

World's Best Book

The prophecies of the Bible are amazing. Eight hundred years before Jesus' birth, the prophet Micah said He would be born in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). And then Caesar sent out a decree, as recorded in Luke 2:1, that all the world should be registered. So, Mary left Nazareth and went to Bethlehem and gave birth to Jesus, because her husband Joseph, a descendant of David, had to return to his birthplace for the census. Pretty amazing!

You can turn to Psalm 22, which was written hundreds of years before the crucifixion of Christ and find there thirty detailed descriptions of death by crucifixion. This was written before crucifixion was ever even known as a form of execution in Palestine. The Jews did not crucify; they stoned. Yet in Psalm 22 you read these words, "They pierced my hands and my feet" (22:16). It was prophesied that the soldiers would cast lots for His garment, hundreds of years before the actual event (Psalm 22:18).

The Bible even prophesied in Zechariah 12:10, "And they shall look up on me whom they have pierced." Amazing, isn't it? The Old Testament is written as though a man were standing at the foot of the cross!

—Howell Ferguson, Bells, Tennessee

Only Jesus Can Turn . . .

A **Mess** to a **Message**
A **Test** into a **Testimony**
A **Trial** into a **Triumph**
A **Victim** into a **Victory**

How to defeat
the enemy:
Share your testimony
with others.

*"They triumphed over him by
the blood of the Lamb and by
the word of their testimony"*
Revelation 12:11

Prayers and Concerns

- ♦ Karen Langston has been suffering with back pain. She sees a surgeon in January.
- ♦ Sympathy is extended to the friends and family of Nancy Harlin who died this week. She was the art teacher at GHS several years ago. Her daughter is Mariah Young.
- ♦ Remember those with health issues—Dorlene Butler, Larry Butler, Ruth Strain, Norma Jones, Steve Siebels, Aleta Collins, Bob Robbins.
- ♦ All those battling cancer—Tiffany Pleasant, Amy Myers, Don Luna, Harold Reynolds, Jim Kirkland, Donna Shipley, Elaine Hunter (Larry's sister), Dawn (Chris Lemburg's sister), Lionel Daugherty, Jana Crisp, Richard Blackburn, Nikki Smith, Jenny James, Bill McFarland, Debbie Eslinger, Louise Patterson.
- ♦ Those in GHCC: Virginia Hambelton, Bonnie Ebrite, Delphia Holmes. Bonnie Luna at Ava. Clifford Lansdown at Hiram Shaddox; Jack Moyers, Sycamore Springs. Wilbern Uchtman, Brook Haven, West Plains.



Group of children who presented the Christmas play, "What a Night in Bethlehem." They did a great job. Thanks to all the adults who made it possible. We had a good crowd with lots of visitors who also enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies after the play. More pictures can be found on our Facebook page Gainesville Church of Christ-Missouri and our webpage www.gainesvillechurchofchrist.org.

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
12-6	Don Luna	11-30	Harold and Mary Ann Reynolds
12-9	Pat Kirkland	12-9	Bill and Lana Cockrum
12-9	Jim Lane	12-31	Don and Karin Reynolds
12-13	Dale Strong	Birthdays	
12-13	Hope Hillhouse	12-15	Dana Crisp
12-14	Corey Hillhouse	12-25	Jessica Smith
12-21	Kim Anderson	12-27	Granger Stevens
12-14	Joe Walrath		

There will be no classes or fellowship supper this Wednesday.
Enjoy Christmas night with your family.

savior
son of God
Jesus
messiah
king of kings

December Worship Assignments

Welcome & Shepherd's Prayer

22 Mark Lane
29 David Stevens

Communion & Closing Prayer

Dylan Abraham
D. E. Pleasant

Song Leader: Titus Smith
Greeters: Dana and Marsha Crisp

The Family News

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A Place to Call Home

We welcome you and are so glad you could worship with us today.

Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Classes for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Worship Service: ***The Testimonies About Jesus***

Wednesday

6 p.m. Fellowship Supper

7 p.m. Bible Classes for All Ages Downstairs

Sunday Worship Outline

Welcome and Shepherd's Prayer

Kids Singing up Front

#1000, *Jesus Birth Medley*

#332, *Lead Me to Calvary*; Communion Service

#998, *What Child Is This?*

Sermon and Invitation

#943, *Do You Know My Jesus?*

#3, *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah*; Closing Prayer

Offering baskets are located at the back.

We are a community of redeemed sinners who are following Jesus Christ, proclaiming the gospel of grace, loving our Lord and one another.

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