

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

CHRISTMAS MYTHS

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. It is full of generosity, family, food, and fun. It is also full myths, especially myths concerning the birth of Christ. Would you be shocked if I told you the following statements are all false?

- *The Bible says that three wise men came to the manger to worship and give gifts to Jesus.*
- *The Bible says that an unknown number of wise men came to the manger to worship Jesus.*
- *The wise men were kings from the Orient.*
- *A bright star appeared in the sky and led the shepherds to the manger.*
- *A bright star appeared in the sky and led the wise men to the manger.*
- *The shepherds and the wise men were present on the night of Jesus' birth.*
- *The translation of the word, "Immanuel" is "Savior." Jesus was born in Jerusalem.*
- *An innkeeper told Mary and Joseph that there was no room in the inn, thus Jesus was born in a manger.*

Since we cannot get the facts of Jesus' birth straight, it is no wonder that there are so many divisions among Christians. "Jesus is the reason for the season" is true—the holiday would not have evolved like it has without Jesus' birth being a factor. But any time the birth of Christ is taught or portrayed it needs to be done with biblical accuracy.

James Hayes



~~12/22 Men's meeting, 7:00-8:00
Heb 10:10
12/25: No service
this in remembrance of
12/29: Lunch after morning service; no evening service.
1 Cor 11:24~~

Other News:

Put Christmas cards in the boxes on the back table. The folders are labeled alphabetically. You won't have to mail your cards!

Stay safe if you are traveling this week!

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of Christ
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Sunday School: 9:30
Morning Worship:
10:30
Evening Worship:
6:00
Wednesday: 7:00

~~Prayer list~~ 924-9714

Tuff Slate is continuing to improve. He will be taken to a rehabilitation center in Atlanta next week to continue treatment. His current room number is 8421.

Zadie Sharon, the Brown's daughter-in-law's grandmother, is battling cancer again.

Jean Campbell, John Buchanan's sister, is still in the hospital.

Fred Kaiss is improving.

CONVENIENCE

Jesus called many people to follow Him, and many people asked to follow Him. In each conversation, one thing is clear: Following Jesus is life-changing. He said, "He who loves mother or father more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." (Matt. 10:37-38).

Unfortunately, many Christians do not consider discipleship to be a life-changing, sacrificial endeavor. They see faith as simply an exercise in self-improvement. When they are struggling, they go to church. When a church event is "fun," they attend. When there is nothing else on their schedule, they attend worship or Bible study. Christianity is nothing more than an add-on, a fringe aspect of their life that is designed to make them happier.

That is not how Jesus described discipleship. He said faith is about cross-carrying, not self-enhancing. **THOSE WHO WILL SERVE** (December 22, 2019)
SUNDAY SCHOOL

James Hayes

READ: Gupton

PRAYER: Baker

WORSHIP

WAIT ON TABLE: E. Walker

SERVE: J. Demonbruem, Reed, Billingsley

PRAYER: John Hayes