

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dec. 26, 2010



NO ROOM FOR JESUS

by Jerry Martin
(Luke 2:1-7)

This time of year we will hear the story of the birth of Jesus repeated often. One part of the story that is most often emphasized is the fact that Mary had to give birth to the Christ child in the stables. “And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn” (Luke 2:7). No doubt we are all saddened to think there was NO ROOM for Jesus in the inn. Had the innkeeper known the Savior of the world was about to be born in his city of Bethlehem he probably would have made room. Yet out of fairness to the innkeeper he was overrun with those of the lineage of David who had come to town to pay taxes (Luke 2:1-5). When one really thinks of it, isn’t it even sadder that many today have NO ROOM for Jesus?

Many have NO ROOM FOR JESUS in their HEART. Too often we have allowed our hearts to be filled with so many things that there is no room for the Lord (Matt. 6:19, 20). We can change that overcrowded condition by heeding Peter’s charge. “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear” (1 Peter 3:15). Will you be a diligent keeper of your heart and make room for Jesus (Prov. 4:23)?

Many have NO ROOM FOR JESUS in their HOME. Too many homes are filled with hate, greed, lust, pride, selfishness and countless other things while having no room for Jesus...

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

5:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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...(Mark 3:25). But a careful reading of Ephesians 5:21-32 reveals the importance of Christ being the key ingredient to happiness between a husband and wife. Chapter 6:1-4 emphasizes that when the Lord is allowed in the home children will obey parents and parents will bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Will you be a wise keeper of your home and make room for Jesus (Matt. 7:24, 25; Heb. 3:1-6)?

Many have NO ROOM FOR JESUS in their LIFE. Too many have their lives so filled with earthly plans they have no room for Jesus (James 4:13-17). In contrast Paul declared, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal. 2:20). Will you be a responsible keeper of your life and make room for Jesus (Rev. 3:20; Matt. 16:24-27; John 10:10)?

Let each of us determine to make room for Jesus in our hearts, homes, and lives.
HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Sermon Review

When God Laughs

(Ps. 2:4; 37:13; 59:8; Prov. 1:26)

According to the Bible, When God Laughs..

- I. He will laugh at those that side with evil rulers.
- II. He will laugh at those that mistreat the poor.
- III. He will laugh at those that persecute the righteous.
- IV. He will laugh at those that refuse His counsel.

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Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me (Jn. 14:6).

MARY HAD A LAMB

by Clifton Angel
(Matt. 1:18-25)

Truly, Mary had a Lamb, and His fleece was white as snow;
And to the cross, and because of my sins, that Lamb was sure to go.

1. He is the “reason for the season,” but not just this season.
2. He is the reason for EVERY season because all things were made by Him (Jn. 1:3).
3. But as our minds are focused on Him, let us briefly overview what He has done.

I. He was prophesied

- A. *Search the scriptures...*(John 5:39).
- B. His virgin birth (Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14).
- C. His place of birth (Micah 5:2).
- D. His forerunner (Isa. 40:3; Mal. 3:1).
- E. The place of His first miracle (Isa. 9:1,2)
- F. His betrayal by Judas (Ps. 41:9; Zech. 11:12, 13).
- G. His persecution (Isa. 50:6; 53:7).
- H. His crucifixion (Ps. 22:16).
- I. His resurrection (Hos. 6:2).
- J. His church (Dan. 2:44; Isa. 2:1,2).

II. **To the earth He arrived** (Matt. 1:24, 25; Phil. 2:5-8).

III. **He was denied** (Jn. 1:11; Mark 14:30).

IV. **To the Father He cried** (Jn. 17:1, 17; Matt. 26:39; 27:46; Luke 23:46).

V. **He was crucified** (Jn. 12:32; Luke 23:33).

VI. **A sinless Man He died** (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:22; Heb. 4:15).

VII. **From the grave, He was revived** (Luke 24:5, 6; Acts 2:31, 32; 1 Cor. 15:57).

VIII. **Today, He is alive** (Rev. 1:17, 18; Heb. 1:1-3; Job 19:25).

IX. **In Him we must abide** (1 Jn. 2:28; Jn. 15:10; Gal. 2:20).

X. **Through us, He must be glorified** (Matt. 5:16; 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Cor. 10:31).

Truly, Mary had a Lamb, and His fleece was white as snow;
And to the cross, and because of my sins, that Lamb was sure to go.
But from the grave, He has been raised, and now resides above,
Thanks be to God for Jesus Christ, and His amazing love!

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

It is that time of the year. Many have been under the weather, and some repeating.

Inez Neyman--She was admitted to the hospital this past weekend and is awaiting medical attention.

Wiley Tuggle--He had surgery Friday (12/17) on his back. Everything went well, and he said for once in a long time he is pain free. Let us pray for his continued recovery.

Nora Boling--She was not feeling well Sunday.

**Many that will be traveling.

Cathy Thompson; John Stephens; Joyce Stephens; Kinney Family; Thomas & Carolyn Davis

For the Bible studies and correspondence courses that are on-going, and the students & administrators of the studies.

Tim & Lynn Wilkes--They are scheduled to leave for Hawaii Jan. 3 to teach the Fishers of Men Program to brethren there. Let us pray for their safety and the success of the work.

Sympathy

Tim Brown family--Jared's uncle, died Sunday morning, possibly because of post-surgery complications.

Family & Friends

Toria Payne family in Coldwater whose house burned.

Dunn Family--Recent accident and financial needs.

Joe Culbreath--several serious health issues.

Monroe church of Christ; James Angel; Steve Angel; Doyce "Doc" Hunt; Dave Leonard, Sr.

Let us not forget to pray for the works being done through Fishers of Men and the Far East Missions.

December Anniversaries

12/4 Chris & Brooke Holmes
12/10 Beau & Maira Davis
12/13 Jerry & Renee Davis

December Birthdays

12/17 Kaiden Ferrell 12/27 Reese Kinney
12/22 John Stephens 12/27 Brooke Holmes
12/23 Jeremy Moore 12/30 Renee Davis

Get Involved!

New Years Eve!

Come join in on the fellowship and fun!

New Quarter

A new quarter is to begin soon!
We are thankful to all that are teachers and helpers!

Sunday Night for the Savior

January 2 after PM Services.
Bring Contacts and Finger Foods!

Bible Bowl

January 8 at the Looxahoma building.
STUDY Matthew 10-12!

Privileged to Serve

Wednesday, December 22

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Prayer	Caleb Baker
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Andy Ratliff

Sunday, December 26

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Billy Bland
Announcements	Caleb Baker
Song Leader	Jared Brown
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Jeremy Moore
	Johnny Bayless
Assist	Ron Johnson
	Payton Jackson
Opening Prayer	Timothy Wilkes, Sr.
Sermon	TBA
Closing Prayer	Jim Jackson

Evening

Song Leader	Jared Brown
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	TBA
Lord's Supper	Ron Johnson
	Payton Jackson
Closing Prayer	Adam Sowell