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## UPCOMING SERMONS

### SUNDAY AM

Dec. 16	What is our responsibility to the church?
Dec. 23	Technology and the church
Dec. 30	The price being paid to save souls
Jan. 6	We win!

### SUNDAY PM

Dec. 16	The theme of the Bible (#394)
Dec. 23	The theme of the Bible (#395)
Dec. 30	The theme of the Bible (#396)
Jan. 6	Context is king (#397)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

**Sunday**

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

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To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Robert Van Alstine, Jo Matheny, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Ed Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Carol Wilson, Lillian's brother

## **READING OF SCRIPTURE:**

**AM:** Acts 2:40-42      **PM:** Gen. 3:14,15

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

Dec. 16 – Potluck, Business meeting, Military packages  
Dec. 23 – Singing at 5 p.m.  
Dec. 28 – Seminar at Webberville, 7 – 9 p.m.

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## **CHRISTMAS AS A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY (2)**

Charles Coats

(Please reference article one in the 12-9-12 bulletin)

The birth of Christ is given to us in Matt. 1 and Lk. 1,2. In these passages, we find the following: (1) His earthly parents – Joseph and Mary; (2) Bethlehem as the birthplace; (3) Shepherds coming to see Jesus in the manger. For some reason, man has expanded those viewing Jesus as the wise men. However, the Bible shows us that the wise men did not see Jesus as a baby, but as a young child (of about 2 years of age) and they saw him in a house (Matt. 2). All of this means that the Nativity Scenes normally seen at this time of year are incorrect, and therefore, teach a false doctrine.

Also, in all the information given to us about the

birth of Christ, the things not mentioned are significant. We are not given an exact time of year or enough information to determine this. We are not given any information on how to observe the birth of Christ. And, we are not given any authority from God to celebrate the birth of Christ.

To say all the above does not minimize Christ's birth. His birth is highly important to us as it fulfills Biblical prophecy and proves he is the Son of God (cf. Isa. 7:14). And, if God had wanted his birth to be celebrated, he would have given us all the particulars to do so, just as he has always done when he commands his people to observe something (Think about all the information we have on the sacrifices of the Old Testament and the observance of the Sabbath Day. In the New Testament, God specifically told us the day we are to worship him – Acts 20:7). If a person chooses to celebrate Christ's birth, it will only come by adding to God's word and thus violating scripture.

Sadly, even with all this information, many Christians will either observe Christ's birth outright or see how close they can get to it. Some even justify doing so by saying this is a way they can reach the erring. However, to reach the erring with error will only lead them to error! The only way to reach the erring is with the true message of God's word, his power to salvation (Rom. 1:16; 1 Pet. 1:23-25). We need to respect God enough to be silent where he has not spoken.

*“And whatsoever ye do in word and deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col. 3:17)*