

**Today's Order of Worship**

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson

Opening Prayer: Joshua Berryhill

On the Table: Head - Ralph Burleson  
Servers - Bradley Box  
David Key  
Greg Lowery

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Katie Berryhill

**Weekly Service Times**

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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# Why Prayer?



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**Birth (Announcements To Mary, To Joseph, Begattal And Conception, And Actual Birth) Luke 2:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25**

By Robert R. Taylor, Jr.

**Introduction**

The Virgin conception and virgin birth of our Lord are among the most crucial of all Biblical topics. Modernism has long recognized this critical posture and has left no stone unturned in its atrocious actions of undermining and uprooting such beautiful beliefs, such cardinal concepts. Both testaments attest to the unique way the Second Person of the Timeless Trinity would be ushered into our weary world as Messiah, as Saviour.

**Prophetic Pointers**

Before the corrupt couple, Adam and Eve, left Edenic excellency, God said woman’s seed would bruise the serpent’s head (Gen. 3:15). Isaiah said that the virgin (ha almah) would conceive and bring forth a son whose name shall be Immanuel or “God with us” (Isa. 7:14). It has long been my firm persuasion that the Lord’s creation of “a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man” is a Messianic pointer of when Mary would compass the male child in her womb-one who would be mighty and valiant (Jer. 31:22). Micah told us where the Christ child would be born and of his eternal nature (5:2). More than three hundred prophecies in the Old Testament tell of his first coming; more than three hundred in the New Testament tell of his second coming.

**Angelic Announcements To Mary And Joseph**

One of the most remarkable and amazing revelations ever bequeathed to any human eye, ear and heart unfolds in Luke 1:25-38. The stunned maiden of purest virginal character, Mary of Nazareth in Galilee, is paid an angelic visit by Gabriel. Jehovah’s fond favor rested upon her; she would be blessed among women. An amazing conception and a once-in-all-the-history-of-the-world birth were both on her threshold. The child would be a son: his name would be Jesus-descriptive of his mission to save. Greatness of Sonship would be his. The long vacant throne of David awaited his ascension thereunto. His was to be a reign over Jacob’s house and over a kingdom destined to be endless. Mary inquires into the amazing how. She had known no man sexually. The angelic answer states it superbly, sublimely and yet simply. The Holy

**THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS**

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Don Lawrence: dealing with some heath issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Al Corkren: still recovering from fractured leg, please be praying that he has no setbacks.

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: suffering from severe brain injury, please keep him and family in your prayers

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Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Pam Davis (Adrian’s daughter) has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that it can be defeated with treatment

Indee Kois {student at BHS}: she is still dealing with some health issues , please pray that the doctors will be able to help her

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey’s son) diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

Mary Box: recovering from cracked ribs and some other health problems, please pray that she will get better

Winfred York: is home at Hamilton dealing with injures from recent automobile accident, please keep him and Mrs. Vertie in your prayers

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian’s Nephew): will have an operation October 17<sup>th</sup> dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Spirit shall come upon Mary, the power of the Highest shall overshadow her and the “holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35). This is the striking HOW of the Word’s becoming flesh to pitch his tent among us; this is the marvelous WHEN of his becoming the only begotten Son of God as John eloquently styles him in John 1:14 (Cf. 1:18; 3:16, 18; I John 4:9). Mary acquiesced in ardency of acceptation (Luke 1:38).

The angelic annunciation to perplexed and deeply pained Joseph came sometime later as per Matthew 1:18-25. Joseph and Mary were engaged or betrothed to be married but had not consummated it sexually. Mary was with child of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18). Joseph surmised what was very logical to him. He had not fathered her expected child some other man must have! Jewish engagements were much more binding than are ours. He determined to deal with her out of mercy-not stern justice which would have called for capital punishment. An unnamed angel, at heaven’s behest, entered the picture and assured pained and perplexed Joseph that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Unless one is willing to be totally ridiculous and say there can be a conception minus any and all begattal, then Jesus, in becoming flesh, was begotten. No one was ever begotten as was he. Hence, he is God’s only begotten Son - the very way nineteen centuries of Biblical scholars have referred to him in light of John 1:14,18; 3:16,18; I John 4:9. The angel announces both name and mission. Predictive prophecy (the very thing modernism defiantly denies) is about to be fulfilled marvelously, magnificently and minutely. Isaiah 7:14 is straightline Messianic prophecy and receives its one and ONCE ONLY fulfillment in Mary and the Christ child. Joseph took Mary as directed but did not know her sexually until subsequently, i.e., after Christ’s birth. Mary was virginal at conception; she was virginal at birth also. Of that we can be SURE!

**His Actual Birth**

Luke 2 and Matthew 2 relate Christ’s birth. Luke’s account is of earlier events than is Matthew’s. Luke speaks of activities the very day of the Lord’s birth. The manger is the locale; the birth occurs; the shepherds are informed and see the Christ child immediately subsequent to birth. Matthew 2 relates the coming of the wise men from the East weeks or even months later. No longer are they in the manger; now the holy family of three are in a house. Just subsequent to the departure of the Magi the three head promptly for Egypt which means the circumcision at eight days and the presentation in the temple of Luke some weeks later are already accomplished.

Shepherds and wise men did not both gather around the manger scene, December nativity depictions to the contrary notwithstanding.

**Conclusion**

The Bible does not establish the precise day of his birth but does establish the factual and fundamental nature of this remarkable event-Christ’s birth.

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**Hezekiah: Tomorrow You Shall Die**

By Dan Jenkins

While many know the details of the lives of some of the kings of Israel like David and Solomon, their lives would be so blessed today by studying the details of the life of king Hezekiah. He was king of the southern kingdom of Judah when the ten northern tribes were destroyed by the Assyrians. Assyria’s army then came and surrounded Jerusalem. The prayer of Hezekiah moved God to annihilate 185,000 Assyrians who had surrounded Jerusalem without Hezekiah’s army having to shoot a single arrow (2 Kgs. 19).

Shortly after this great victory Hezekiah became sick, and Isaiah came to him with this message from God. “Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live” (2 Kgs. 20:1). What an amazing message, and what a blessing this horrendous day can be to us if we just imagine we had been that king. How would you respond if you knew that this would be the last day of your life and that tomorrow you would die?

Read all the details of what happened that day and what Hezekiah did when the message came to him. Because of the king’s actions, God added fifteen years to Hezekiah’s life. Tragically, he made grave mistakes in those years.

The truth is that whether we die today, tomorrow or fifteen years from now really does not matter. Some day I will die. Some day you will die. Hear the words of God, “It is appointed for men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). We have the appointment to die, but unlike Hezekiah, we do not know the time of that appointment. The message for us is so obvious. All of us must make sure we are ready to keep that appointment and the event which follows.

The reason for this urgency is found in the last words of this verse from Hebrews— “...after this the judgment.” Daniel Webster, the American statesman, said that the most sobering thought he ever had was that some day he must stand before God and give an account for how he lived. Consider the fact that the lives of all men would be changed if they never forgot this sobering thought, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

Unlike what happened to Hezekiah, God has not sent the prophet Isaiah to come to our house to tell us that we should set our houses in order for the end of our life has come. However, is this not the message found repeatedly throughout the scriptures? We may not know for certain the time of our death, but we know for certain that we shall die. How would you live today if you knew that this would be your last day on this earth? It could be!

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**Upcoming Events**

Today	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fellowship Meal	
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bible Bowl	2:00 pm
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Night Singing	5:00 pm
September 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Tri-County Singing {Tidwell Chapel}	2:00 pm