
Scriptures Used In Today's Sermon

Matthew 2:2

2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

Romans 1:25

25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Acts 4:12

12 And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Reference Matthew 2:1 John 1:29 John 2:1



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WELCOME

We would like to thank and welcome each one of you here today. We are grateful you have come our way and would ask if you would remain after services a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you and welcoming you here. Again Welcome to University!

Looking for a church home? Would like to further your relationship with Him in a group or personal bible study? Have a need or know of someone who does? Please take the time to visit with us we would love to know how we may serve you better.

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This is a very special week coming up that came very fast! We hope you enjoy the next few days and if it includes any travel to be safe. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

During this time of the year there are some people that use the word advent to count the days of Christmas. It's a word of expectation and the history of advent and the celebration with churches using it over time using it is a interesting one. I am not going to give a history lesson on it but instead I want to use this time to have us focus on what is truly and really important in our lives right now. Are we anticipating anything? Someone returns perhaps and what does that do for me today? Lets examine if we have a true advent in our lives right now. Remember scripture used in today's sermon can be found on the back.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH.....Eric Sharum

ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Weldon Flanagan

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:40
Morning Worship:80
Evening Worship:
Mid-Week:25
Ladies Class:.....
Contribution:\$4,897.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,953.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:James Brennan

Closing Prayer:Tim Curtis

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:David Byrd

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Greg Ray

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If you would like to see a past sermon you can go to our web site and click on the weekly sermons tab.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: Peggy Cuddeback, Leroy Horn, Trina & Johnny Burch and the ones on our continued prayer list.

MEN'S MEETING this Sunday afternoon, **December 23rd**, at 5:00 p.m. at the Student Learning Center for all the men of the congregation to go over the budget for next year.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 7 - Luz Ray
- 13 - Eric Sharum
- 16 - Tony Salas
- 20 - Dolores Flanagan
- 26 - Dana Parrish
- 27 - Kathy Cain
- 27 - Glen Wampler
- 31 - Jerry Doughty

EXTENDED CARE:

Charlie & Sidonia Kelsey are in room A 76 in McMahan

Jack Treffinger is in McMahan in room A73 B

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Barbara Bolton, Tommy & Debbie Bowen, Flo Fitzsimmons, Kaiden Higgins, Leroy Horn, David & Becky Kelsey, LaDonna McKinzie, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Denice Ross, Kenny Richardson, Dwaine Zacharias, Johnny Burch, Katrina Brennan, Randy Frazier, Joshua Kelsey, Lena Kelsey, Randy Hill, Kim Warren, Louie Hill, Mary McCathern, Dala Melton, Teri Lynn Disney and Angie Caldwell.

In Case You Missed It

Isaiah 55:11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

When I read this passage, I know that we are to work in His field. To spread His word and keep investing in people without looking for immediate results. With me for example it took one man over a year to work along side of me. Some go quick some take more time to develop some may not respond at all which is not void by the way because a decision was made. We must still invest in people just like a farmer. What does a farmer do? If they are a good farmer, they will work hard at preparing the ground for the sowing of seed. Each year, he waits in expectation for a harvest. Hopefully they have toiled the ground well and the seed sank deep into the rich soil. Hopefully the watering was consistent and the seed will grow and bear large delicious fruit. But really, the farmer can't know for sure until many months later when it's time for the harvest.

Did you know for example that one of the trees for which Israel is best known is the olive tree. It doesn't take months, it takes YEARS for an olive tree to develop fruit! Much like our pecan trees. Who wants to plant a tree that doesn't bear fruit for many years? But guess what, once it starts bearing fruit it can keep producing on it's own for dozens of years! That was an encouraging word to us personally.

But we are all called to be farmers - - to bring in God's great harvest! What we often lack is the patience to wait to see fruit! We want those seeds to sprout right now and we lose heart when we don't see instant results.

The Lord promises that His Word will not be sent in vain, but will accomplish what He pleases and shall prosper where He sends it! Our job is to be faithful and patient! Let's not get discouraged when we don't see our seed producing. It will bring forth fruit in His timing! Be patient! Keep planting! And expect a bountiful harvest!

MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS FOR JANUARY

MORNING TABLE

Tim Curtis Charles Kelsey
Joshua Sharum Glenn Wampler

SUNDAY MORNING SONG

LEADER

Keith Parrish

SCRIPTURE READING BEFORE COMMUNION

Caleb Sharum

COUNT CONTRIBUTION

Tim Curtis

GREETERS

David & Cindy Byrd

USHERS & ATTENDANCE

Jerry Doughty

Greg Ray

NIGHT TABLE

James Brennan

PREPARE COMMUNION

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NURSERY&BAPTISMAL LINENS

Karee Curtis

AUDIO/VIDEO OPERATOR

Joshua Sharum

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