

Melbourne Church of Christ

"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."

Reflection on the Virgin Birth

by John Telgren

Some highlight Jesus' lowliness when reading of His birth in Luke. However, Luke stresses His greatness rather than His commonness.

When Gabriel appeared to Mary, he said, "His name will be Jesus. He will be great. He will be called the Son of the Most High. God will give Him the throne of His father David, and His kingdom will have no end. So, Mary's son would be a King, the very Son of God.

The Bible is no stranger to unusual births. For example, there was Samuel, Samson, Isaiah's son, John the Baptist, and Isaac. In response to Rebekah's barren womb, God asked a rhetorical question, "Is anything too difficult for the Lord? (Gen 18:14)"

Nothing is impossible with God. When Gabriel told Mary the news, she was puzzled, wondering how this could happen, never being with a man. Then Gabriel said, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; and for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God. ... For nothing will be impossible with God (Luke 1:35-37)."

Nothing is impossible with God, He is all-powerful and concerned about us!

In this story, we see the common intersect with the holy, the powerless with the omnipotent, greatness with the humble. God doesn't go to an aristocratic family in Jerusalem, He goes to the obscure village of Nazareth to a young girl.

Luke doesn't stress the lowliness of Jesus, but His greatness. Jesus comes to a humble town and He lifts up the humble. No matter how insignificant we are, we are not insignificant to Christ. Our Lord modeled humility in a unique way. We are to follow His example and reach out to lift others up as well. May we become more like Christ.

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 2th Monday in Dec. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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Family News

➤ Gary Gifford, Pam Gifford's husband, is sick and in rehab. Pam and Gary have requested the prayers of the Melbourne church family. If you would like to send card or letter his address is:

Garnet Hill Rehab, C/O Gary Gifford
1420 McCreary Road, Room 504
Wylie, TX 75098

* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

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Birth of Christ (Matthew 1:17-25)

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 J P O M I L C D S W P A
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Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Health:

Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master	Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd
J.B. & Wanda Dill	Justin Teague	Gary & Pam Gifford

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Acy Beebe 4 th	Danny Runion 6 th
David Clark 8 th	Peggy Beebe 8 th	Roger Humphrey 10 th
Katelyn Moser 12 th	Shelby Qualls 14 th	Paulette Jubela 14 th
Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th	Shirley Guiltner 22 nd
Rose Irvin 24 th	Darla Weaver 24 th	Deedra Adkisson 28 th
Abby Everett 28 th	Lavonia Roland 28 th	Brandy Kelly 29 th
Bob Davidson 31 st		

December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2nd
 Bob & Arlene Davidson 31st

Luke 1:31-37, "You will conceive...and bear a son, and name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; for that reason the holy Child shall be called the Son of God... For nothing will be impossible with God."