while others are out-of-print but can still be found on the secondary book market.

One of those books that directly addresses hymnody in the Churches of Christ is Dr. Forrest C. McCann's *Hymns & History*, published by ACU Press in 1997. This massive book is a complete history of all 6 editions of E. L. Jorgenson's *Great Songs of the Church* from the 1921 edition thru the 1986 one. Both those of an older generation as well as younger folks who have a special interest in the topic will be interested in this book but copies are not easily located today. I might be able to help find one.

YOUTH

Jacob Vaughan

The **Youth Christmas Party** will be held on December 21st starting at 5:00 and running through 7:00. Currently the party will be held here at the church. Many memories will be made as we play ridiculous games and have a good meal together. I hope all our youth will be able to make it out. We will play a game of White Elephant/ Dirty Santa with the cost of the gift being no more than fifteen dollars.

We will be making a trip to Memphis on January 20th to catch a Grizzlies game. That is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The cost per ticket is looking like it will be \$65. We will also be eating both Lunch and dinner while in Memphis so you will need to plan accordingly for that as well. We will be visiting the great pyramid of Memphis while in the area.

Challenge Youth Conference will be held February 21st – 23rd. We will depart on Thursday, February 20th at 5:00 PM. You will need to eat dinner before arriving at the church. This is a wonderful trip for our middle and highschoolers. A sign up will be posted towards the beginning of the year. Please speak with me if you desire to chaperone as we only have a limited number of spots for chaperones and the number needed between male and female chaperones may change depending on how many of each gender sign up to go. It will be a great trip.

We will be taking our highschoolers on a mission trip this summer to **Honduras** from June 25th – July 2nd. You will need to be obtaining a passport asap for those that are participating with this mission. Sign ups have been taken down and we officially have 22 making the trip. More information will be shared with those going at a later time. Thank you all.

Breakfast With Santa – Saturday, Dec. 7th

"Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the birthday cards and good wishes you gave me on the 20th. I had a great day. I am so grateful for my church friends. Love and Blessings to all of you!

Louise Haley

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Thank you so much for the plaque, delicious meal, cards and especially the prayers during the passing of my dad. Every act of kindness was really appreciated.

Bobby & Vanessa Fike

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Thanks to everyone for all the cards, messages and phone calls on my birthday. They made my day special!

Vickie Mahan

BLOOD DRIVE

We will have our Blood Drive this Wednesday, December 4th. Please contact James Gibson to sign up.

OFFICERS MEETING

There will be an Officers Meeting on Sunday, December 8th at 8:00 AM in the multipurpose room.

SANTA PROJECT

If you would like to give to the Santa Project to assist families from Calloway and Murray schools in need at Christmas, you may do so at the table at the back of the Commons until December 15th.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd David Curd, son of Jonathan and Hannah Curd, was born November 26th. He weighed 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. David and Tina Ryan are the grandparents and Betty Ryan is the great-grandmother.

Myla Gwynn Peters, daughter of Paul and Alyna Peters, was born November 30th. She weighed 7 lbs., 2 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long. Rob and Jennifer Thompson are the grandparents.

SYMPATHY

We express the sympathy of the congregation to the family of Jimmy Wilder; and to Ron Cook, Pam Smith and family on the death of their brother and uncle, Donald Cook.

~ELDERS~

Jeremy Bell	Johnny Bohannon	Brent Canter
Raymond Grady	Allen McKeel	

~DEACONS~

Darrell Beane	Terry Bourland	Josh Bybee
Landon Clark	Gerald Coles	Tim Coles
Mike Cooper	Dan Davis	Jody DeWitt
Garry Evans	Andrew Falwell	Jacob Falwell
Joel Fisher	James Gibson	Matt Gingles
Seth Grogan	Chris Jones	Justin Hendrick
Ryan Houston	Derek Jones	Chad Lawson
John Mahan	Terry McCallon	Josh McKeel
Mike Orr	Shawn Simmons	Jay Stark
Tim Stark	Kelly Starks	Rob Thompson
Stacey Underhill	Nicholas Webber	Daron Wilson

~CARE TEAM LEADERS~

Jody Dewitt – Care Team 1
Dan Davis – Care Team 2
Jerry Stark – Care Team 3
Mike Orr – Care Team 4
Chuck Adams – Care Team 5
Garry Evans – Care Team 6
Terry Bourland – Care Team 7

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~SUNDAY SERVANTS~

12/8/2024

9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements Garry Evans
Song Service Derek Jones
Opening Prayer Vernon Gantt
Preside James Gibson
Scripture Reading Sawyer Lawson
Scripture Malachi 3:1-4
Speaker Steven Hunter
Sermon Make Way!
Closing Prayer Kenneth Cleaver
Nursery Jessica Morris, Madison Morris
Greeters Mike Cooper, Whitney Cooper,
Austin Copeland, Patti Copeland, Opal Copeland,
Annette Coles

Serve the Lord's Supper

South	North
Kent Barlow	Brent Canter
Jackson Bell.....	Doug Clark
Jeremy Bell.....	Landon Clark
Terry Bourland	Austin Copeland
Josh Burchett	Dan Davis
Josh Bybee.....	Derrick Delaney

Alternates: Kelly Crouse, Jody DeWitt, Ryan DeWitt, Christian Dinh, Steve Dublin, Don Durst

5:00 Evening Worship

Welcome/Announcements Garry Evans
Song Service Derek Jones
Opening Prayer Allen McKeel
Scripture Reading Jay Stark
Scripture Isaiah 9:6-7
Speaker Steven Hunter
Sermon SINGING NIGHT
Preside Nathan Musser
Closing Prayer Scott Benson
Greeters Linda McCallon, Rylee McCallon,
Barbara McCuiston, Jan McKeel, Josh McKeel,
Lacy McKeel

Van Drivers:

Sunday AM – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)
Sunday PM – Josh McKeel (270-293-5173)
Wednesday – Jeremy McKeel (270-293-5818)