



# THE MESSENGER

## DECEMBER 25, 2022

### NEWS AND NOTES

#### **Congregational Meeting**

January 8

#### **Our Next Gospel Meeting**

Next year

#### **Weekly Bible Studies**

Thursday at 1 on Zoom

Friday at 1 on Zoom

#### **Times of Service**

##### **Sunday**

Bible study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6 PM

##### **Wednesday**

Bible study: 7:30 PM

(Immediately followed by a  
short worship service)

#### **First Friday of Month**

##### **Singing**

January 6, 7:30

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### A CHILD IS BORN

On this day many around the world are celebrating the birth of Jesus. It is appropriate to point out that Scripture does not tell us what day Jesus was born or to create a holiday around it. It is also appropriate to point out that taking a day or more to contemplate and celebrate a wonderful act of God is not a bad thing. Purim and the Feast of Dedication, the forerunner of Hanukkah, are biblical examples of such things. (John 10:22; Esther 9:20-32) As long as one does not seek to bind their choice on how to approach a day like Christmas, it falls squarely within Romans 14:5-6.

Let's talk about the birth that is on the mind of most this day. It was a prophesied birth, hinted at first almost at the very beginning (Genesis 3:15) and most famously prophesied in Isaiah 9:6-7. *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."*

Finally, the day came for this child to be born. Shepherds received word with the accompaniment of angelic rejoicing. (Luke 2:8-15) Wise men from the east traveled a considerable distance after seeing "his star" to visit him after his birth. (Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11) King Herod and his loyalists were troubled at the news and sought to eradicate this threat to his throne. (Matthew 2:3-8, 13-18) Herod's efforts failed and the child grew and matured. (Luke 2:41-52)

## Members Needing Our Prayers

Marcus Lake, Mary Weatherholt, Joyce Bolton, Julie Patton, Rick Small, Benny Poynter, Richard and Janet Brundige, Rhonda Boyd, Cindy Bradbury, Paul Atkisson

## Others Needing Prayer

Janice Parsons, Veronica Bowman, Dalton Denny, Charles Bishop, Brian Mason, The Byers family, Glen Perkins, Allison Walker, Dwight Antle, Randy Cates, Larry McTeer, Charlene Michael, Ann Little, Mary Jean Snyder, Mark Nickles, Duane Harrod, Grace Meyer, Meredith Nicholson, Alice and Lonnie Anderson, Glen Perkins, Ethan Shelton, Terry Daniels, Leroy Weatherholt, Robert Brundige, William Roberts, Paul and Marrian Lyda, Dana and her children, Shane (a relative of Cindi), Ron Harmon

## To Our Guests

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As the years passed, the child became a man. Jesus of Nazareth next appears to us at his baptism. Incredible things happened at that time demonstrating that Jesus was not *just* a man. (Matthew 3:13-17; John 1:29-34) Immediately following this Jesus went into the wilderness to battle Satan. Jesus won each skirmish, three of which are recorded for us. (Luke 4:1-13) However, Jesus did far more than win a battle here and there. *He never lost*. Every time the adversary thought he found the perfect “opportune” moment to tempt Jesus beyond his breaking point, Jesus showed that he didn’t *have* a breaking point. He never sinned. (John 8:29, 46; Luke 23:47)

In the fullness of time, having accomplished all that needed to be done, Jesus was killed. This, too, was in submission to his Father for no one had the power to take his life from him. (John 10:17-18) His atoning death (Isaiah 53) and subsequent resurrection proved the truthfulness of his claims and the efficacy of his actions. (Romans 1:1-4; 3:23-25) Now he sits as the right hand of the Father interceding on behalf of his people. (Hebrews 7:25)

Praise God for His plan and for His Son. May we reflect upon God’s wondrous grace *every* day of our lives. Adam Litmer

<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>	<b>Evangelist</b>
Troy Antle	Richard Brundige	Adam Litmer
David Collins	Adam Daniels	
	Marcus Lake	
	Adam Litmer	
	Frank Patton	
	Jamie Powell	
	Pat Seabolt	
	Matt Thompson	
	James Weatherholt	

