

Scotts Creek Baptist Church

God's People Seeking God's Presence and God's Power



NO ROOM IN THE INN AN HONEST LOOK AT OURSELVES Luke 2:1-7

- * Sunday, December 1 ~ Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- * Sunday, December 1~Hanging of the Greens Service 6:00 PM
- * Saturday, December 7~Youth Christmas Party
- * Sunday, December 8-Christmas Outing
- * Tuesday, December 10 ~ Deacons' Meeting at 7:00 PM
- * Wednesday, December 11 Called Business Meeting (adoption of the 2020 Church Budget) at 6:30 PM
- * Wednesday, December 11~Christmas Party for Children at 6:30 PM
- * Saturday, December 14~Youth take soup cans to First Baptist Church
- * Sunday, December 15 ~ Children's Christmas Play at 6:00 PM
- * Wednesday, December 18~Christmas Caroling followed by soup and sandwiches at the Church at 5:30 PM
- * Saturday, December 21 ~ Choir Party, Lambeth Inn, Terrace Hotel at 6:00 PM
- * Sunday, December 22~Aisle March for Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions.
- * Sunday, December 22 ~ "Bethlehem Morning" Cantata.
- * Tuesday, December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service at 5:30 PM
- * Wednesday, December 25 ~ Merry Christmas No Evening Services

Dear Church Family,

Christmas is always a time of the year for inn keeper bashing. He is said to be rough, gruff and greedy with no compassion, cold hearted enough to put Mary, the soon to be mother of our Lord, in a stable. Certainly it is not my goal to defend the character nor actions of a man that we know so little about: however, I do think before we judge the inn keeper so quickly, we first need to consider the facts surrounding his decision that night. Also, we need to scrutinize ourselves by asking this question: We of all people know and have more of the facts of who Christ is. Are we treating HIM any better or even as well as the inn keeper? We should be compelled to consider more closely our own attitudes and actions in relationship toward Christ during this season.

There are many things about this inn keeper and the situation of his day that could be used to compare with our personal treatment of Christ in our day. Could be this inn keeper is more innocent than we are.

He is making a living.

He may be raising a family.

He is facing the public under hectic circumstances (CENSUS).

He is no doubt worn out from overwork in dealing with irritated customers who have traveled so far. Many of these people had infirmities and at least one of them was with child.

Can you associated with some of these realities pressing upon the inn keeper?

Let us be honest with ourselves by understanding that:

I. THE INN KEEPER DIDN'T KNOW

What's your excuse for keeping **JESUS** in the barn?

Do you know Him? Do you know who He is? If so, why are you keeping Him at a distance?

Why is He no closer to you than He is?

Why will you keep the door of the inner chambers of your heart shut to the LORD OF GLORY?

HE STOOD AT MY HEARTS DOOR MID SUNSHINE

AND RAIN

*AND PATIENTLY WAITED AN ENTRANCE TO GAIN
SO SAD THAT SO LONG HE ENTREATED IN VAIN
FOR HE IS SO PRECIOUS TO ME*

II. THERE WERE OTHERS WHO FILLED THE SPACE IN THE INN

Mary came late and the rooms were filled with others of need also. Could the inn keeper throw the others out for sake of Mary? His hands, no doubt, were tied and he may have done the best he could.

There is no conflict with heaven when we use what we have for the poor and needy. JESUS would rather the poor suffering souls have those rooms than to expel them for His sake. "In as much as ye have done it unto these ye have done it unto me." Yet, I fear the things that are in the rooms of our lives are not of that sort.

What are the frivolous things that occupy the space in your life? Are there things that are taking up your time, using your energy, and absorbing your life so you have no room for JESUS? Let us be honest and not excuse ourselves for putting JESUS in the stables of our lives. You who are saved know who HE is, so why are you putting HIM on a first come first serve basis with the things of this world. Sadly, HE always ends up last, somewhere in the barn.

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The Week of Prayer for International Missions is our opportunity to join the work of missionaries around the world.

Our prayers and gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering will help the gospel continue to resound throughout the nations.

This year's Week of Prayer for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and International Missions will be December 1-7. We will receive this offering in an aisle march on Sunday morning, December 22.

Children & Youth December Activities:

- * The youth are invited to a Christmas party at Jake & Kaila Day's house, Saturday, December 7, at 5:00 PM.
- * The children will be having a Christmas party at the church Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 PM.
- * The children and youth will be performing their Christmas program "A Christmas to Believe In" Sunday, December 15 at 6:00 PM. Please invite your family and friends to enjoy this special program.
- * The youth will be attending Xtreme Winter in Gatlinburg, TN, December 27-29. A group of 30 will be attending. Thank you church for your help and support!



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MUSIC, FRIENDS, GOALS, MONEY, RELATIONSHIPS, ETC., THEN JESUS

III. THE INN KEEPER GAVE A STABLE FOR JESUS TO BE BORN IN

You may say, what I have to offer JESUS is so meager. You feel your gift is as lowly as the stable. You may not be rich, you may have few talents, or you may have wasted your life and it is in shambles. If it is the best you have, HE will take it and use it for HIS glory. All HE asks is for you to give what you have. A lad had a loaf of bread and JESUS took it and used it.

In this season, consider that which the inn keeper gave for JESUS to be born in. May we look into our own hearts and question the room we are giving Christ. We don't really know the full reasons for the inn keeper's actions. The stable may have been his best at the time,, but we can examine our own hearts to see why Christ does not have the room HE so richly desires and deserves. **DO YOU HAVE ROOM FOR JESUS?**

I LOVE ALL OF YOU, PASTOR J. D.



Hanging of the Greens....

Begin the Christmas season with our special Hanging of the Greens service Sunday, December 1 at 6:00 PM. There will be solos, choir specials, and reading of scripture.

Church-wide Christmas Caroling . . .

On Wednesday, December 18, we will have our annual evening of **Christmas Caroling**. We will meet at the church at 5:30 PM and go caroling in the community and then meet back at the church for a time of fellowship, soup and sandwiches. Our annual caroling is always a highlight of December among our church family. The more carolers we have, the more homes we can visit, so please plan to join us!

Bethlehem Morning....

On Sunday morning, December 22, the choir will present their Christmas Cantata, "Bethlehem Morning". Please invite your family and friends and enjoy the sights and sounds of the amazing Christmas story.

Christmas Eve Candle Light Service....

Our special Christmas Eve Candle Light Service will be Tuesday, December 24 at 5:30 PM. Please try to make this a special time of your families Christmas season.

Christmas Outing....

Sunday, December 8 following the morning service, the bus will be pulling out for a fun afternoon and evening of some good food, shopping and lights in Pigeon Forge, TN. We have plans to eat at Captain's Galley Seafood Restaurant in Dandridge TN, and then we will enjoy a little shopping before going to Shadrack's Drive-thru Christmas Light Show in Sevierville.



Passion Conference...

The college & career age members will be attending the Passion Conference at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Ga Tuesday, December 31-January 2. A few of the guest entertainers are Crowder, Sadie Robertson,



Christmas Gift for Broyhill....

The Christmas season is near and the Broyhill Children's Home is requesting financial help to provide Christmas for their children. The cost of a Christmas donation is \$50.00. If you or your Sunday school class would like to provide a little merriment for these children, please send your check to: Broyhill Home, 111 Sneed Drive, Clyde, NC 28721 Attn: Linda Morgan. Indicate on the check it is for Christmas gift and enrichment.



Wednesday, January 1-New Year's Day-No Evening Service
 Sunday, January 5-Church Council Meeting 4:00 PM
 Wednesday, January 8-Quarterly Business Meeting 6:30 PM
 Friday, January 10-All Night Prayer Meeting/Vision Casting
 Sunday, January 12-Special Morning Service
 Sunday, January 12 - Deacon and Wives Lunch, Farmer's Daughter



"Mad Hatter"
 Alan Monteith



Kevin & Romona Monteith
 Charlie Brown's Great Pumpkin



On Thursday, October 31, Scotts Creek held it's 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat Event. Even though the weather caused us to move inside, we still had a great turn out and a lot of fun. We had at least 93 children come through along with parents and grandparents. Members of the church had a great time decorating their rooms. Go ahead and make plans to participate next year so you won't miss out on the fun.



Matt & Chas



*Tina, Megan,
 Kenadee & Kailee*



Morgan & Molly
*"Store Up Your Treasures
 in Heaven"*



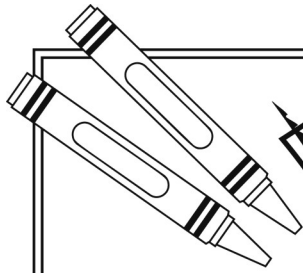
Jake & Kaila
"You Need Smore Jesus"



"Bob Ross"
 Kim Postell



Trent's
"Bountiful Blessings"



PUZZLE

Symbols of the *season*

Many traditional decorations convey the meaning of Christmas.

Directions: Use the picture clues to the right to complete the words. Then write the boxed letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV.



shepherd's staff _ □ □ _ _ _ _ □

tree that keeps its leaves _ _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _

shines to lead the way _ _ _ □

green for eternal life, □ _ _ _ _ &
red for Jesus' blood _ _ _ □ □ _ _

sounds to announce □ _ _ _ _
good news

has no beginning or end _ _ _ _ □ _

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2 CORINTHIANS 9:15, NIV

Answer: candy cane, evergreen, star, holly & berries, bell, wreath.
Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15, NIV

Puzzle!

Unscramble the Christmas-themed words below, writing each extra letter on the blank to the right. Then place those extra letters in the correct spots below to discover what we receive at Christmas.



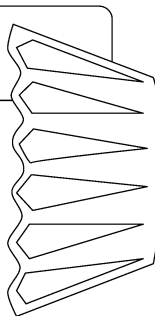
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2. NEAGLO _____
3. NRMEDAG _____
4. ODEKSNY _____
5. AMGYR _____
6. OHESJIP _____
7. EFJUSS _____
8. ITEENMSW _____
9. SPHHDSREEO _____
10. EMCFAL _____
11. TLSRA _____
12. CSSNUEO _____
13. HEVSPE _____
14. ENIN _____

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Answers: Bethlehem (G), angel (O), manger (D), donkey (S), Mary (C), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), wise men (T), shepherds (O), camel (F), star (L), census (O), sheep (V), inn (E), God's gift of love

Light the way

Make some Christmas candles to remember Jesus, the Light of the world.



What you need:

- Unlined white notecards
- Hot glue (and adult help)
- Yellow tissue paper
- Mini muffin liners
- Clothespins

What you do:

1. Roll a notecard from side to side into a "candle" tube. Secure with glue.
2. Insert a piece of tissue paper "flame" in one end.
3. Glue the other end to a muffin liner. Then glue the liner to a clothespin.
4. Repeat to make many paper candles. Pin them to the branches of a Christmas tree.



- 1 Gene Bradsher
- 2 Jim Hair
- 3 Bobby Woods
- 3 Riley Shuler
- 3 Zachary Shuler
- 11 Nathan Frizzell
- 14 Adalynn Riddle
- 16 Dickie Clayton
- 16 Dick Sellers
- 17 Mandy Nicholson
- 18 Anna Hair
- 20 Paige Monteith
- 21 Rocky Deitz
- 25 Rachel Denton
- 26 Katie Burrell
- 29 Gail Hensley



- 2 Harley and Sharon Sellers
- 11 Whit and Cathie Hooper
- 18 Nathan and Jill Frizzell
- 19 Tony and Helen Sellers
- 21 Steven and Heather Broom
- 24 James and Jean Revis
- 29 Don and Gail Hensley

Special birthday . . .

Mrs. **Katie Deitz Burrell** will celebrate her 89th birthday on Thursday, December 26. Please take the time to send her a card of birthday wishes

205 Allen's Branch Rd.

Sylva, NC 28779

PRESCHOOL/ CHILDREN'S WORKERS:



December 1:

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| Nursery (birth-age 3) | Bethany & Molly Hawkins |
| Preschool (ages 4-6) | Jay and Bridgette Sellers |

December 8:

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| Nursery (birth-age 3) | Elaine Morgan & Morgan Hawkins |
| Preschool (ages 4-6) | Tina Jones & Delaney Coggins |

December 15:

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| Nursery (birth-age 3) | Carol Cagle & Helen Sellers |
| Preschool (ages 4-6) | Alexis Dills & Kim Williams |

December 22:

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| Nursery (birth-age 3) | Chas & Chimene Mathis |
| Preschool (ages 4-6) | Children Stay in the service |

December 29:

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| Nursery (birth-age 3) | Casey & Jamie Hilton |
| Preschool (ages 4-6) | Jake & Kaila Day |

December Ushers:

Eli Buchanan
Mike Caldwell
Robert Dyer
Rob Rambo
James Revis
Dick Sellers

December Counters:

Earl Holden, Bridgette Sellers, Helen Sellers

December Deacon of Month:

David Frizzell

December Greeters:

Jim Hage & Dickie Clayton

War Room:

December 1 Noel Cagle
December 8 Tim Hawkins
December 15 Carl Junaluska
December 22 Stay in service
December 29 Jim Cochran

Welcome Table:

Carl & Theresa Junaluska
Jamie & Angie Dills
Scott & Laura Buchanan
Keith & Rhonda Monteith
Jay & Bridgette Sellers

**SCOTTS CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF**

| | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|
| Dr. J. D. Grant | <i>Pastor</i> |
| Bethany Hawkins | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Joyce Dyer | <i>Choir Director</i> |
| Jake Day | <i>Youth Director</i> |
| Kaila Day | <i>Children's Director</i> |
| Helen Sellers | <i>Nursery Worker</i> |
| Mike Brooks | <i>Custodian</i> |

*"The root of Jesse will come ...
in him will the Gentiles*

Hope
Romans 15:12, ESV



SUNDAY SERVICES:

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| Sunday School | 10:00 AM |
| Morning Worship | 11:00 AM |
| Evening Service as Announced | |

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scbc.secretary2@yahoo.com

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:

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| Wednesday Worship | 6:30 PM |
| Pre-School and Children's Missions | 6:30 PM |
| Youth Group | 6:30 PM |
| Adult Choir Rehearsal | 7:30 PM |

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