

Message Notes for 12/24/17

When you look at Nativity pictures, you usually see angels, shepherds (and sometimes wise men with camels, although according to Matthew they didn't actually come to the manger). Usually cattle and sheep are present. Perhaps angels hover in the background.

On occasion you'll see a man standing in the picture, perhaps off to the side. He's the sometimes-forgotten man of Christmas.

This Sunday at First Christian Church of Wylie we'll identify this man, and discover how he did the right thing at the right time in the right way, leading up to Jesus' birth.

- I. A man of character
 - A. The circumstances
 - B. The conundrum
- II. A man of compassion
 - A. Joseph's reasons
 - B. God's revelation
- III. A man of courage
 - A. To maintain purity until the Baby's birth
 - B. To take Mary and Jesus to Egypt

Lessons from Joseph

He was a man of character

He was a man of compassion

He was a good father