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Most Unlikely Town

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. **Mic 5:2**

Who would have thought that in the tiny little town of Bethlehem would come the creator of the universe? Allow me to share with you 3 observations concerning the small town of Bethlehem.

We see Bethlehem's weakness

God did not choose Bethlehem because it had more Godly men and woman. God also did not choose Bethlehem because they were more numerous than the other nations. For you were the smallest of all! It was just because he loves you, and because he kept his promise to your ancestors. God is in the defying business. He calls things that are not as though they were. You ever wonder why he does that? Maybe it's because he doesn't want anyone to boast.

In one of his books, Max Lucado shares a story of an old farmer who had some very expensive dogs for sale. The old man put up a sign and a while later a little boy tugged on the farmer's leg. Looking down he saw the smile of a toothless boy looking up at him saying mister I want to buy one of your puppies. The farmer started to snicker a little and told the boy that these puppies will cost a lot of money.

The boy looked back up and said sir I have 36 cents. Would that be enough to buy one of your puppies? The farmer said "Oh no!" that will not be enough. The boy once again looked up and said, can I at least have a look for 36 cents? Sure said the farmer. He whistled and called Percy! "Come here Percy!" From out of the doghouse and down the ramp trotted Percy followed by 4 little bundles of barking fur balls. Then from out of the doghouse peeped another little face, obviously the oddball of the litter. This little fellow slid down the slide and began hobbling in an awkward attempt to catch up with the others.

That's the one I want said the excited little boy. Son said the farmer; you don't really want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you as you would like. But their was no changing the boys

mind and taking the boys 36 cents the farmer said he could pick up the pup in a few more days. As the boy chose the runt of the litter, God chose the unlikely town of Bethlehem to do his greatest work.

2. We see Bethlehem's wait!

If you recall, in Gen 3:15 God made a promise concerning the great battle between good and evil. It took almost 4,000 years to fulfill this, but Jesus won at Calvary. God choose Bethlehem to bring forth Jesus. We learn that if we as Christians wait on God he himself will see to it personally that we too will have a renewed strength and power for whatever the Devil throws at us. **Isa 40:31**

The little boy made his choice and paid 36 cents for his puppy but had to wait a few more days since it still needed to be nursed by its mother. How happy they both were. The boy loved the runt and the runt loved the boy. Day by day the little fellow gently took care of his new friend. So too Bethlehem and all Israel had to wait for the long cherished promise of a deliverer, a ruler, messiah, and Savior. When the Savior of the world did come, the Shepherds got to see God in the flesh make his dwelling among us. **Luke 2:15**

3. We see Bethlehem's wonderful ruler.

God calls Jesus mighty God, wonderful counselor, prince of peace. The little boy thought his puppy was the most wonderful thing in his life. When he finally took the puppy home the farmer asked, son why in the world would you choose that runt? The little boy pulled up his pant leg and revealed a leg brace. He said, well mister, I don't run to good myself, and he'll need someone who understands. Our Lord, brothers and sisters, understands. We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin. **Heb 4:15-16**

So the next time someone wants to talk about anything small remember that God's son came forth from the most unlikely town called Bethlehem.

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The **difference...**
Is **CHRIST** in me!
Colossians 1:27

COMING UP

We are looking for others
who will...
Become Part of the Family

Feb. 24	Fourth Sunday Fellowship
Feb. 25	Visitation @ 6:30
Mar. 2	Benevolence Pick Up Care and Share
Mar. 2-4	Gospel Meeting with Jerry Tallman
Mar. 7-9	Prison Ministry Workshop By Freddie Anderson
Mar. 9	J. W. Hamby's Life Group
Mar. 12-15	New Directory Pictures
Mar. 29 & 30	Everett Hysten
Mar. 30	Fifth Sunday Here

Program for June 21-24, 2008
**22ND RED RIVER
FAMILY
ENCAMPMENT**

Friday, June 20, 6:30 PM....Congregational Singing for Early Campers

Saturday, June 21

4:00 PM- Singing Groups & Young Preachers under the BIG TOP

**Theme: "GOD Has a Savior for You: The Confidence
of Hebrews"**

Saturday, June 21, 2008

6:30 PM- "The Last Word" **James A. Maxwell**, Seattle, WA

Sunday, June 22, 2008

9:00 AM- "Remembering Our Confidence in Our Savior" (Communion) **Richard Jones**, Madill, OK

10:00 AM- "LISTEN!" **Bill Watkins**, Nashville, TN

6:00 PM- "Need a Break?" **Kurt Picker**, Cumming, GA

"Getting Close to GOD" **Billy Wilson**, Scotland via Tucson, Arizona

Monday, June 23, 2008

9:30 AM- "Grow Up!" **J. Tom Washburn**, Enid, OK

"Changes and the Changeless" **Tim Lewis**, Oklahoma City, OK

6:00 PM- **Presentation of Harold and Sally Paden Memorial Award**

"The Real Thing" **Prentice Meador**, Nashville, TN

Tuesday, June 24, 2008

9:30 AM- "Bridging the Gap" **John D. Reese**, Cedar Park, TX

"Since We Have Confidence" **Tommy Haynes**, Moore, OK

6:00 PM- "Keep On Keeping On" **James O. Maxwell**, Terrell, TX

Special Class at 8:00 AM:

Early Bird Classes Sunday, Monday, Tuesday with **John W. Smith**

Classes at 10:45 AM: **Keith Lancaster, David Lough, Prentice Meador, Billy Wilson, Brad Harrub, Tom Milholland, Ron Hass, Bill Ehlig, and John W. Smith .**

Special Ladies Class in Lifts West Meeting Room

The Children's Chorus on Tuesday evening has become a favorite feature of the encampment.

ENCOURAGING Young Preachers: On Saturday afternoon we are inviting young men between 12-18 years of age to present 7-10 minute sermons beginning at 4 PM. The McCoy Family Singers will also perform during this time, but we really want to encourage young men who have a desire to preach the Gospel to speak. Contact the encampment to get on the schedule.

Special new feature for Teens: Dr. Brad Harrub, Willard Tate and Keith Lancaster will lead worship and studies each evening in the Conference Center.

Contact <http://www.redriver.org/> for housing and visitor info,
or redrivernewmex.com. Make housing arrangements now for best availability.

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2008**

Announcements: Earl Brown
First Prayer: J. W. Hamby
Closing Prayer: Neal Becker
Communion Scripture Reading: Weldon Melton/Mike Allison
Sermon Scripture Reading:
Lord's Table: Stephen Leyendecker
 Nathan Leyendecker
 Jeff Settle
 Jerry Settle
 Doug Smith
 Ray Sooter
 Lytton Stark
 Steve Stokes
Evening Opening Prayer: Larry Hamby
Evening Closing Prayer: Raymon Hackett
Westridge: Rodney Hearn
Prairie House: Bobby Byrd
Communion To Shut-Ins: Grady & Tucker Simmons
Jail: 2/26 J. W. Hamby
Sound Board: 2/24 & 2/27 Scott Clevenger
Computer: 2/24 & 2/27 Scott Snipes

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Nursery Workers: Debbie Hearn
Kitchen: June Sherman and Nida Peck
Daily Bread: Dana Joy and Dee Weatherly

ATTENDANCE BAROMETER

Lord's Day	2/17/08
Bible Study	149
Sunday Morning	273
Sunday Evening	144
Wednesday Evening	112
Contribution	

WEDNESDAY LUNCHEONS- FEBRUARY

Men- Rock'N R Steakhouse
 Ladies - Fieldhouse

YOUTH NEWS:

February 24 we will have our 4th Sunday youth fun night at Ray and Inez Sooter's house. Students need to meet at the church building at 5:00. We will be having hamburgers.

**Girls bring desserts/Boys bring drinks
 Everything else will be provided.**

DATE CHANGE:

**The girls retreat has been moved to
 March 7 & 8th**

Mission Statement

We the family of Garland Street
 Church of Christ,

with the Bible as our guide and

Jesus as our Savior will look:

Upward to glorify, praise and honor God;

Outward to seek, convert and reach the lost;

Inward to serve, equip and love one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal this week will be chili, beans and rice: We are in need of COOKS and HELPERS! Please sign the sheets in the foyer.

Sunday, February 24 will be our Fourth Sunday fellowship. Michael Horn will be our guest speaker for the 1:00 service. Deryl Clevenger, Brent Wells and Gary Alexander are the elder and deacons in charge.

Benevolence Pick Up will be Sunday, March 2nd. Men will be at the exit doors following the morning service to take your donations.

Care and Share will meet Sunday, March 2nd following evening services. If you or a family member has a March birthday we invite you to attend.

Jerry Tallman will be here for a Gospel Meeting Sunday, March 2 thru Tuesday March, 4th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: OLAN MILLS will be here March 12, 13, 14 & 15 to take pictures for our pictorial directory. Everyone who participates will receive a directory. **Sign up sheets are in the foyer.**

Freddie Anderson will be here Friday, March 7-9th. He will give the lesson at the Prison on Friday night. Men who would like to attend Friday night please contact John McGavock. **A Jail and Prison Ministry Workshop will be on Saturday, March 8.** Freddie will bring the sermon on Sunday, March 9th. Men and women are welcome for the workshop.



Dictionary of the Bible by J.D. Davis. This dictionary covers the books of the Old and New Testaments, together with the First Book of the Maccabees. It includes photographs and drawings as explanatory and supplementary materials. **Reference/203/D29d 2-19**

IN OUR PRAYERS

Kallie Sharpe, Barbara Wheeler, Dub Mercer, Baylee Banning, Bill & Tweet Moore, Cleo Crutchfield, Harlan Dizmang, Dorothy Bradley, Raul Camacho, Jackson Calhoun, Cindy Valentine, Shirley Igo, Billy Clay, Whitney Smith, Larry Hamby, Betty Foster, Maylene Mickey, Mattie Lou Ellis, Carla Calhoun, Charles Clark, Paul Frisbie, Danna Lamb, Ken Stone, Doris Hearn, Opal Yarborough, Jerry Settle, Wanda Wallace, Kay Powell, Opal Barnes, Linda Wilson, Cleo Crutchfield, Sonny Sherrock, Doyce Watson, Kenneth Sjogren, Jim Adams, Beverly Kimbrough, Wesley Everidge, Mark Clark, Paul Godman, Dale Hyde, Cindy Kirby, Debbie Roberts, JoAnn Underwood, Christen Driver, Japheth James, Cory Crump and Our Soldiers.

ABOUT OUR FAMILY

Dub Mercer adopted dad of Grady Simmons, has prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

Julian Castaneda's brother, **Carmen Castaneda** passed away Monday, February 11. His services were Friday in Hollis, Oklahoma.

Barbara Wheeler was scheduled to have cataract surgery Monday, February 18th in Houston.

Bobbie Rawdon's granddaughter, **Kallie Sharpe** was dismissed from the hospital Monday.

Sharon Settle's great-niece, **Baylee Banning** is in the hospital with a bacterial infection. They are hoping she will be able to have her CAT scan Tuesday, February 19th and it is clear.

Thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls for little Kallie. She is still in the hospital in Little Rock but she is better. Please continue to pray for her and our family.

*Bobbie Rawdon
Stephen and Kari Sharpe*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cheer basket. I enjoyed it so much.

Thank you also for all your cards, visits, and prayers while I was in the hospital and as I recuperate at home.

A big thank you also to Tony and Neil for the sweet hospital visit. I loved singing praises to God with you. That meant so much to me and my family.

God Bless Each of you.

Love,

Cleo Crutchfield

Dear Garland St. Church Brother & Sisters,

Just a note to thank you for the delicious meal from "Daily Bread", the many calls, prayers and concern shown to me and for me during my recent surgery. I appreciate all your thoughtfulness. May God richly bless each of you.

*In Christian Love,
Diane Underwood*

Welcome Guests



Cadee, Michael and Ryan Britton, Plainview, TX
Paul Fikes, Plainview, TX
Ashley Hall, Plainview, TX
Manuelita Lopez, Plainview, TX
Dan and Reeda Gay Smith, Plainview, TX

ELDERS: Neil Billingsley Deryl Clevenger Rob Lindsey
Weldon Melton Steve Stokes

DEACONS: Gary Alexander Mike Allison
Jimmy Barnes Neal Becker
Bobby Byrd Scott Clevenger
Gary Miller Grady Simmons
Mark True Terry Underwood
Brent Wells

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday: Bible Study 9:30 a.m. and Worship 10:30 a. m. and 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

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