

MANAGER'S DESK FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022

WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

TODAY IS EPIPHANY. ACCORDING TO BELIEFNET.COM, Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It was celebrated since the end of the second century before the Christmas holiday was established. It is also called Theophany which means manifestation of God, especially by Eastern Christians. Epiphany also refers to the church season that follows the day. It commemorates the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested: when the three kings visited infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches emphasize the visit of the Magi when they celebrate Epiphany. The Eastern Orthodox churches focus on Jesus' baptism.

WRVM IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE VERY FEW RADIO STATIONS THAT PLAYS CHRISTMAS MUSIC, ALBEIT A SMALL AMOUNT, UNTIL TODAY. AND, AS MANY HAVE POINTED OUT, WE SHOULD CELEBRATE CHRIST'S BIRTH ALL YEAR LONG BECAUSE OF THE REASON HE CAME. HE CAME TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A SACRIFICE FOR OUR SIN ON CALVARY'S CROSS.

SO HOW DO PEOPLE CELEBRATE EPIPHANY? AGAIN, ACCORDING TO BELIEFNET.COM, These Epiphany celebrations vary across the world from culture to culture. Customs include the Star Singers – children dressed as kings and holding up a large star, singing carols from house to house; collecting money for charity; and the plundering and burning of Christmas trees.

SO, TODAY MAY BE A GOOD DAY TO BURN THE CHRISTMAS TREE. UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU HAVE AN ARTIFICIAL TREE LIKE I DO. MY ALLERGIES DO NOT ALLOW ME TO LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSE AS A LIVE CHRISTMAS TREE. OR YOUR COMMUNITY WHERE YOU LIVE WOULD FROWN ON SUCH A THING. SO TO BE SAFE, DRESS UP AS KINGS HOLDING A LARGE STAR AND GO HOUSE TO HOUSE SINGING CAROLS. NOW THAT WOULD GIVE YOU SOME OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL MESSAGE, DON'T YOU THINK?

TOMORROW I'D LIKE TO SHARE SOME PLANS, AND HOPES, FOR THIS YEAR AS FAR AS OUR MINISTRY GOES. SOME OF THOSE PLANS AND HOPES HINGE ON WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THE FINANCES TO DO THEM. THE YEAR JUST CONCLUDED, 2021, WAS AN EXCELLENT YEAR FOR US FINANCIALLY THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR LISTENING FAMILY. IF GIVING CONTINUES AS IT HAS, I SEE NO REASON THAT MANY OF OUR PLANS, AND HOPES, CANNOT BECOME REALITIES. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. IF YOU'RE A NEW LISTENER, OR A LONGTIME LISTENER, I INVITE YOU TO BEGIN SUPPORTING US THIS YEAR ON A MONTHLY BASIS. EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT GIVEN MONTHLY ADDS UP.

OUR MAILING ADDRESS IS: WRVM, PO BOX 212, SURING WI, 54174

OR GIVE ONLINE AT WWW.WRVM.ORG.

THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.