

Today’s Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Josh Berryhill

Opening Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Billy Box
Charles Berryhill

Closing Prayer: Leonard Key

Preparing the Lord’s Supper Mary Eddy

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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**“Born Of A Virgin”
Really?**



**The
Brilliant
Beacon**



That It Might Be Fulfilled

By Roby Ellis

Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. (Matthew 5:17–18)

...the voices of the Old Testament prophets, faithful men pointed Israel and Judah back to the God whom they so often abandoned. These servants also sustained the captives and the oppressed during times of trouble, and ultimately they pointed to the one who would deliver them from the eternal consequence of sin—Jesus Christ the Messiah. In Jesus we find the fulfillment of their greatest prophecies.

Jesus fulfilled Scripture throughout His mortal existence.

As the prophets had foretold, the Messiah was heralded by God’s messenger, whom Jesus identified as John (Matt. 11:10; cf. Mal. 3:1; 4:6). When Matthew recounts the events leading up to Christ’s birth, He says, “All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: ‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son’” (vv 22–23a; cf. Isa. 7:14). When Herod asked the scribes where Christ would be born, they directed him to Micah’s prophecy and to Bethlehem (Matt. 2:5–6; cf. Mic. 5:2). Herod’s plans to exterminate the new king were thwarted, however, by God’s omniscience, for another prophecy was fulfilled when Joseph took Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape Herod’s wrath (v 15; cf. Hos. 11:1). When Joseph took them to live in Nazareth, another prophecy was fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene” (v 23; cf. Isa. 11:1–2). Matthew also tells us that when Jesus moved from Nazareth to Capernaum, this was fulfillment of Isaiah’s words (Matt. 4:14–16; cf. Isa. 9:1–2).

Jesus fulfilled Scripture in His teaching.

Instead of publicly proclaiming His identity immediately, Jesus often tried to silence those who would have exposed it (Matt. 8:4; 9:30; 12:16–21; 16:17; cf. Isa. 42:1–4).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Denise Kimbrell: still taking treatments and has been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis; please be praying that with med’s all of this can be controlled

Rosa Melton: her surgery went well to remove cancer from her womb, please be praying that she will make a quick recovery and no more will be found cancer

Kay Dodd: is continuing to take treatments, please continue to pray that this cancer will stay in remission

Barbara Wilkinson: still having problem with infection on her feet, please pray that the medicine she is taking will cure this infection

Charles Gay: last scan showed shrinkage with his brain tumor, attends the Cleveland congregation, please pray for him and his family

Hayden Lackey: is having seizures, please pray that he will receive help for this problem soon

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Vertie Mae York: knee replacement surgery went well, please pray that she can make a quick and full recovery

Mary Box: she has finished taking radiation treatments, please pray that this cancer has been defeated

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Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Carolyn Weatherly: has had another stroke and is in rehab in Muscle Shoals, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Upcoming Events

Today	Country Place {Devotional}	2:00 pm
December 10 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
December 17 th	Holiday Party – {Following Evening Worship}	

[No Fellowship Meal This Month]

Instead of teaching about the kingdom directly, Jesus did so in parables (Matt. 13:14–15), just as the prophets had predicted (Isa. 6:9–10). As the prophets had said, He came with compassion for the sick, both physically (Matt. 8:16–17; cf. Isa. 53:4) and spiritually (Matt. 9:12–13; cf. Hos. 6:6). He brought controversy and division (Matt. 10:34–36; cf. Mic. 7:6), and when He condemned the false teachers of His day, Jesus rebuked them with the words of the prophets (Matt. 15:7–9; cf. Isa. 29:13).

Jesus fulfilled Scripture in His death.

He entered Jerusalem in a humble fashion (on a donkey), but among the praises of the people (Matt. 21:4–5; cf. Zech. 9:9) who shouted, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord” (Matt. 21:9; cf. Ps. 118:25–26). He was abandoned by His disciples, just as Jesus had said when He quoted Zechariah: “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’” (Matt. 26:31; cf. Zech. 13:7). When Judas betrayed Him for thirty pieces of silver but later tried to return the blood money, Matthew tells of the transaction that followed and writes, “Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, ‘And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of Him who was priced, whom they of -the children of Israel priced, and gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord directed me’” (Matt. 27:9–10; cf. Zech. 11:12–13). Even in His death Jesus was fulfilling God’s word.

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Before the Womb and After the Tomb

By Dan Jenkins

There is a political philosophy which advocates that the government should dominate every aspect of one's life from the cradle to the grave. We lived for nearly ten years in New Zealand, and the view there was described by the words, "From the womb to the tomb." Without getting into an evaluation of this philosophy, let me tell you of another program that surpasses these.

Think of how the Bible describes heaven's concern for us which precedes our earliest existence. Paul spoke of this when he affirmed that God "...has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began" (2 Tim. 1:9). Paul also wrote to Titus about the "hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began" (Tit. 1:2). Before time began! That's when His care for us started!

His care for us even precedes the time we were placed in our first cradle. Paul told the Galatians that God "separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace" (Gal. 1:15). And God told Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations" (Jer. 1:5). Some may see these as showing a unique relationship God had with His prophets, but it does show God knows individuals when they are in the womb.

David's words leave little doubt about God's concern for individuals before they are born. "For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb... My frame was not hidden from You, When I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth" (Ps. 139:13,15).

He also cares for us in infancy. "But You are He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust while on My mother's breasts" (Ps. 22:9). He has His angels who watch for every child on this earth (Matt. 18:10).

Space does not allow us to show His presence throughout all of our lives, but He is present! His eyes are over us (1 Peter 3:12) and He never leaves or forsakes us (Heb. 13:5). He is also with us in death (Ps. 23:4).

From womb to the tomb? His care is better than that! He cares for us before the womb and after the tomb! This is not just a philosophy. It is an eternal truth from heaven!

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If You Would Like To Help

Collecting small items: travel size lotion, soap, tissue, socks, etc. for gift bag for Kemp-Meadows, please see Deborah Box

Also taking names for people who would like to receive a gift basket...will be assembling the gift baskets for shut-ins and Kemp-Meadows December 13th after bible study