



The Vision



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As we continue our "Journey to Bethlehem", we come to the Judean hillsides. It

must have seemed just an ordinary night for shepherds who were assigned to watch over their flocks that night. But as the Lord does so often in our lives, they were in for a BIG surprise that night. The Lord is like that. He can take ordinary folks who are simply walking by faith each day and breakthrough with wonderful demonstrations of His Power and Glory!

Today we are all here NOT by accident. On this beautiful Lord's Day, the Lord has met us here. He has pursued us with His great love. As the shepherds that day decided to go and find this baby Jesus, we can decide today to see Him in all His Glory!

Let's come away from the world's distractions today and the busyness of our lives and worship this Newborn King!

We welcome all our guests today! You have encouraged us with your presence! I pray you find a warm welcome here and desire to come back and join us again. Please don't leave without allowing me to say hi to you. I will be in the narthex as you are leaving...

Love,

Pastor John & Debbie



Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.



Servants

In His Service

December 12, 2021

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

Small Talk-Youth program

Junior Church-

(The previous week's attendance and financial status)

ATTENDANCE

SS-45 Worship-66

FINANCIAL NOTES

	Monthly Need \$11,070.16	
	Worship Service	Sunday School
November 7	\$2,345.26	\$49.00
November 14	\$1,757.05	\$46.00
November 21	\$1,946.33	\$71.00
November 28	\$1,943.25	\$38.00

Operating Fund
\$8,195.89

Total Receipts (Nov.) \$10,918.89

Weekly Need \$2,700.18

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT THE "X"

"...But the angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people. For to you is born this day in the town of David a Savior, Who is Christ (the Messiah) the Lord!" - Luke 2: 10-11 (AMP)

So often these days we see Christmas with the 'Christ' taken out and replaced with an 'X'. It's almost as if it's a nameless celebration. We as Christians know how far from the truth that is. We read here of angels appearing to the shepherds and declaring the birth of Jesus, the Son of David - who is the Christ (the Messiah). It is in no way a 'nameless' event, but a wonderful celebration of the greatest event - the birth of Christ and the reconciliation to God, He brought to us all.

So let's keep the 'Christ' in Christmas.

Christmas must always start with 'Christ' For He has saved us and changed our lives.



- Dec. 6th – Community Band Concert
- Dec 12th – Holiday Pitch in Dinner
- Dec 12th – Children’s Program
- Dec 14th-Chopping for Cheese Balls
- Dec 15th-Making of Cheese Balls
- Dec 19th – Christmas Cantata



As a church Fund Raiser, Catherine Etter has Scrip (Gift) cards available for purchase. There is a list of ones she can purchase posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex.. If you can use a card for getting your Christmas gifts or for giving, please look at the list, find the cards you need and she will get them for you. Please do this as soon as possible so that you can get your cards as quickly as possible.

RETIRED MINISTERS & MISSIONARIES

Starting today, this month there will be envelopes in the Bulletin for the RMMO (Retired Minister & Missionaries Offering). Please give to this fund. Remember we know at least two of them.



We are collecting mittens, scarves, hats and socks for the Mitten Tree. Place your donations under the tree in the Narthex. The youth will decorate it before Christmas. These donations go to three different shelters, and they are for adults, as well as kids.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Church Family:

Linda Phelps & Family, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Dee Dee Kaufman, Evelyn Denney, Scott Pettit, Kathy Morris, Jim Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Dixie Carter, Bob & Catherine Etter, Larry & Peggy Martin and Bob & Dianna Jennings.

Community: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard,

Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People affected by the COVID-19,

Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, firemen and the US economy.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global

financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.



There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Our Church has one more date, the 17th, to help this mission. There are still two openings on that day.

