

<i>Last Week's Attendance Report</i>					
	Sunday School	Morning Service	Evening Service	Mid-Week Meetings	Final
Goal	92	189	60	100	\$8,965
12/18	55	153	31	5	\$19,542

<i>Annual Budget: \$431,510</i>		
2016 (January-November)	Budget	\$386,350
	Income	\$317,772
	Under-Budget Income	\$(68,578)

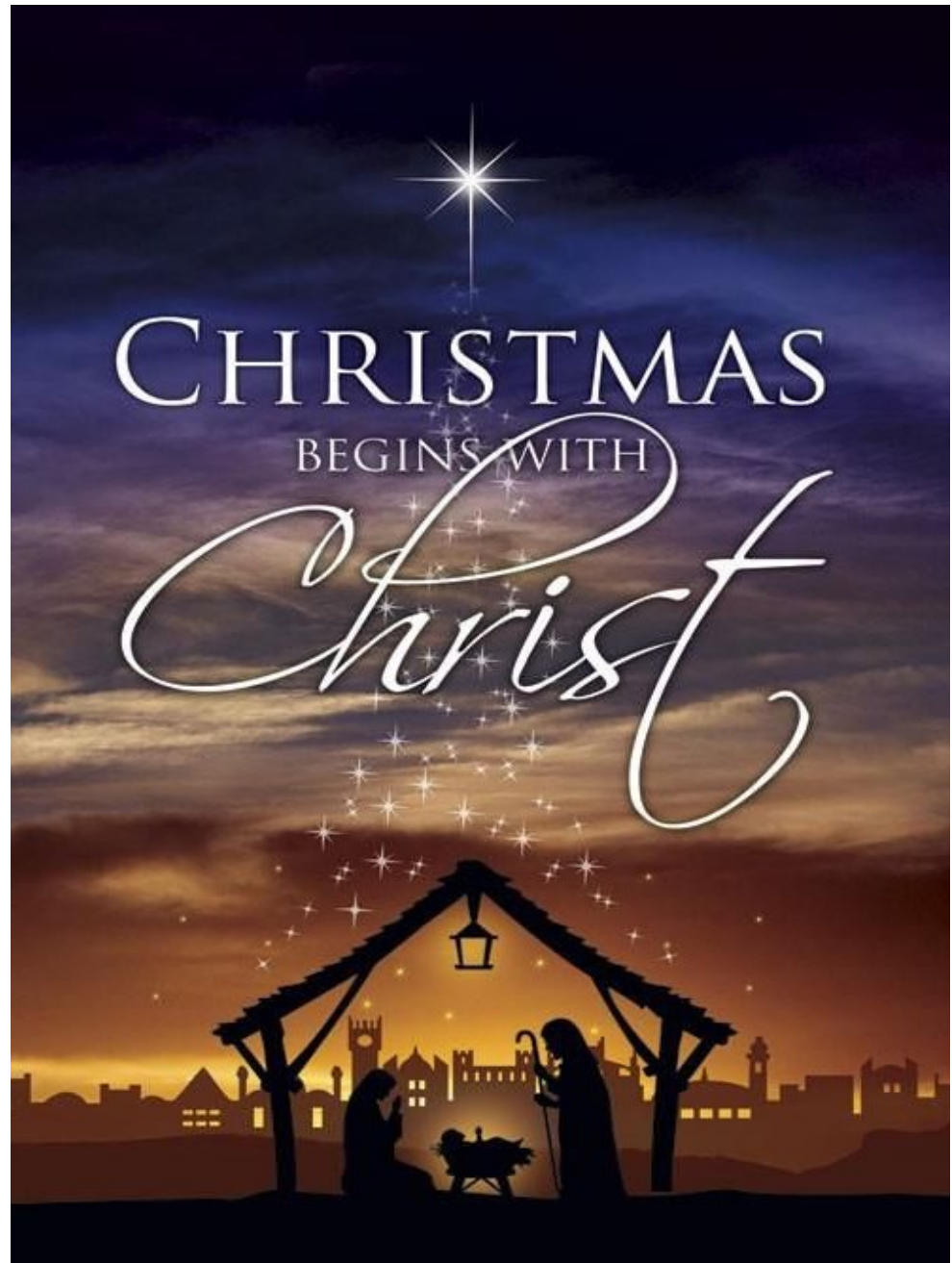
<i>Nursery Schedule</i>			
11 AM	L. Jimenez	B. Mascall	N. Barardo

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Worship. Grow. Serve.

December 25, 2016 ~ Merry Christmas!

Today

Christmas Day Service 11 AM

****No Evening Service Tonight**

Later this Week

****No Midweek Services**

Mark your Calendars

New Year's Day Service: 11 AM Sunday, January 1, 2017

****No Sunday School**

NEW TIME for Sunday School: 9:15 AM Sunday, January 8

First Communion of the New Year Sunday, January 8

Mission Possible Workday Saturday, January 14

4th Annual Seniors BBQ Saturday, January 14

Missionary Update: Doug & Renate Reiner are coming to visit on Sunday, January 15 during the Evening Service.

Thank you for joining us today!

We pray that you have a blessed Christmas!



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“It's strange, this Christmas story; shocking even. Jesus' mother was a Jewish girl, nothing notable about her, nothing, that is, except that she shouldn't have been pregnant; she was, after all, unmarried. Her fiancé was a carpenter. . . unlikely parents to raise God's Son. Joseph was an honorable man; when he found out about the pregnancy, he thought to end their engagement quietly so as not to humiliate Mary. The usual punishment for such adultery was stoning. As Joseph was thinking about all of these things, an angel appeared and told him that the child growing within Mary was conceived of the Holy Spirit.
An angel? Not the most common of messengers.

So Mary and Joseph married and later traveled some 70 miles to Jerusalem to be counted and to pay their tax. While they were there, she gave birth to the baby, God in the flesh, in a barn. I think about all of these things and I wonder at the odd ways in which God works. He often chooses unlikely people to accomplish seemingly eccentric plans. Think about how often this occurred.

The Bible is replete with stories that reflect that His ways are not our ways. He chose Abraham's elderly wife, well past the prime of life, to bear a son to fulfill His promise to Abraham to make of Him a great nation. He groomed Moses, a man who was weak of speech, to speak multiple times to the Pharaoh on behalf of Israel and ultimately to lead His nation out of slavery. He also chose David, a shepherd boy to be king of Israel, having by-passed all of his older brothers. Remember how God chose the disciples, a rag-tag band of average men, all of whom would flee from Him when it mattered most, to be the very ones to spread His story. Talk about unlikely people to do great things.

I ponder these things and I wonder . . . why does God work this way? I think I may know the reason. God choosing to use ordinary people to accomplish things in such unlikely ways gives Him ALL the glory. Who could say that any of these people were responsible for the wondrous things that were accomplished in scripture? No one. We admire biblical heroes and they are even commended in Hebrews for their faith (which itself was wrought of God), but GOD is the Great One who does great things, despite seeming impossibilities.
God deserves the glory.

Perhaps at the dawning of a new year, we all need to be reminded about the God of the improbable; the God we serve is the same God who worked then in unlikely ways to accomplish great things and He can do the same in our lives now. Trust Him today to do what you cannot and know that the battle and the glory belong to the Lord! Don't forget in all of your Christmas busy-ness to worship the God of Christmas past, present and future!”

-Bill Braun, Missionary to Russia