

# Announcements

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Please email all new announcements to [announcements@psd.church](mailto:announcements@psd.church).

## MEMBER HEALTH ISSUES:

- Alexa McClenny** is planning to have a Cesarean Section delivery on Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> to avoid serious complications due to her high-risk birth history. The family is asking for prayers for the Lord to be with their family, especially Alexa and the baby, to have a successful birth and recovery. **UPDATE:** Alexa is still going to Winnie Palmer Hospital, to get additional iron infusions every other day, to prepare for the Cesarean Section Surgery. This is for Alexa's safety. The baby is doing well. Alexa feels like the treatments are helping. **Prayers are appreciated.**

## FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF PSD:

- Spencer Blackwelder:** (We are supporting him in preaching in Borger, Tx.) His father, **Bill Blackwelder**, age 74, went home from the hospital yesterday. He has cognitive and mobility issues. His home address is: 603 Waverly Lane, Maitland, FL 32751. Spencer's brother, Stuart, lives with Bill in the same home. Feel free to reach out to them both to encourage them. Please pray for the Blackwelder family.

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Additional Bible Study Guide Materials** are on order as requested and should be in soon.

## TRAVELING:

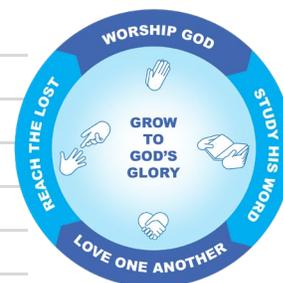
- Brian Messerli** is in Cape Coral with his mom and brother and plans to return Sunday evening Dec. 26th.
- Jeff and Julia Hunt** are in Bowling Green, KY and will return Thursday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. They will spend a week with Jessica & Ryan and a week with Matt & Joanna Finley, helping them move into a rental house, since their home was heavily damaged from the horrible tornadoes in Kentucky. Matt & Joanna Finley have a **PayPal** account if you are able to help them: [finley.joanna@gmail.com](mailto:finley.joanna@gmail.com).
- Tim & Ann Welsh** are traveling and will return Tuesday, Dec 28<sup>th</sup>. They are in Duluth, MN with Wayne and Jenna.
- Kathy Lodge and Christina Bolton** are in Kentucky for the Holidays with family.
- Jared and Ann Morton and family** are in Texas with Ann's family. They will return home after the holidays.

## SHUT-IN:

- Anne Dickson, Geny Harrison, Peggy Hunt, Lynna Davis, Patsy Holt, and Pat Steele**

## DATES TO NOTE:

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday, December 29, 2021	Singing: Second One Of Two Singings for December
Sunday, January 2, 2022	New Quarter Begins, with New Teachers and New Curriculum
Sunday, January 16, 2022	H2H: Training Session for Leaders & Hosts, 2:30 PM
Sunday, January 23, 2022	Shepherd's Annual Review & Budget Review
Sunday, January 23, 2022	H2H New Session Begins, Jan. 23rd-March 5th, 6 Weeks
Sunday, March 6, 2022	Deacons, Preachers, Shepherds meeting.





“... pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord our of a pure heart” 2 Timothy 2:2

## December 19, 2021 – Monuments: Friends of Story

### ***The twelve stones***

God often chose monuments as a way for people to remember His stories. After crossing the Jordan River, the Children of Israel erected two different twelve stone monuments. One was in the middle of the Jordan and the other was in Gilgal. Joshua explained to the people why God wanted the stone monument built:

*21“When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, ‘What are these stones?’ 22then you shall let your children know, saying, ‘Israel crossed over this Jordan on dry land’; 23for the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed over, 24that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.” (Joshua 4:21-24)*

God knows that kids are curious creatures. No pile of stones was going to go unnoticed. This monument was probably built on a significant structure, making it even more noticeable. God also knows that kids don't sit on their curiosity, they ask questions. When the Israelites' children asked about the stones, their parents would have a perfect opportunity to tell the story of the Jordan River crossing. The pile of rocks not only served as an opportunity to tell the Jordan River crossing but also the crossing of the Red Sea.

The purpose of telling both stories was the same. God wanted all the people of the earth to know that He is mighty. He also wanted His people to fear Him.

### ***Piles of rocks***

#### **Pile 1**

When entering the Promised Land God used each story of the conquest to build on the previous one. As each story was added, the people in the land of Canaan became increasingly more fearful of God's people. In between the victory over Jericho and Ai, God's people suffered a defeat. The defeat was caused by Achan's sin. He took some items from Jericho that God had forbidden. The people carried out God's punishment of Achan by stoning him and his entire family. Once the stoning was complete, they covered him with a large pile of rocks. That pile of rocks remained there for many years.

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#### **Sunday Worship Services**

9 a.m. Lord's Supper Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Class  
10:45 a.m. Praise & Preaching

**Wednesday Bible Classes** 7:30 p.m.

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## **Pile 2**

After defeating the people of Ai, Joshua hung the king and allowed his body to remain on the tree until evening. When he took the king's body down, he cast it at the gate of the city and covered it with rocks. The rocks were a reminder for many generations of how God defeated the people of Ai.

## **Pile 3**

After defeating the five kings who had taken refuge in a cave, Joshua hung them on a tree and allowed their bodies to remain there until evening. Joshua ordered their lifeless bodies off the tree and back into the cave. He then instructed his soldiers to roll large stones against the mouth of the cave. The three previous stories each end with the statement that the piles of rocks 'remain until this day.' They remained for years as a reminder of the story that put them there.

### ***The replica of the altar***

Another story that shows the important role monuments play in generational success is the altar built by the Reubenites, Gadites, and half of the tribe of Manasseh. They built that altar so future generations would remember that they participated in the conquering of the land. It was their way of making sure their part in the story was passed down from generation to generation. They were motivated by some powerful things, including ensuring that their offspring would not be accused of forsaking God. They feared the tribes on the west side of the Jordan would forget to tell their children the role those dwelling on the east side played in the conquest. The altar was their insurance policy.

### ***Ebenezer: the stone of help***

The Ark of the Covenant had been in storage for twenty-three years. The Philistines were afflicting God's people. The Israelites had had all they could take. They cried out to Samuel for help. Samuel instructed them to get rid of all their idols and to only worship the God of their fathers. They agreed to do just that. They separated themselves from Baal and joined themselves to the almighty God. During this cleansing process they gathered together at Mizpah where they confessed their sins and fasted for a day. The Philistines saw this and assumed it was an act of war.

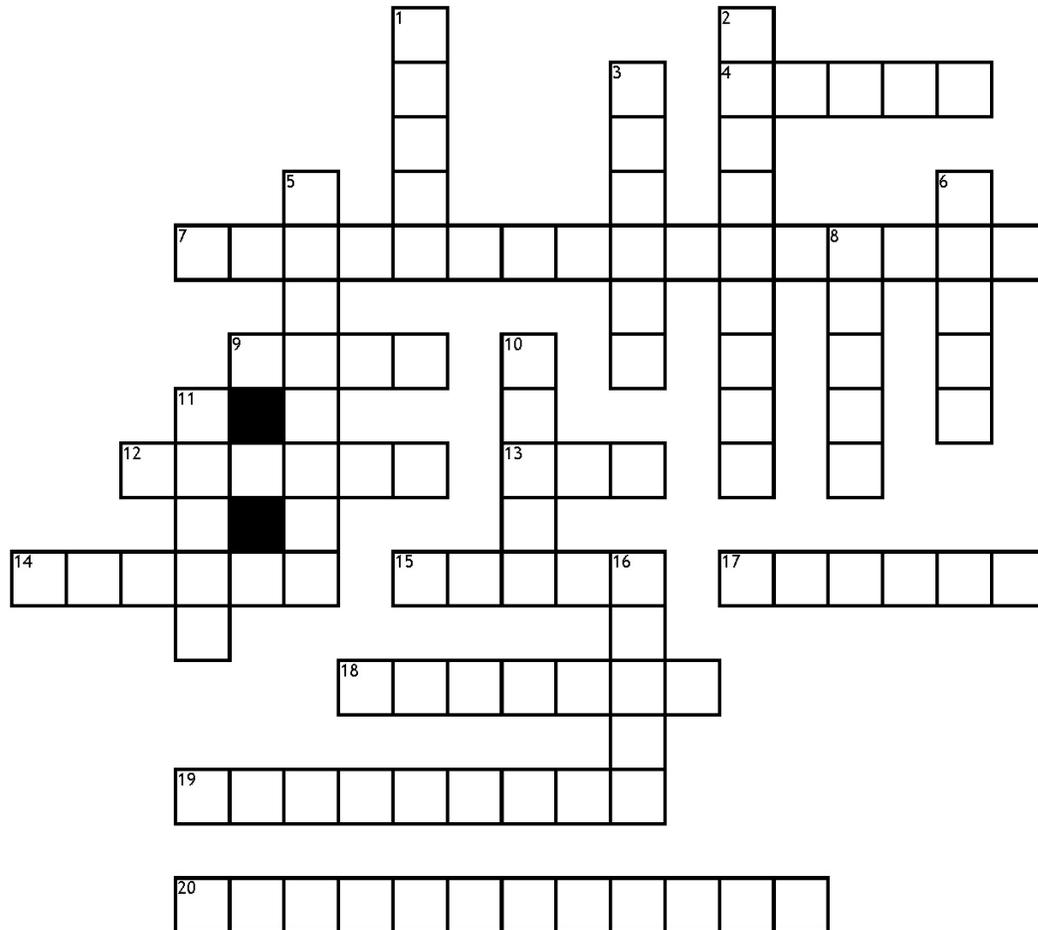
God's people were afraid. They begged Samuel to keep praying to the God of Heaven for their deliverance. Samuel took a young lamb and offered it to God as a sacrifice. God heard and answered Samuel's prayer. As the Philistines gathered together for war, God 'thundered with a loud thunder' against them, causing confusion and panic. God's people pursued and with little effort drove them away. They also took back some of the cities the Philistines had conquered.

At the end of the battle Samuel took a rock and placed it between Mizpah and Shen and called it Ebenezer and said, "Thus far the Lord has helped us." The Philistines didn't come into Israel's territory because the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. In addition, there was peace between the Israelites and the Amorites. The stone set up by Samuel was a constant reminder of this incredible story.

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# Birth of Jesus



## Across

- 4. Where did God tell them to go after he was born?
- 7. What was Jesus wrapped in?
- 9. What was the name of Jesus's mother?
- 12. Who said "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill to men"?
- 13. Children in the region of what age were to be killed?
- 14. What was the name of Jesus's father?

15. Who was the king of Judaea at the time of the birth of Jesus?

- 17. Where was Jesus born?
- 18. Which angel appeared to Mary?
- 19. What city did king herod live in?
- 20. What was a gift the wiseman gave Jesus?

## Down

- 1. Who is Jesus descended from?
- 2. What city was Jesus born in?

3. What was special about Jesus's mother?

- 5. Where was he raised once the returned?
- 6. Who was born in the manger?
- 8. How many wiseman came to see Jesus?
- 10. What did the wiseman follow to find Jesus?
- 11. What/who talked to the shepherds?
- 16. How were the family warned that someone wanted to kill Jesus?

- When Jesus died on the cross His heel was \_\_\_\_\_, but all nations of the world were \_\_\_\_\_.
- God did to His Son what he prevented Abraham from doing to Isaac.

**Eph 1:7** *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*

We have been \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ through the blood of Jesus Christ.

**Matt 28:5-7** *But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.*

On the first day of the week, Jesus came out of the grave!

**1 Cor 15:20-25** *But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. 24 Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.*

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Satan's head when he became the first to rise, never to die again.

**1 Cor 15:54-57** *54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Our resurrection is when God fulfills all promises by giving us \_\_\_\_\_ victory through Jesus Christ.

**Rom 16:19-20** *For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. 20 And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly.*

God has promised to \_\_\_\_\_ Satan under our feet.

**1 Thess 4:16-18** *For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.*

You \_\_\_\_\_ how your story ends. Do you want to always be with the Lord?

Jesus in the Old Testament  
**The Fulfillment of the Old Testament**

**Points to Consider**

1. Jesus Announced
2. Jesus Arrives
3. Jesus Delivers

**Jesus Announced**

**Luke 1:26-38** *Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. NKJV*

Gabriel told Mary that she was going to have the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Most High. He also told her that her Son will sit on David's throne and rule the house of Jacob

**Luke 1:39-45**

John \_\_\_\_\_ in Elizabeth's womb when she heard Mary's greeting. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, praised Mary's \_\_\_\_\_ and assured her that Gabriel's words would come true.

**Matt 1:18-25** *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us."*

An angel \_\_\_\_\_ Mary's story that the baby conceived in her was of the Holy Spirit. The angel also told Joseph that Jesus would \_\_\_\_\_ His people from their sins.

## Jesus Arrived

**Matt 1:1** The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the **Son of David**, the Son of Abraham

**Rev 5:5** But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the **Root of David**, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." NKJV

Jesus' genealogy goes back to three important people from the Old Testament, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and Judah.

**Luke 2:4-7** Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, **to the city of David**, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and **lineage of David**, 5 to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. 6 So it was, that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Jesus was of the house and lineage of David. He was born in the city of the great king, \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 2:13-14** And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

Sending His Son into the world was the greatest gesture of \_\_\_\_\_ toward men.

**Luke 2:29-32** "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; 30 For my eyes have seen Your salvation 31 Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, 32 A light to bring **revelation to the Gentiles**, And the glory of Your people Israel."

- Simeon held Jesus in his hands and referred to him as God's \_\_\_\_\_ and a light to bring revelation to the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Simeon announces that Jesus would fulfill the last of the three promises made to Abraham. Jesus was the seed of Abraham that would bless \_\_\_\_\_ nations.

**Matt 2:5-6** So they said to him, "In **Bethlehem** of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, **Bethlehem**, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of **Judah**; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.'"

The scribes knew that the King of the Jews was to be born in \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 1:41** He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the **Messiah**" (which is translated, the **Christ**).

\_\_\_\_\_ went and found Peter, declaring that he had found the Christ

**John 4:29** Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the **Christ**?

The \_\_\_\_\_ at the well ran back to town asking the question, "Could this be the Christ?"

**John 4:42** Then they said to the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we

ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the **Christ**, the Savior of the world."

The people in Samaria realized that Jesus was the Christ, the Savior of the world.

**John 6:69** Also we have come to believe and know that You are the **Christ**, the **Son of the living God**.

When Jesus asked the apostles if they wanted to forsake Him like the crowds were doing, Peter said they had nowhere else to go since Jesus was the Christ, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the living God.

**John 7:26** But look! He speaks boldly, and they say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is truly the **Christ**? 31 And many of the people believed in Him, and said, "When the **Christ** comes, will He do more signs than these which this Man has done?" 41 Others said, "This is the **Christ**." But some said, "Will the **Christ** come out of Galilee? Has not the Scripture said that the **Christ** comes from the seed of **David** and from the town of Bethlehem, where **David** was?"

The people saw the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus performed and started to wonder if He was the Christ.

**John 10:24** Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us in doubt? If You are the **Christ**, tell us plainly."

When Jesus was walking on Solomon's porch, the \_\_\_\_\_ asked Him if He is the Christ.

**John 11:27** She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the **Christ**, **the Son of God**, who is to come into the world."

**Martha** believed that Jesus was God's son.

**John 20:31** But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the **Christ**, the **Son of God**, and that believing you may have life in His name.

Everything \_\_\_\_\_ wrote was intended to lead us to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

## Jesus Delivered

**Mark 15:24-39** 24 And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting lots for them to determine what every man should take. 25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him. ... 29 And those who passed by blasphemed Him, wagging their heads and saying, "Aha! You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30 save Yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 Likewise the chief priests also, mocking among themselves with the scribes, said, "He saved others; Himself He cannot save. 32 Let the **Christ**, the **King** of Israel, descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe." Even those who were crucified with Him reviled Him. 33 Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" ...37 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. 38 Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. 39 So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the **Son of God**!"