

From The Pastor's Pen



Let Jesus Show!



“Let’s go to Bethlehem! Let’s see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.” Luke 2:15 NLT

The beloved author Frederick Buechner tells the story of a church having a Christmas play. Buechner remembers “The manger was down in front at the altar steps. One little girl was dressed as Mary with a blue scarf around her head and there was the little Joseph with a cotton beard. They had wise men, shepherds and in the middle of it all was the baby Jesus, lying in the straw. The story was read by the pastor from Luke chapter 2, Christmas carols were going like clockwork until it came time for the angels to come in and sing praises. The angels were children dressed in white robes sitting in the pews next to their parents.

The “angels” were supposed to come forward and gather around the manger and they did but there were so many of them that all of them couldn’t get around the manger like the adults had planned. There was crowding and a little pushing, and as a result one particular angel, a little girl...who was smaller than everybody else ended up so far out on the outside that even though she was standing on her tippy toes and even though she was trying

to peek through the crowd she could not see what was going on. Everyone was singing “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will among men” and when they paused, that precious little girl who couldn’t see yelled out “Let Jesus show”. She cried out in irritation, frustration and alienation, with disappointment and despair because at Christmas she wanted to see Jesus.

At Christmas time, we should all want Jesus to show, in our church, in our community, on our jobs and in our lives. You can let Jesus show by:

By making room in your life for someone who always seem to be left out, last and the least!

By sharing the Good News of Jesus’ birth with someone who seems to always be dealing with a lot of bad news!

By giving a precious gift to someone in need because you have received the most precious gift!

Let Jesus Show,

Peace and blessings,

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