

THE BIRTH NARRATIVE

“She wrapped him in strips of cloth and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.” Luke 2:7 NIV.

Actually, very little is said about Jesus’ birth. It was a special event, needless to say. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke are the only two that mention it. They have but a few verses at that! And compared to the entire Bible, a minute amount is recorded of the Birth Narrative.

One of the things we do see recorded was of that old villain, the Inn Keeper. We say that because our reaction is usually one of disdain for him. What excuse could he have? We say today, “If the President of the USA wanted a room, you would find one!” And this child soon to be born was the King of Kings! No reason was acceptable to say, No, in our thinking.

The Inn Keeper had no room for Jesus? In fact, the truth is NO ONE was willing to give up their own comfort for Joseph and Mary and the baby. No one had room for Jesus. No one knew it was Jesus.

We can make room for that big Christmas tree. Some have several trees in their homes. We make room for another party to attend. We make room for some more gifts to buy. You get the picture?

Is he truly Lord of Lords and King of Kings in our hearts and lives? We have to intentionally make room for Jesus. We may have to push aside other things. Lesser things will come up year round. Do we become the Inn Keeper and say, “Sorry, no room for you today Jesus.”

Instead of putting him on the throne in our lives, we relegate him to a ‘spiritual manger’ of some sort. May the coming year find us always putting Jesus first! Amen?!

In Him, *Gary*

Medical & Prayer Needs

Betty Alley: Wants calls See members for number.

Lauren Cornelison - ca. bone, work friend Cindy Toppings.

Laura Day Leach: Brain aneurism, seizures - friend of Reddicks.

Janessa Dickerson -home. 9 mo. Gr-Granddaughter of Hessie.

Gary & Ethel Frye: difficulties, friends of Priddys.

Carolyn Hall: Phareta’s sister-in-law, colon cancer.

Leroy Hall: Phareta’s brother, to assisted living.

June Hurst: Breast Ca Surgery 12/19. Kathy Lindsey’s mother.

Barb Lenchak - back issues, to see surgeon.

Diana Martin -heart issues

Morrison-Bill has kidney stones.

Rosie: Knee surgery, home, rehab.

David Pollard: Prayer requested.

Shane Resinger - Lung Ca.-Steve Miller’s co-worker’s nephew. 18.

Glenn Scarborough - had neck surgery. Doing good.

Bertha Thomas - surgery Jan. 4th. Hessie’s sister.

Liney Woodrum - double pneumonia.

Military Prayer List

Anthony Chesck, Brianna Jordan, Philip Pape, Ralph Reed, Kenneth Redd II, Ethan Vance, Chris Westbrook.

New Year’s Eve Fellowship Dec. 31st – 7:00 pm. Finger foods/desserts. Bring a “white elephant” gift to exchange & family games to play.

Extended Prayer List:

Bill & Virginia Ackley, Bill Brown, Norma Jean Carman, Hazel Driver, Pat & Bob Eddy, Giada Foneseca, Richard & Wanda Foy, Barbra King, Rosa Pratt, Howard Priddy Family, Olivia Smith, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Tom Tablett, Jenise Veris, Jon Siroka, Marie Wilburn.

Attendance – 12/16/2018:

Bible Study	41
AM Worship	82
PM Worship	28
Wed. Bible Study	43

East Broad St. Church of Christ



December 23, 2018

Title: "Light It Up."

God's Word for the Week

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

John 8:12 ESV

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and give it to one of the greeters at the door as you leave. We hope & pray you will return soon.

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Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class 10:00 am
Sun. Worship 11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

Trivia Question: Which was NOT included in the Passover feast?: Olives, Bitter Herbs, Lamb, Unleavened Bread?

Last Week's Question: Which line of Israel's family bore Moses?
Answer: Levi.
Location: Exodus 2:1ff.

Answers: Harold Cantley; Ken & Sharon Woodrum, Paul Barnes, Linda Caldwell, Cheryl Hunnicutt, Lindsey Miller.

Widows & Widowers

Betty Alley, Lola Anderson, Kimber Banks, Joyce Brewer, Bill Brown, Frances Brown, Harold Cantley, Norma Jean Carman, Kathy Carter, Hazel Driver, Joyce Fetzer, Eunice Henry, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Sue Massey, Phareta Reddick, Shirley Sarver, Betty Scheutzow, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Qualla Tablett, Ruth Watson, HESSIE WEESE, Marie Wilburn, Diana Wirth.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Prayer, Cards, Visits, Calls
Barbara Lenchak, Qualla Tablett, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Marie Wilburn.

December Birthdays

Lloyd Cisco 2nd
Charlotte Brown 4th
Rosa Pratt 5th
Tommy Carter 9th
Brian Thompson 10th
Hessie Weese 17th
Joe Pratt 18th
Barb Lenchak 19th
Beth Miller 19th
Noel Letso 24th
Liney Woodrum 29th
Gary Standen 30th
Wanda Foy 30th

December Anniversaries

Paul & Mary Barnes 1st
Steve & Beth Miller 11th
Greg & Denice Anderson 31st