

December 24, 2017

TODAY: Bible Classes - 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship - 10:15 a.m.  
Message by PASTOR JIM BYRD  
Evening Worship - NO SERVICE  
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WEDNESDAY: Mid-week Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Message by PASTOR BILL PARKER

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**CHRIST PUT AWAY MY SIN**

Tune: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," (CM/double)  
Words by Pastor Jim Byrd

The Name of Jesus is so sweet,  
'Tis music to my ears;  
For He alone could save my soul,  
And drive away my fears.  
The Lord of glory long ago,  
Came to this world of woe;  
To save this rebel from my sin,  
And pay the debt I owe.  
  
Here is a wondrous mystery,  
That God the Savior came;  
And gave Himself the sacrifice,  
To save from guilt and shame.  
O what a great Redeemer this,  
Whose blood atonement made;  
The ransom price to save my soul,  
Was by the Savior paid.  
  
For me Christ died upon the cross,  
And wrath divine He bore;  
The Lamb who saved me from my shame,  
He lives forevermore.  
I sing, All glory to the Lamb,  
His tribute I proclaim;  
Lift up your voices, join with me,  
And praise the Savior's Name!

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**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Dec. 24 Sam Robinette  
27 Paul Kuehne  
Cheryl Wiseman

Dec. 28 Matthew McLeod  
31 Barbara Horan  
Helen Sturm

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There will be no service tonight. Next Sunday, in addition to our regular schedule of services, we will observe the Lord's Supper at the close of the evening service and then have food and fellowship in the back. Sign-up sheets for food are on the front table.

I hope that you and your families will have a safe and happy holiday season. I give thanks to the Lord for each of you. From the Byrd house, to your house: Merry Christmas!

Congratulations to Kelsey West and Dane Ferguson who recently graduated from the University of Kentucky and Morehead State University, respectively.

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**GOOD NEWS FOR SINNERS**

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel" (Isaiah 7:14). On this prophecy hangs the hopes of fallen sinners. Had this word failed, we were all damned forever. Eternal horror awaited us. Eternal hell must have been our doom. But, oh my fellow sinners, this day is this scripture fulfilled. It was for us sinners against God that Christ came, and so we read "Unto us a Child is born; unto us a Son is given" (Isaiah 9:6). He was born and given that we who are filthy by birth and polluted by nature might have a holy birth. "The government shall be upon His shoulders." He is our KING. He reigns over us, for us and in us. Our souls and all our concerns are safe in His hands. "His name is WONDERFUL." In His conception, His birth, His person, God and Man in one Christ, in His life, His death, His resurrection, ascension, and intercession, He is wonderful. "Counsellor." He powerfully pleads our cause above. He sweetly counsels our hearts below to come to Him; so we find blessed rest in Him. "THE MIGHTY GOD." No less could save us. Jesus is the God of our salvation. "THE EVERLASTING FATHER." He begets us to Himself by the word of His grace. The most tender parent on earth never loved his children as Jesus loves me. "THE PRINCE OF PEACE." He is ever at peace with us, has made peace for us and bestows peace on us. —William Mason (edited for length)

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"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:1, 14).

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**THE LOVE OF CHRIST**

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" (Romans 8:35). Who among the children of God could ever grow weary of this glorious message - the everlasting love of the Lord Jesus for those the Father gave Him in sovereign grace and mercy? His love "passeth knowledge" (Ephesians 3:19) and "constraineth us" to worship, faithfulness and service (2 Corinthians 5:14). Behold Him in the covenant of grace, the Surety of the elect. Here is **representative love**. See Him born in a manger, "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16) sent to "save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Here is **incarnate love**. View the Bridegroom giving His life for the bride (Eph 5:25). Here is **spousal love**. Observe the good Shepherd laying down His life for the sheep and rising again. Here is **justifying love**. See Him calling us unto Himself in effectual, life-giving power so that we believe on Him. Here is **everlasting love** (Jeremiah 31:3). Envision Him seated at the right hand of the Majesty on high, the Advocate of sinners with God. Here is **interceding love**. Consider Him governing and directing all things to their appointed end to fulfill His eternal purpose and making everything work together for the good of His brethren. Here is **familial love**. Rejoice that by His Spirit He dwells with and He will never forsake the people of His choice. Here is **abiding love**. Know that He is coming again to receive us unto Himself. Here is **unending love**.

—Pastor Jim Byrd

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**"THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH" (John 1:14)**

Dearest of all the names above, my Jesus and my God,  
Who can resist Thy heavenly love, or trifle with Thy blood?  
'Tis by the merits of Thy death the Father smiles again;  
'Tis by Thine interceding breath the Spirit dwells with men.  
Till God in human flesh I see, my thoughts no comfort find;  
The holy, just and sacred Three, are terrors to my mind.  
But if Immanuel's face appear, my hope, my joy begins,  
His name dissolves my slavish fear; His grace removes my stain.  
While Jews on their own law rely, and Greeks of wisdom boast;  
I love the Incarnate mystery, and there I fix my trust.

—Isaac Watts, 1709