



Pass It On

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Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

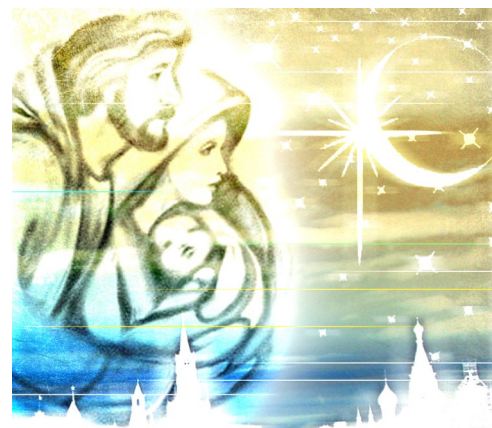
Matthew 2:13-16

I don't know about you, but I read this passage right after Christmas and I'm thinking I'd like to just linger on the angels, shepherds and the wise men at the manger for a little while longer. But this passage underscores the harsh reality of the world, that innocents and families are destroyed as a response to the arrival of the world's only hope.

Baby Jesus comes into the world and we all know the story, his birth was heralded as royal. The wise men, magi, astrologers, show up because of a star, knowing it was a sign that a king had been born, and they come looking for him at the Palace, Herod's palace. We can hardly blame these seekers though, they couldn't have known that the king who would greet them was a paranoid, homicidal maniac. Herod was even willing to kill his own sons for fear they would take his throne. Augustus Caesar remarked that "You'd be better off as one of Herod's pigs as one of his sons." And so when the magi show up saying that there has been a "king of the Jews" born Herod puts on a show for the magi -- "A king you say? Oh how wonderful, you know if you happen to find him come back and let me know because I would surely love come and pay my respects!"

But as we all know an angel visits the magi and warns them to return home in another way. And so Herod, enraged and paranoid, orders the death of all the boys in Israel in that age range, including his own. Should we be surprised? Did we expect that the world would welcome the Son of God with open arms? Though this massacre was a direct result of the challenge to Herod's power Jesus birth presented, ever since the fall of humanity into sin the world has been revolting violently against God. We don't have to think long about the news over the past year to recount tragedies around the globe that scare and infuriate us because of their horrific nature.

I love the serene narrative of the nativity, the silent night, the twinkling stars, but this passage reminds us that God's mission to save his creation was a dangerous one, it was a mission into hostile territory. The slaughter of the innocents in our passage this morning underscores the absolute need for God to come in the flesh. This work of salvation was not going to happen any other way. Humanity was too broken, too lost, too weak to turn back to God without a sacrificial grace that would put God's own self on the line. And the truth is, that God could have given up



on his creation, he could have wiped it out as he did with the flood.

Instead, God comes to be with us because he knew there was no other way his relationship with humanity could be repaired. God knew there were no amount of laws that could contain and fix the sinfulness of the human heart -- the only hope was for God to come in the flesh, to be the human being God had always intended us to be -- to be the faithful covenant partner with God so that we could undeservedly take on his righteousness.

As we begin this new year, we do so with hope -- God's work that began on Christmas morning is still unfolding in our lives today. Though the darkness is still thick it will not overcome the light. Jesus has overcome the world and it is only a matter of time before the baby born in Bethlehem will bring all things under his rule.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Erik

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Dawson Covenant Church will be held on Wednesday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT



Oliver Dosland Kamrath was born to Dannika and William Kamrath on December 16 at 5:13 p.m. Oliver was 6 pounds, 5 ounces and 19.75 inches long. We rejoice with the Kamrath family in welcoming Oliver into the world!



A PLACE SET APART WHERE THE HEART, MIND, BODY AND SOUL OF EVERY GUEST CAN ENCOUNTER THE LIVING GOD.

For information on upcoming winter retreats at Lake Beauty Bible Camp, visit their website at lbbc.com, call them at (320) 732-3218, email them at lb主c@lb主c.com, or talk with Dawson Covenant's own camp representative, Bonnie Gustafson.

The summer 2020 theme has been announced! Join us this summer as we discover God's purpose for mankind as we embark on learning about the Return of the King! "And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.'"

—Revelation 21:3



Advent Collages - A Church Wide Creative Collaboration

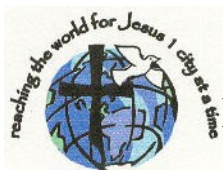
Our Children's Sunday School and Adult Wednesday night program worked together to create the beautiful prayer collages shown below in celebration of the season of Advent. The collages are now displayed in the sanctuary. They were assembled using craft glue, recycled paper and magazine images under the artistic direction of Lauren Carlson. Please take the time to view them in person in order to see the details yourself. They are a beautiful reflection of the season!



2020 Church Directory

The new church directory is printed. You should have received a copy in your mailbox. Additional copies are available on the table in the entry.





GRACE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Mission of the Month

Grace Christian Outreach Ministries (GCOM) is the ministry led by Kevin and Sylvia Rosendahl along with their son, Joshua. Kevin is the son of Myron and Sylvia Rosendahl. GCOM operates out of southern Texas and ministers to people in Mexico and around the world. One way that Dawson Covenant Church partners with GCOM is through the Joy Box ministry. GCOM distributes the Joy Boxes along with new testament tracts during their Christmas outreaches. After the outreaches, the team prays for the needs of the people individually.

From the most recent GCOM newsletter, *"On October 14th Fred and Jan Zweifel arrived in Canby, MN at Water Billboards, where the ministry supplies are stored before they go to Mexico. Friends of the ministry, Randy Kamrath, David Werner, Duane Haugen and Fred—loaded the semi with ministry supplies. including pallets of rice and beans, literature, toys, Joy Boxes and Blessing Bags, clothes, quilts, tools, windows and doors and many medical supplies."*

Some of the semi supplies were distributed to a Hispanic area of Dallas following a destructive tornado this fall, and many supplies went immediately into Mexico as well.

From the newsletter again, *"Thanks to all of you for partnering with GCOM to spread God's Word in Mexico and around the world. Through our working together, many people are coming to Christ, many disciples are being made and many ministers are being trained! You are greatly appreciated by GCOM and by Sylvia, Joshua and me! Serving Christ, Rev. Kevin, Sylvia and Joshua Rosendahl"*

We will be collecting a special offering for GCOM throughout the month of January. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please mark your envelope in the offering plate or use the basket at the back of the sanctuary and keep this ministry in prayer.

gracechristian@frontiernet.net
www.gracechristianoutreachministries.net



Dawson Covenant Quilters



Some of the Dawson Covenant Quilters are shown in the photo at left. This is a strong area of ministry for Dawson Covenant Church. The Quilters meet twice a month to make quilts that are distributed to organizations who can provide them to those in need. They also keep one "emergency" quilt on hand in case the need arises to provide it to someone. If you would like to be involved in this area of ministry, you are always welcome to attend! In January, the quilters will meet on the 9th and the 23rd from 10:00 a.m.–3:00p.m. A light lunch is served on a volunteer basis.

SERVING SCHEDULES

Sunday, January 5

Communion Servers:

Peggy Crosby, Jeff Thompson, Joyce Busiahn, Charlie Busiahn

Greeter:

Peggy Crosby

Scripture Reader:

Bonnie Gustafson

Sunday, January 12

Greeter:

Wiebe Family

Scripture Reader:

Charlie Ulstad

Sunday, January 19

Greeter:

Santha Sukut

Scripture Reader:

Alyssa Besonen

Sunday, January 26

Greeter:

Ruether Family

Scripture Reader:

Eden Weber



Christmas Program

The Sunday School Christmas program was held during the worship service on December 15. The elementary classes told the story of Jesus' birth. The Confirmation class helped the younger kids by singing the Christmas carols with them. After the service, the elementary classes celebrated Christmas with a pizza party.

The Hi-League also had a Christmas party in December where they had a good time exchanging gifts, snacking and playing games.



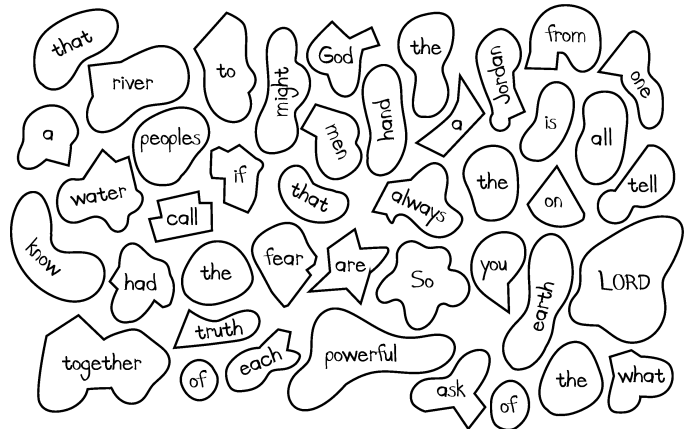
The youngest Sunday School class of preschoolers sang during the Sunday School Christmas program. Lucy, Alexis, Olivia, and Reece are pictured at left. Bonnie Gustafson is their teacher.



Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the
 _____ the _____
 _____ the _____.

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

Bible Quiz

According to Matthew, who was present at Jesus' baptism? (Choose as many as apply.)

- A. John the Baptist
- B. The Spirit of God
- C. Jesus' mother, Mary
- D. His first disciples



Answer: A and B (See Matthew 3:13-17.)

January

BIRTHDAYS

4	Amy Gustafson
4	Nolan Weber
6	Elsie Bevis (missionary)
6	Janis Hanson
7	Loral Webster
8	Will Wiebe
10	Erik Carlson
12	Samantha Horst
13	Jerrad Perkins
16	Emma Weber
17	Tim Milbeck
17	Becky Schutte
17	Linda Tensen
20	Heather Diaz
24	Liz Ashling
24	Ginny Goplen
24	Lucy Koch
25	Lindsay Weber
27	Reece Weber
28	Kim Delp (missionary)
31	Wylie Wiebe

Electronic & On-Line Giving

Dawson Covenant offers electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering donations. To set up an electronic giving schedule, please complete the Automatic Payment Authorization Form, which can be found on the table in the entry, and place it in the Treasurer's mailbox or the collection plate.

On-line giving is also available through our website at www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org. You can use your checking account, debit card or credit card. If you have any questions, please see Dan Schluter or Loral Steinke.

Church Council Notes

The church website has a password protected page where you will find the Church Council Meeting notes and other kinds of information that we want to share with our church family but not necessarily post publicly on the web. Please contact Karla Perkins to get the password. The church website is:

www.dawsoncovenantchurch.org, then click on the "Members" tab. Church council meeting notes are also posted on the bulletin board, and past meeting notes are available to view anytime in the church office.

DAWSON COVENANT CHURCH IS ON-LINE AND ON T.V.

Did you know you can view our past worship services online anytime? Visit our website at dawsoncovenantchurch.org. Worship services are also shown on local cable t.v. in Dawson at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday and in Madison at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Like us on facebook to receive updates and reminders on your facebook newsfeed!

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Erik scheduled office hours are as follows:

Monday	Off
Tuesday	8:30-2:30
Wednesday	8:30-2:30
Thursday	8:30-2:30
Friday	8:30-2:30

Other times he is available by appointment, and may be reached at church at 320-769-2255 or on his cell: 320-305-9304.

Attention!

If you are not getting church e-mails (prayer requests, occasional announcements, etc.) and you would like to be added to the list please let Karla Perkins or Pastor Erik know, or send an email to office@dawsoncovenantchurch.org.

Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 a.m.	Worship Service
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Meeting
10:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Confirmation

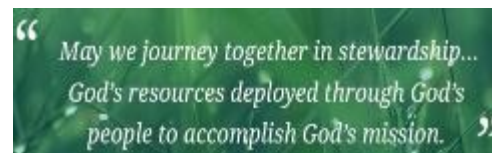
PASS IT ON CONTACT INFORMATION

Deadline for the February *Pass It On* is Wednesday, January 22.

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PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES



Kevin & Sylvia Rosendahl
Joel & Kim Delp
Covenant World Mission
Covenant Youth of Alaska
Randy & Cheryl Bevis
Doug & Jill Nelson
Emma Weber
Luke & Emma Christie-Perkins
Prairie Waters Growing Project
KICY
Joy Boxes
Food for Kidz

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