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In Hindsight: Understanding Why Jesus Came After He Left



11.29.15 To Make Us His Children Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 1:1-6

12.06.15 To Accomplish God's Plan Philippians 2:5-11, Romans 8:1-4

12.13.15 To Enable Us To Live Grace-Filled Lives Titus 3:1-7

12.20.15 To Destroy Death And Its Power Hebrews 2:14-18

We are fast approaching the time of year when Christians all over the world reflect again with great joy and anticipation on the meaning of the Incarnation: the Son of God taking on human flesh and personality in Jesus of Nazareth. In doing so, it's customary to consider the meaning of the Incarnation before it happened by considering the Old Testament prophecies concerning the coming Messiah. It's also important and beneficial to meditate on the different accounts of Jesus' birth as they're found in the four Gospels.

But what about the rest of the New Testament? Does it have anything important to add to our understanding of why God became a human being? What did the first Christians think of the Incarnation? Was it a significant event for them? If so, why? This year's Advent message series will explore several clear references to the Incarnation found in the letters of the New Testament – all of them written well after Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, and return to Heaven. Our encounter with them will deepen our understanding and appreciation of God's greatest gift.



*Lessons
& Carols*

Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Reception for family and friends
following program in Fellowship Hall



To purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, sign the insert in the bulletin and leave it on your seat, or call the church office at 614-885-3929. The poinsettias are 6-1/2" plants.

Cost per plant is \$7.50. You can pick your poinsettia up after the Christmas Eve service.

70 shoeboxes were
contributed to
Samaritan's Purse



Women's Connection Christmas Brunch

December 5 at 10:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Theme:
*Did You
Get My Message?*



Special Speaker
Jenny Harden

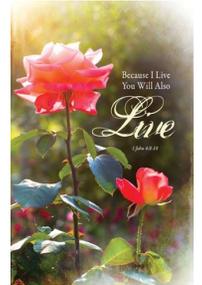
\$5 Donation
plus an item for the food pantry.
Reservations required.

Invite Your Friends!

Memorial Service

**Sunday, December 20
6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary**

For those who have lost a loved one in
2015, this service is a comforting way
to come together and remember them.



A Celtic CHRISTMAS Celebration

Featuring uplifting seasonal music and dessert reception

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015
7:00pm, Doors Open at 6:30pm

KARL ROAD BAPTIST CHURCH
5750 Karl Road Columbus, Ohio
(Near Route 161)

Free Admission. No Tickets Required. Childcare up to
age 3 provided. For more information call 614.885.3929
or visit Karlroadbaptist.org.



Bright colors, festive decorations, and amazing music all make Christmas a time of great joy. Connecting with people makes Christmas even more special! Tradition frames many holiday social functions, but sometimes it's good to change things up. The choir's offering for the Christmas season will be presented on Saturday evening, Dec. 12. The Celtic Christmas Celebration is a change not only in the time slot but also the style of music used to share the true meaning of Christmas.

Break away from tradition by inviting others to join the celebration. The lively music will provide a great opportunity to invite neighbors, friends, family, and co-workers to hear the timeless message of the gospel. Change it up even more by taking your guest to dinner before the program, or inviting them to your home for a meal. You don't even have to worry about dessert, as the evening will conclude with a dessert reception to sweeten the deal! It's a great opportunity to share Christmas cheer with someone you know, or even someone you barely know.

The recent sermon series on the Sermon on the Mount was a reminder that Jesus is constantly challenging us to change the way we think and act. When it comes to inviting people to join a celebration, Jesus recommends changing our attitudes:

"...When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, otherwise they may also invite you in return, and that will be your repayment. But when you give a reception, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you; for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

(Luke 14:12b-14)

It's time for a change – and inviting others to join you will make Christmas a greater joy this year!



Care Baskets

Now through Sunday, December 13, you can order a basket to encourage someone. The baskets will be ready for you to pick up in the lobby after the morning service Sunday, December 20.

Due to the high number of requests, we need your help in delivering the baskets.

A form will be in the bulletin to fill out the name, dietary restrictions and designate who will be delivering the basket on your behalf if you are not available.

A Season to Celebrate and Share

When you glance at the December calendar, you'll find it chock full of holiday celebrations. Christmas is a busy time of year, why do we add so many special events to our schedule? Each event points to Jesus in a slightly different way and provides a unique opportunity for inviting friends to see Jesus this Christmas. Also, Christmas is a time of year when non-churched people show up for church events—they may not know Jesus as savior, but they feel compelled to add a little church to their Christmas.

We are in a position to help people see Jesus this year!

This newsletter highlights several Christmas season events we are hosting. The worst thing that can happen is to have the Children's Program or the Celtic Christmas event and scan the seats of the sanctuary only to see the same faces we see for worship every Sunday morning. That's not the point. It's not about us. It's all about filling the seats with our friends who need to see Jesus, so they can know him and experience the life transforming power of his grace.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? Romans 10:13-15

Consider yourself sent!

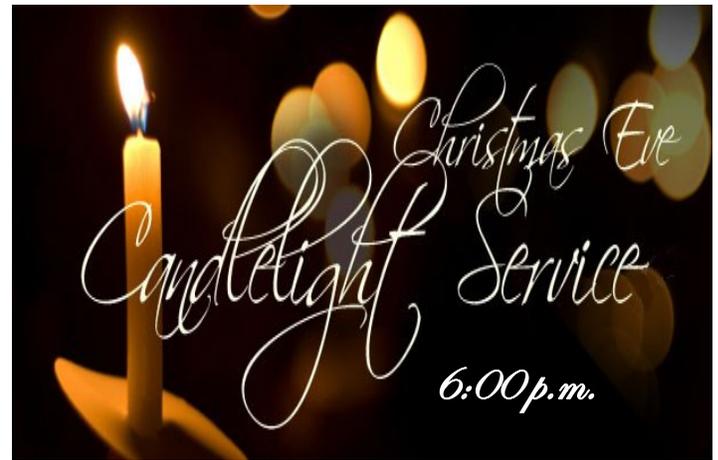


Sympathy to:

Joyce Pollock on the death of her close friend, Faithful Chosen classmate and roommate, **Joan Elbin**, November 12, 2015.

Shirley Rice and family on the death of her husband, **George Richard "Dick" Rice**, November 10, 2015.

Kevin Aldridge and family on the death his wife, **Debra Aldridge**, November 10, 2015.

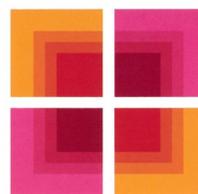


You Are Invited!

Many of you know, Emerson and Ivy Wu are our missionaries to Macau, China. They are **our** missionaries because they are members here, and we give to their support. In order to support them spiritually, the Wu MPT (Missionary Partnership Team) is meeting each **3rd Sunday following the worship service** to pray for them. We meet in the lounge at the moment, but we could easily move to the chapel when we outgrow the lounge space. We would love for that to happen. It is not necessary to pray aloud for God hears our hearts as well as our voices, but all are welcome to do so. PLEASE COME and learn what the Wus are doing as well as what their needs are. God is at work in Macau. We can join Him through our prayers for Ivy and Emerson.



Emerson and Ivy Wu



**Retired Ministers+Missionaries
Offering December 2015
Goal \$3,500**

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2015**

Retired ministers, missionaries and their widowed spouses often have limited options for adequately planning for the future. Medical problems, moves or the death of a spouse can also cause these leaders to find themselves far from the church family that once supported them. The assistance provided by

RMMO restores that lifeline and ongoing connection to the ABC family. Like anyone else, retired ministers and missionaries experience anxiety and worry when unforeseen expenses arise. RMMO exists to alleviate the stress and hardship of unexpected expenses.



**Karl
 Road
 Baptist
 Church**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 11:00a Organ Tuning	2	3	4 1-8p Brunch Prep/ FH & Kit	5 10:00a Women's Brunch/FH 1-3:30 Children's Program Practice
6 Communion 6:00p Children's Christmas Program/Sanc	7	8 12:00p Prime Timers/FH 7:00p Ministry Council	9	10	11	12 7:00p A Celtic Christmas Celebration
13 10-2p Branches Christmas Party /FH & Kit	14	15	16 6:15p Last Clubs	17	18	19
20 12:00p Wu Prayer Time/Lng 6:00p Memorial Service	21	22	23	24 Office Closed 6:00p Christmas Eve Service	25 Office Closed 	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Weekly Events

Sunday—

9:00a Sunday School
 10:15a Praise Prelude
 10:30a Worship

Monday—

12:00p Columbus Group (Chapel)
 7:00p Westerville Group
 7:00p Young Life/210

Tuesday—

8:00a Work Team
 9:15a BSF Leaders
 7:00p Homebuilders Group (1st , 3rd)
 7:00p RopeHolders
 7:30p Worthington Group

Wednesday—

6:15p Clubs
 6:30p Choir, Sewing
 7:30p Praise Team

Thursday—

9:15a BSF
 1:15-2p Valley Forge Tutoring (ends 17th)
 6:00p Manney Group
 6:30p Battalion

Friday—

9:30a MDO