

HERITAGE Herald

December 3, 2017



THIS WEEK:

Dear Friends and Members,

We praise the Lord that little *Lydia*, our great granddaughter and *Sam and Anna's* baby girl, came home from the hospital this week.

We are grateful for the Lord's watch-care and that she is doing so well. She was born on October 26th, two months early.



This past Monday, hunting season in Pennsylvania opened. One man and one of our young boys in the church both shot their first buck. The border of Pennsylvania is only a couple miles south of us as the bird flies. Some of our men hunt in both states.



On Tuesday, *Pastor Main and Rhonda* flew to New Mexico to see Rhonda's parents. Then Wednesday their son *Taylor* and his fiancé *Cassandra* flew-out to join them in New Mexico for a week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 6 -** Annual Church Business Meeting
- Dec 20 -** Christmas Caroling
- Dec 24 -** Christmas Eve Service and Children's Program, 6:00 PM
- Jan 8 -** HBTS Module, *Titus*, 6:30 PM (Mondays, through Feb 5)

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SERVICE TIMES
SUNDAY SCHOOL - 10 AM
SUNDAY MORNING - 11 AM
SUNDAY EVENING - 6 PM
WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK - 7 PM

for the discerning



What We Can Learn from the Wise Men of the East *Matthew 2:1-11*

The scripture tells us that after the birth of Jesus wise men from the east sought the Christ child. It is from these wise men and their behavior that the Christian might discern or identify behavior and characteristics becoming of wise men. For example, we note in Matthew 2:1-2, that these wise men from the east sought for the Christ child, speaking to the fact that wise men are those who **seek** after the Christ of God, Jesus the only begotten son of God. As well, these wise men sought that they might worship the Christ child; again, revealing that wise men **worship** the Christ of God. Further we learn they were discerners of “His star,” a very particular star of guidance which they recognized, teaching us that we need to be **discerning** of God’s guidance in our lives.

Also, intriguing is that these wise men were from the east. Given the dislike of the Jews by the men of the east, these wise men displayed their personal humility in seeking out to worship the “King of the Jews,” giving for us an example for the need of personal **humility** in seeking and worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ. As well, it was not beneath them to ask for help in finding the Christ child, displaying still another kind of humility - that of asking for help.

We note also the help they received: the real help came from the scripture, guiding them to the Christ child, and sharing with us an example that when we seek after Jesus Christ, we need to do it **through the scripture**. And if we are to find the Christ of God who brings salvation to men, He will only be found through the scriptures. Further, in verse eleven, once the wise men found the Christ child, they fell down before Him, they worshipped Him, and they gave gifts to Him, teaching us who have found the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior to be **submissive, worshipful, and giving** toward our Savior.

Let us be wise, humbling ourselves, finding the Christ of the scripture, submitting ourselves to the Lord, worshipping Him and giving of our treasures, talents, and time to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He, who is the Savior of all wise men who will receive Him as their Savior and Lord. Have you received Christ Jesus as your Savior? Is He your Lord?

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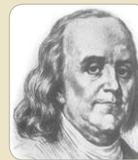
MonthlyMemoryVerse

His unspeakable gift

*“Thanks be unto God for
His unspeakable gift.”*

2 Corinthians 9:15

Notable Historic QUOTE:



**“How many observe Christ's
birthday! How few, His
precepts!”**

*- Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)
US Colonial Statesman*

Be Not Deceived

Deuteronomy 11:16

Message by *Dr. Caswell A. Reeves*

God has given each of us a free will to make our own choices. God is careful to warn us not to be deceived. Remember Eve - don't be deceived! Here are some things that you can be deceived by:



- I. By things (Deuteronomy 11:16) *allure, entice*
 - A. That open your hearts to idols
 - B. That take up room in your life for idols

- II. By preachers (Luke 21:8)
 - A. Who cause you to go astray
 - B. Who cause you to wander

- III. By associates (1 Corinthians 15:33)
 - A. Who corrupt good manners
 - B. Who are not going to heaven (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

- IV. By what you do (Galatians 6:7)
 - A. When you do wrong, you mock God
 - B. What you sow, you will reap

Don't be deceived! Be discerning of yourself and make the judgments and choices with God's words. To do this, make sure you are right with the Lord.



"The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law."
Deuteronomy 29:2

current schedule: *

Jan 8-Feb 5, 2018

TITUS

Dr. Caswell A. Reeves
Mondays, 6:30 PM

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