UPCOMING

 Fellowship meal next Sunday December 31 following worship

Prayer List

Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments.

- Renee Cumberland
- Scott Williams

Communion Preparation

December - Carlberg 2024 Preparation Sign-Up Sheet is in Foyer

Birthday / Anniversary

Connie Montgomery - 3rd Rick Carlberg - 7th Crimson Rowell - 31st Dwight & Sandra Callens - 23rd

Men to Serve

Announcements - Dwight Callens

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:6 - 14

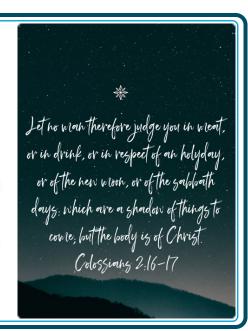
Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell

Head of Lord's Table - Rick Carlberg

Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts

Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:36 - 46

Closing Prayer - Don Potts



12/24/2023 WELCOME

We are a body of believers whose soul intention is to glorify and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of His church. Our desire is to reflect that of our God--that all be saved. Anyone who is willing to humble himself before the mighty hand of God can be saved.

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Study of Hymns Class // 8:30 am Isaiah Bible Class // 9:30 am Worship Service // 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY

Singing Night // 7:00 pm

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SERMON NOTES

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What's So Merry About Christmas?

By Mike Riley

What's so Merry about Christmas? Was Scrooge right about Christmas? Is there simply too much "Bah Humbug" in the world? We have all been told about the stress and related disorders that are associated with the holiday season. Then of course, it isn't politically correct to say "Merry Christmas" any more. After all, Christmas should be Christ centered. We don't want to offend anyone that does not recognize Jesus as Lord....now do we? Or should we?

I am going to do it! I purpose to be offensive! I am going to proudly declare that I am a believer and that Jesus is the Reason for the Season! I will say "Merry Christmas" and not apologize.

You and I look at the manger scenes with Mary and Joseph; the sleeping baby; shepherds, animals, angels. All of it is so meaningful and beautiful to us. In fact, even the secular world knows about these things. People who aren't regulars at worship services usually attend Christmas Eve services. All well and good. We like that. We sing Silent Night, Holy Night. Peace came into the world! Right?Wrong! The Lord himself said, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division:" (Luke 12:51 KJV). So there you have it. Those who accept Him as Lord and those who don't.

The birth of Christ is so much more than the manger scene....it is the beginning of God's entrance into the human family experience. It is the willingness of God to expose Himself to the total vulnerability of being human....which is at the heart of the incarnation.

He is God made flesh (John 1:14; cf. Philippians 2:5-8). What does that mean to us? The sinfulness of man and all its ramifications will now be brought out in a clear picture of a God/man who was sinless (1 Peter 2:21-22; cf. Isaiah 53:9; Hebrews 4:14-15; 1 John 3:5). All of our weaknesses and inability to obey God's purposes will now be made clear.

In Matthew 2:16, is it recorded that Herod ordered the death of all baby boys under two years of age. A mindless and bloody atrocity took place at the birth of Jesus. After reading the story, we are not caught unaware of the human potential for terror that shows its ugly face again on Calvary. A bloody beginning and a bloody end!

This birth will lead to the only solution for mankind....the Cross (1 Corinthians 2:1-2). We cannot view His birth without looking at the cross. That's the real reason for the season!

May all the blessings of this season be with you and yours, knowing that these blessings may be found only in Him (Ephesians 1:3).