

SUNDAY AM	December 20, 2015	December 27, 2015
ANNOUNCE	Mark Vaughan	Mark Vaughan
SONGLEADER	Mark Vaughan	Roy Halstead
READING	JR Flinn	Ed O'Dell
PRAYER	David Lamp	Mark Vaughan
COMMUNION	Tom Black	Mark Vaughan
ASSIST	Paul Lemon	Paul Lemon
ASSIST	Doug Stephens	Doug Stephens
ASSIST	John Stephens	John Stephens
ASSIST	Adam Carpenter	Adam Carpenter
PREPARE COM	Sandy Bungard	Sandy Bungard
POWER POINT	Allie Vaughan	Anne Galbreath
SUNDAY PM		
SONGLEADER	Zach Rominske	Roy Clark
READING	Elijah Clark	Caleb Clark
PRAYER	Mike Carpenter	Ben Rominske
COMMUNION	Roy Halstead	Zach Rominske
Wednesday	December 23, 2015	December 30, 2015
Invitation	Mike Carpenter	Mark Vaughan

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How to be Saved

Hear: Romans 10:14
Believe: Hebrews 11:6
Repent: Acts 17:30
Confess Jesus as Savior: Acts 8:36-37
Be Baptized: Acts 2:38

Website Helps:

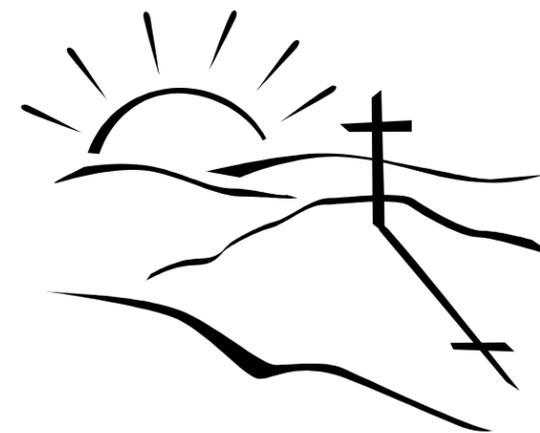
<http://thecolleyhouse.org>
<http://apologeticspress.org>
<http://gbntv.org>
<http://focuspress.org>
www.house-to-house.com/

Sunday December 13, 2015

Bible Study 54
Morning Worship 81
Evening Worship 53
Offering \$1289.00
Wednesday Study (12/16/15) 47
Attendance Goal 120

Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30AM
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Class 7:00PM



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A 'Christmas' Quiz

At this time of the year, more will be said about the birth of Jesus than at any other time of the year. Yet, each year I can't help but be a bit disturbed by all the biblical ignorance and inaccuracies associated with the birth of our Savior. When it comes to one of the most fundamental tenants of Christianity, the incarnation of Jesus, and one of the most pivotal historical events that ever occurred, I find that many cannot discern between fact and fiction. As fundamental as the birth of Jesus is, people do not really know the account of his birth as well as they might think.

Doubt me? Then give the following brief "True/False" quiz a shot and see how well you do?

- True or False The Bible says the angel Gabriel appeared to Joseph to inform him that Mary was with child.
- True or False The Bible says that three wise men came to the manger to worship and give gifts to Jesus.
- True or False The Bible says that an unknown number of wise men came to the manger to worship Jesus.
- True or False The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the shepherds to the manger.
- True or False The Bible says a bright star appeared in the sky and led the wise men to the manger.
- True or False The Bible says the shepherds and the wise men were present on the night of Jesus' birth.
- True or False The Bible says an innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn, thus Jesus was born in a manger.

Okay, so how did you do? Did anyone get them all right? Did you get a passing grade? Well, if you answered any of the questions with a "True," you were mistaken. Every statement is false for one reason or another. Open your Bible and check it for yourself.

What I have discovered through the years is that it is surprisingly easy for us to believe as fact, what is in reality, fiction. Furthermore, this "fiction" is sometimes propagated by religion. How many church lawns and "Christmas" re-enactments will portray a nativity scene which inaccurately portrays the biblical account? Churches that decried the inaccuracies in the movie "Noah" and the "Bible Series" on television may very well do their part in perpetuating biblical inaccuracies this December.

But now here's the point of my article: If we can be misinformed about something as fundamental as the birth of Jesus, what's to make us think we cannot be misled regarding other religious matters?

Friends, make sure your faith is not based on what others have told you is true, but rather make sure your faith is based on what you know to be true from your own personal study. Let the "fiction" you see perpetuated on church lawns and in church pageants this holiday season be a reminder and a warning to you to do your own Bible study, and to never be content with what others say. "Prove all things; Hold fast what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Steve Higginbotham Karns church of Christ Knoxville, TN

Upcoming Events

December 20: Guest Speaker Brian Sigman

December 27: Traveling Youth Group Newport church of Christ 6:30pm

December 28: Love and Care Sing 7:00pm

January 3: Love and Care Worship 2:30pm

January 3: Evening Prayer and Song Service 6:00pm—Praying for our Leaders

January 3: Men's Business meeting 7:00pm

January 7: Love and Care Worship 7:00pm

January 8: Game Night 5:30pm fellowship room

January 9: Men's Breakfast South Side Bob Evans 9:00am

Family & Friends In Need of Prayer

Gretchen Lawrie	Jeremy Harris	Gage Brown	Wanda Vaughan
Mary Kupfner	Ricky Hill	Bryan Taylor	Mike Vaughan
Bill Spears	Roberta Piggott	Hailey Guthrie	Christie Stitzlein
Chuck Boston	Waylon Kirby	Eric Plotitz	Roselee Stanley
Dan Carpenter Sr.	Brenda Jones	Linda White	Helen McIntyre
Richard Johnson	Kathy Lovitt	Arlene White	Glenn Lough
Donnie Piggott	Mary Manzo	James Piggott	Doris Smith
Davy Dye	Linda Nixon	Jonathon Neely	Bob Thomas
Phyllis DeLancey	Karen Metz	Melody Melrose	Bill Taylor



- † Bob Johnson is now in Eagle Pointe Nursing home for recovery after a stroke. Please keep all the family in your prayers as they struggle through.
- † Earl Dougherty, a member at Lynn street and former member, here had a stroke
- † Helen McIntyre has been having some difficulties with her health.
- † Anna Halstead is doing a little better with her health.
- † Sue Hardwick, Kathy Simmons sister, is having many health problems and is in need of our prayers.
- † Please continue to pray for the Kimes adoption process
- † Phyllis DeLancey is taking medication to drain some water from her body. Please pray that this is successful.
- † Arlene White got an infection after surgery. She has returned back and forth from the hospital. She is resting at home now. Please pray for Arlene and Delbert as he takes care of her.
- † Please remember Davy Dye as he will have the other knee done on January 4th. He is now at home.
- † Bryan Taylor's tumor has grown. He started a new experimental treatment last week.
- † Steve Dorothy, a bus driver for wood country schools is recovering from a traffic accident.
- † Pat Vaughan fell and broke her arm.
- † Beverly Phillips, Tim Phillips mother found a lump and the doctors think it may be cancer.
- † Pam Wilson is going to Duke for treatment.



Birthdays

Jocelyn Carter 12/21
 Adam Carpenter 12/22
 Cayleigh Walton 12/22
 Ruth Wigal 12/24
 Tennie Carpenter 12/25
 Kathy Flinn 12/27

Anniversaries

Paul & Ruth Ann Lemon 12/24

Memory Verse:

Matthew 5:38-40

³⁸ "You have heard that it was said, '*An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*'
³⁹ But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also.
⁴⁰ If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have *your* cloak also.

Eight Gifts that do Not Cost a Cent

The Gift of Listening. But you must really listen. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.
The Gift of Affection. Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back, and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
The Gift of Laughter. Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."
The Gift of Written Notes. It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.
The Gift of a Compliment. A simple and sincere, "you look great in red," "you did a super job" or "that was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.
The Gift of Favor. Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.
The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition. The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it's not that hard to say, "Hello" or "Thank you."
 Read Luke 6:38!
via Findlay church of Christ

Sermon Notes Guest Speaker Brian Sigman



Congratulations to John Michael Carter as he graduated from WVU Friday. John will be going on to further his education.

Congratulations to Dakota Dickerson, he passed his TASC test for High School and his ceremony will be in June.

By The Numbers

Take a look at the average numbers from the last five years.

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Bible Study	54	59	54	55	57
Morning Worship	84	89	86	88	85
Evening Worship	53	54	51	50	45
Mid-Week Bible Study	42	46	44	47	46
Contribution	\$1530.	\$1460.	\$1386.	\$1534.	\$1371

As we can see from this numbers we have a lot of room for growth in the church here at Sunrise. As we prepare for 2016 lets pray that God will bless us with opportunities in the Lord's church at Sunrise.