



# Real Life News & Notes

*Patterson Road church of Christ*

*A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers*

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## Almost Christmas!?

In just a few days "Christmas" will be celebrated by millions around the world. Are there meaningful spiritual experiences we can glean from this Holiday Season? Since the celebration of Christmas is seen differently by many, I do not suggest that I have the wisdom to settle all of the controversies or bring peace on earth to all the warring factions. However, let me share some observations as to how we might use this season to share the "good news" about Jesus with a world desperately in need of good news.

First, I believe most of us agree that **Jesus was born**. I think most of us realize that we do not know the date of His birth and that the Bible does not decree that we have some sort of religious Holiday on His birthday. I would suggest that most of us are also aware that many of the Christmas traditions have little to do with Jesus (Santa Claus, the North Pole, Elves, Reindeer, the Christmas tree, etc.).

Second, in Scripture the birth of Jesus is indeed given a very healthy portion of narrative in Matthew (chapter 1:18-2:23) and in Luke (chapter 1:26-2:40). These gospel writers indeed saw something truly significant in this historical event. Without it the "rest of the story" would not have happened. His incarnation (becoming flesh) was a necessary part of his life, death and resurrection.

Third, in Scripture great joy and hope are associated with this event. The child was conceived by the Holy Spirit (Mt. 1:18, 20). His name was to be "Jesus" which means "the Lord saves" - "because he will save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:21). He was also to be called "'Immanuel'-which means, 'God with us'" (Mt. 1:23). It was said by the Magi who came to worship him that he was born "King of the Jews" (Mt. 2:20) A special star signified the place of his birth. The place of his birth had been prophesied by Micah (Micah 5:2). When the Magi saw the star they were "overjoyed" and "they bowed down and worshipped him" (Mt. 2:10,11) Then they gave gifts to him. In Luke the angel told the shepherds, "I bring you good news of great joy...a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (2:11,12). "Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.'" (2:13,14).

Praise God for the birth of Jesus,

John Cooper

Memory Verse For December Luke 2:14

"Glory to God in the highest"

## Our Gathering Today

### Sermon

As we enjoy the warmth and fellowship of God's people and family times this Christmas season we will consider some biblical truths this morning that remind us how vital to faith and eternity this **Christmas miracle** was and is and always will be.

**Welcome Guests!** We are thrilled that you chose to be with us this morning. Perhaps you have traveled to be here with family, or maybe you felt like being here was a blessed and good thing to do this Sunday before Christmas. Whatever the reason we are blessed by your presence and trust you will find your time here warm and welcoming and reflecting the love of God. We invite you to participate and share with us in the communion as the Lord's Supper emblems are passed.

*Acts of Service...The Face of Jesus. Thank you!*

**Tom Deister:** Tom, who is one of our former long time elders remains our **Adult Education Ministry Coordinator**. Tom does a great job behind the scenes job ensuring all of our adult classes have teachers and relevant, biblical topics. Thank you **Tom And Kathy** for your many years of love, faith, example, and service to this church family!

**Jimmye Tidwell:** Jimmye, as you all know, is our **Office Administrator who works from 9AM-1PM Mon-Fri..** On a daily basis she does so many things to keep this church going, many of which go beyond her job description. Jimmye is a selfless servant who loves her job, is very easy to work with and she brings years of practical experience in office administration, bill paying, budgeting and people skills. She is a sweet soul and friend to all and often sits and listens to people who wander in and need someone to talk to. Thank you Jimmye, you are a blessing to our church family!

### Upcoming Class on Wednesday night

**"The Truth Project."** A video series put out by Focus on the Family that discusses 12 different topics including **What is Truth? Who is God? Who is Man?** Our tour guide/teacher is **Dr. Del Tackett**. Dr. Tackett has three earned degrees and is retired from the Air Force where he served as Vice Commander of Cheyenne Mountain (NORAD) as well as on president Bush's White House staff as National Security Council director of technical planning. More on this in next week's bulletin. **Plan to Join us beginning January 7 at 7pm.**

"Love One Another!"

### OPPORTUNITY FOR MINISTRY

Sign-up sheets are in the foyer for those who want to participate in the Greeter ministry. This is a very important part of what we do around here and we need your help and hospitality. Please sign up now! We need at least two people for each month to have one person at each door. It is an especially rewarding experience and we need you!

### Honduras

Those wanting to go to Honduras on the next trip—Start thinking about saving up. See Dean Blanck if you have questions.

### Christmas Dinner At Darlene's

Darlene Rettig invites couples, singles, families to come share dinner with her at her home on Christmas Day. She will provide the turkey and those attending are to bring side dishes and desserts. Please let Darlene know **TODAY** if you would like to attend!

### Quilting Ministry News

The quilters who meet here on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month will not meet again until January 13, 2015 due to the holidays.

### Wednesday Bible Classes

Wednesday Bible classes are cancelled on Christmas Eve. And New Year's Eve. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday January 7, 2015. Doug Clayton will begin teaching the adult class in the auditorium with a video entitled "The Truth Project".

### Nursery Attendants Needed

If you can help in the nursery on Sunday mornings, please sign up on the clipboard just outside the nursery door in the hallway. See Sharon Riddle if you have questions

### Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild which meets on the first and third Sunday of the month will not meet today. Next meeting time will be January 4, 2015.

### Birth Announcement

Brandon and Tana Ingram welcomed the birth of a son last week. Brantley Ingram weighed in at 7 lbs. 12 oz. and was 19 1/2" long. Tana is the granddaughter of Vickie Biocic and the daughter of Gina Reed. Vickie had asked for our prayers as Tana's pregnancy was difficult and challenging. The family thanks everyone for their prayers and concern.

### Death in Family

May Higgins mother and Patrick's grandmother passed away last week. Funeral services are pending. Coleman and May Higgins are former members. Our condolences to the family but we are also grateful that Patrick reported his little son, Luke is doing wonderful.

### Olathe Area Wide Singing

Olathe church of Christ will host an area wide singing on December 28 at 4:00 PM. Guy Orbison will present a lesson following the singing. Following the lesson a meal will be provided. Please RSVP (970) 252-7218 if you are attending so that they can plan the meal.

We have received requests for prayers for a number of people, please keep the following in your daily prayers.

TOM ENGLISH—Goes in tomorrow for a stress test. Tom has been experiencing some heart problems.  
DAKOTA HARRIS—Grandson of Joe and Debbie Jones. He is in Denver Children’s Hospital with a serious staph infection. Keep the family in your prayers.

TEDDY GOODNER AND FAMILY...in the loss of her sister in law last week.

Prayers of thanksgiving for the answered prayers: for LAURA WEBB. Thank God for her improvement and continue to pray for her as she deals with Parkinson's.... for the recovery from surgery of BRUCE GERBER..... for the recovery of PAUL DELANCEY... for the recovery of TERRY DAVIS. Continue to pray for continued and complete recovery for all of these. God is good!!

CHUCK & WANDA DUNLAP....pray for healing from the injuries they sustained in falls they both had. Also pray for comfort for them in the death of Wanda's brother..and safety in travel as they go to be with family.

Continued prayers for Bill Barslund and Della Fiske-Turner as they are having some health issues. Pray for healing for both of them.

VELMA CHAMBERS.... is recovering at Larchwood from injuries sustained in a fall. She is doing better...pray for comfort and healing for her.

DON AND PAM BOWMAN....brethren from Texas, who have asked for prayers.... pray for healing of the health issues they have and also for solutions to the financial issues they are dealing with.

JOHN CHAMBERS.... in the VA hospital with failing health. Pray for peace and comfort and healing for him. Remember to continue prayers for the following:

Those traveling, Missionaries and families, Military people and their families, Persecuted Christians and victims of ISiS, Humanitarian groups giving aid to victims of terrorist groups, Those who have long term illness to deal with on a daily basis., The elderly with aging problems, The women expecting new babies, Our church family and leaders, Our nation and leaders.

The elections coming in 2016, for God to send those He wants in the various positions and will help us to know who they are.

Prayers of thanksgiving and Praise to our great merciful and loving God, for all the blessings we receive from His hand daily.

## Youth News

### **Huddle**

No huddle this evening! We do need a huddle host for next Sunday, December 28. Please contact Keri Fleming about hosting.

### **Wednesday Night Classes**

No youth class on December 24 or December 31. Celebrate with family and friends!

### **New Year's Eve**

If you would like to plan and chaperone a New Year's eve event for the youth, please let Keri Fleming know.



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## For the Record

Dec. 14, 2014

Attendance	287
Average Attendance, 3rd qtr.	243
Contributions	\$6,718.00
Budget	\$6,726.00

## Communion Preparation—December

Dielle Norton & Daughters

## Communion Table 12/21

Bill Wade

## Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in December

Dane Jennings  
 Matt King  
 Frank Lucero  
 Isaac Lavadie  
 Tyrone Lofton  
 Terry Meredith  
 Eric Moore  
 Steve Neff

## Announcements

Curtis Fleming-December  
 Ron Wilson-January  
 Scott Ferguson-February

## Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:15 AM

### Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Bill Wade—Making a Worthy Christian Walk—Auditorium  
 Vince Urbina, Book of Romans—103  
 Young Adult (Under 30)—Room 207

### Wednesday Evening Adult Classes—7– 8 PM

John Cooper—Auditorium

### Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

### Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2—Nursery  
 2 & 3 yr. old—104  
 Pre KK, Kindergarten—205  
 1st & 2nd Grade—209  
 3rd thru 5th Grade—208  
 Middle School—213  
 High School—203

2 & 4 yr. old—104  
 Kindergarten 1st & 2nd—205  
 3rd thru 5th Grade—208  
 All teens meet in—203

## Sunday Morning Worship at Mesa View Retirement Center Starts At 10 A.M.

Dec 21 John Cooper, Dave Scheuerman  
 Dec 28 Chuck Tourney, Hunt Zumwalt

Luke 19:11-27  
 Acts 1:1-11

## **Luke 1:28-33 NIV**

The angel went to her and said "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus." He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High." The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David," and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; His kingdom will never end."