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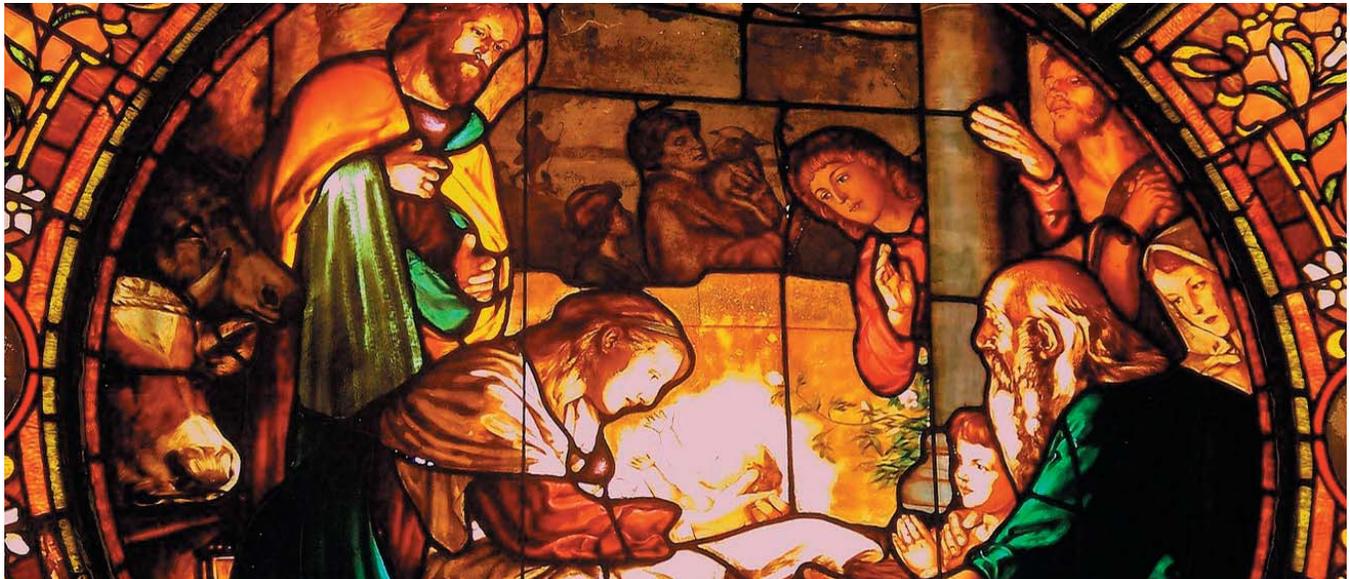
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# The Baby Changed Everything

ROBERT BOOTH



When Arlene and I found out last December that we were going to have a baby, we were thrilled beyond words! We immediately started to plan how the nursery would look and what colors we would choose. We began the process of negotiating names and deciding on how we would tell our family and friends. And that was the first week! Those nine months went by quickly. We experienced so many different emotions including joy and fear.

Kalena Nicole was born on July 29th, and our lives have been changed forever. Our schedules have changed. When we go away, we have to take additional things with us that we never needed before. Additional things are added to the shopping cart. We have to think through things a little differently now than we used to. But we love the changes. Our little girl has brought so much joy into our lives. Every time that she grins at us, we fall deeper in love with her.

Two thousand years ago, there was much sorrow and grief in the world. Judea was controlled by Herod the

Great. As a child, Herod learned from his family how to gain power and how to dominate with power. He had people killed that he didn't like including his wife's grandmother and her brother. He even had three of his own sons killed. Everyone walked around on pins and needles around Herod. The Jews were living under this oppression, living under the fear of death.

Into this fear-filled world, a little baby was born - a baby that changed everything. Yes, His name was Jesus, and He brought hope to the oppressed. The Bible clearly states, "for He shall save His people from their sins."

Two millennia later, you and I live in the midst of despair. As we look over our society, there are times that we are tempted to lose hope, and wring our hands in anguish. But don't lose hope. The birth of the Jesus changed everything! We have the joyous privilege of sharing this message with our communities. Darkness can be turned to light. Despair can be replaced with hope. The baby changed everything. ■

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## GMC Home Missions Department Plants Two New Churches

### Chambersburg, Pennsylvania



**FIRST SERVICE IN CHAMBERSBURG**

Jacob Martin, Stephen and Jeanie Cassidy, and Harry Plank

**E**xcitement was in the air as we arrived to attend the first service. We were not disappointed! Pastor Stephen Cassidy did a great job directing the service and his wife Jeanie is a great blessing to the church. As the Majesty Trio from Penn View was singing and testifying, God's presence settled down and the saints of God rejoiced. All twenty-five in attendance were very aware that the Holy Spirit was welcome in this place. Rev. & Mrs. Harry Plank were with us and Rev. Plank shared a great challenge from God's word to con-

clude the service. We believe good days are ahead for this new church. Let us pray and trust God to do a great work in Chambersburg.

—Jacob Martin, Director of Home Missions

### Danville, Pennsylvania

**W**e've seen God's hand at work in Danville, PA, as Rev. Jacob Martin's prayers have brought to fruition a new church. We've seen that God has preserved an ideal building for us to rent from the local Grange—originally a church, complete with a pulpit, seats, stained-glass windows, and sufficient space for our children's ministry as well as our weekly Sunday morning services. We've seen God supply not only willing, godly workers to help in the church, but also an average attendance from Danville of about 15 in the ten weeks the church has been open. We've seen God begin to draw the children's hearts to Him as Sis. Cara Bunch held a well-attended VBS. We've seen God continue His wonderful, merciful work in the hearts of people as testimonies have been given by those attending, thanking Him for leading them back to church and expressing a desire to know and follow Him.

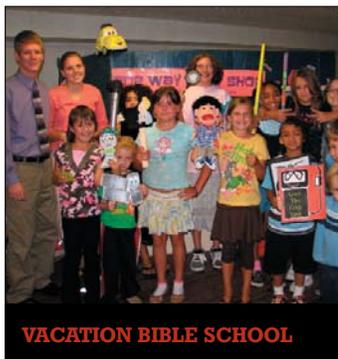
We believe that God is faithful to our generation. We believe that He is faithfully nurturing a sincere, insatiable desire to find Him in the hearts of lost people in Danville. Please pray with us that God will lead us to those hungry people.

—Kenny Miles



**DANVILLE'S PASTOR**

Kenny & Rachel Miles and Christopher



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

### New Arrivals

Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Gregory Hobelman of Graham NC on the birth of Levi Gregory. Levi was Born on July 14.

Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Robert Booth of Lebanon on the birth of Kalena Nicole. Kalena was born on July 29th.



Congratulations to Josh & Jenny Neidermyer of Sunbury on the birth of Jonathan Prescott. Jonathan was born on August 14th.

Congratulations to Rev. & Mrs. Brian Fuller of Duncannon on the birth of Brianna Rose. Brianna was born on September 5th.

Congratulations to Lance & Susanna Shuey of Lebanon on the birth of Evan and Ethan. The twins were born on September 18th.



### Thank You

Treva Walter would like to thank the Standard family for praying for her during her recent sickness. She is doing much better, and the Lord continues to give her strength.

### New Logo

A conference logo was recently commissioned by the conference and is now available for promotional use by local churches. The logo can be downloaded at:



[www.godsmissionarychurch.org/logo/](http://www.godsmissionarychurch.org/logo/)

# TO-DO LIST

for Christmas



## PUT UP THE LIGHTS!

If I lived for the devil, I would decorate my house for Halloween and have devils and witches and cobwebs and tombstones and celebrate death, dying, decay...; but, because I live for Jesus Christ, it is all about life and victory and happiness and joy; and so, this Christmas, I will put up the lights and brighten up the darkness to tell all my neighbors and friends that Jesus is the light of the world and our house is happy to be celebrating the birthday of the King. In fact, I think I will put up more lights than I did last year—just to let people know that, in a time of war, financial ruin, and terror, Jesus still is, just as He always has been, the light of the world!

## MAIL THE CARDS.

Friends are more important to me than ever. Family is so important. I want them to know how much they mean to me, and so I will cheerfully buy the cards and address each one. I will get my family involved in the lengthy process, so thankful that it is lengthy - so thankful that I have so many friends to send cards to. Many worldly people go to the store and buy a box of eighteen and that will do; but not us, we have to save our money and buy many boxes. We have to plan ahead for next year and buy our cards—because God has been so good to put us in the great big family of God! We can't send to absolutely everybody, but we wish we could, because so many people are special to us and to our family.

## SMILE ON PURPOSE.

It seems to be the “in thing” to grumble about how much there is to do around the church and home at Christmas. Everybody grumbles about food to prepare, people to visit, cards to send, events to organize, and people to please. This year, I think I will just let everybody else do the grumbling— and I will smile on purpose. Spreading cheer every-

BY JAMES PLANK



where ought to be the accepted duty of all Christians at Christmas. The world thinks cheer comes by intoxication with alcohol and parties. The Christian's cheer is lasting and true. Joy to the world the Lord is come!

## BUY GIFTS (CHEERFULLY)

The budget is more strained than ever, but I buy every gift I buy because I want to. It is more blessed to give than to receive. The malls and stores will be full of people who will hate every minute of the routine. Clerks and salespeople will meet them all. When they meet me, I hope they will have met someone happy. Because I have people to love, I have gifts to buy.

## TELL THE STORY

No better holiday exists to tell people about Jesus. It is the one time of year that the world sings our song. They have tried to erase Christ from Christmas, but He still lives in songs and decorations and greetings. And, the more they try to erase Him, the more we have opportunity to talk about Him. When they grudgingly say “happy holidays”, it becomes easy to smile and say “and a blessed Christmas to you.” The hurts of life are so magnified, and the season gives a special reason to reach out to the hurting even more. As Christians, we do this all year— but especially now. It is easy to fill our churches and to preach and sing to people who won't listen at any other time. The secularization of the season is tragic; but it has a good side: with the “bigness” of the season, they highlight, without trying to, the real reason for the season. *(continued on page 7)*

The Spirit  
and the  
Heart  
of  
Christmas

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# the Unique Christ *of* CHRISTMAS

WHAT KIND OF CHRISTMAS WOULD WE HAVE  
IF WE HAD ONE PATTERNED AFTER CHRIST?

WOULD IT BE MORE PEACEFUL THAN THE ONE WE  
WILL HAVE? WOULD IT CHANGE THE LIVES OF MEN  
AND NATIONS? WHAT WOULD A CHRISTMAS FILLED  
WITH THE CHRIST'S SPIRIT REALLY BE LIKE?

We have often wondered why men's observance of Christmas is so often paradoxical. Is it because the human heart is ever bent to twist and warp things that are divine? Or, is it because the example of the paradoxical, unique Christ for the moment influences men at such a time? How unique Christ is, how seemingly contradictory. And, how strange are the actions of men on the day that we celebrate as his birth. His uniqueness is brought out

in so many different ways. The prophecy of his birth was contrary to all the laws of life. He was a king, but was born in a stable. How contradictory! All hell was so interested in him that it lent its fiendish ingenuity to destroy him. All heaven was so interested it lent its wisdom and strength to protect Him.

As a child, He instructed astonished instructors, who should have instructed Him. He understood all men, but was the most mis-

understood Man the world ever has seen. He had no land or farms or cattle, and often hungered, but He could at will set a full table for 5,000 men with food to spare. He cried for a drink of water, yet had within him the power to turn water to wine. He had no home of his own, but was in Himself a haven of rest for the weary. His feet never pressed the plush carpets upon floors of the rich, yet He could walk the waves of the sea gracefully. He healed

the wounds of others with no trace or scar, but His own wounds left eternal scars. Death could not exist in his presence, but He could die alone. He could take a three-day journey to the grave of a friend, yet He had few men to follow His bier to the tomb. No crepe hung on a door post for Him, yet God hung black draperies over the sun when he died. He never committed sin, yet died in the sight of God as sin. Nature bowed and trembled before

Him, while men alone rejected Him. His grave was sealed to keep Him in, but corruption could not lay hold of His body. The soil of Golgotha might drink His blood, but the soil He created refused to assimilate His flesh. He was God; but, as He died, He cried, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me!" He was one of earth's poorest, but left the world richer because He had lived. He was unlettered, but yet the wisest of men. He wrote not a line, but millions of books have been written about Him. He built no church house, but is building a church against which even the gates of hell

shall not prevail. He owned no property, but laid down the most perfect laws ever to control the right distribution of property. What a Christ, and what a character!

Can the seeming contradictions of our Christmas be traced to this unique character? For we must admit that men contradict themselves at Christmas as they do not at any other time. Men call to each other "Merry Christmas" through a force of habit, or to pay tribute to custom more than because they are feeling merry or wish others to feel so. They give gifts to show their generosity, but are disappointed if they do not receive a gift in return.

They acknowledge the fact of Christ by celebrating His birth, but deny His identity. They laud His pure life, but trample His principles into the earth. They quote the angelic message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," while they openly reach for each others' throats or secretly devise each others' destruction.

What conflicting and contradictory emotions control men at this time of the year! How different the lives of the individual homes, churches and nations would be if this Christmas our hearts could be controlled by the spirit of the Christ of Christmas, instead of ignoring Him because of His

misunderstood, unique character and activities.

If the Christ of Christmas could only be in our thinking, in our speaking, in our acting, and in our giving this year as a world, it would certainly revolutionize the picture we have of the future. It would not bring the millennium, for only His presence can do that, but it would certainly make this a better world in which to live. We are sure that this is impossible, but we can as individuals have the Christ of Christmas to control our lives in their entirety and thus maintain the Christmas spirit not only one day of the year, but throughout the entire year. ■

#### TO-DO LIST FOR CHRISTMAS—(from page 4)

##### MAKE MEMORIES

We will never have another Christmas just like this one. "Yesterday is gone, tomorrow may never come, but we have this moment today." Modern America has ripped the threads of the family fabric. We bemoan the fast, modern culture. It is all the more reason we should embrace the Christmas opportunity to make church and family memories with a Christ centered reason. I will take time to go look at the lights. I will take time to Christmas carol with my church. I will take time to do things that my children will never forget.

##### FULFILL RESPONSIBILITIES (JOYFULLY)

Heavy responsibilities exist for pastors and laymen in the Christmas season. Programs and caroling and gatherings put extra strain on everyone. I can do my work with a smile or with a frown. At the end of the day, I will be more pleased and God will be more pleased if I chose to do the

hard work with a smile and with joy. I do this work, not for man's approval, but for the service of Christ who is the purpose of the celebration.

##### LOVE PEOPLE

People need love at this time of year and all year through. Seasons highlight the hate and the sin that have wrecked what's right. Christmas is a good reason to show the love of God to people. Neighbors, work associates, church people and family- it doesn't take much talent to love.

Remember: It's not about me.

So many people think that life is all about ME. What I feel like doing. Where I feel like going. What makes ME happy? But it's a sorry way to live- with the big "I" guiding life.

##### REMEMBER: IT'S ABOUT JESUS.

It truly is not about ME; it's about HIM. Jesus is what makes Christmas special. And because Jesus reigns supreme in my life, it is truly Christmas all year long! ■



# The Prince of Poverty

JEREMY FULLER

*“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” – II Corinthians 8:9*

The tale of Robin Hood living in the legendary Sherwood Forest in Nottinghamshire is in many ways the unwritten novel of America’s twenty-first century. Indeed, a strange kind of morality stains those pages of pain and struggle. The hero is a thief! In fact, Robin Hood is the Prince of Thieves.

On the backdrop of tyranny and injustice, stealing is painted as an honorable profession. The literary canvas is smeared with streaks of blood and violence in the name of charity and goodwill. Robin Hood’s band of desperados is “seven score” strong. They are dubiously cast as the champions of the poor class, in spite of the dark shadows hanging all about their crusades against the wealthy and the law. The thoughtful reader is left conscience stricken in search of the real hero!

The divine author of Holy Scripture has breathed many wondrous portraits of the Messiah on the scrolls of inspired literature. One of which is a Prince! He is lauded with very specific titles like the Prince of Peace, the Prince of Life, and the Prince of Kings!

In II Corinthians 8:9 we find another description of the Savior. I call Him the Prince of Poverty! How different the humble Carpenter from Nazareth was from the daring outlaw who made his home in Sherwood Forest. According to this text, Jesus was moved by invincible mercy and unconquerable goodness to become poor. Standing on the pristine portals of Paradise He decided to do something about our spiritual poverty.

Unlike Robin Hood, however, the Redeemer would play by the rules of a Righteous Sovereign!

It was our moral bankruptcy that moved Him to lay aside the regal splendor of divinity for the soiled robe of humanity. He came into our world through the womb of a Jewish virgin named Mary. Born in a barn in Bethlehem! Wrapped in scraps of cloth and laid in a livestock feeding trough. Yes, He became poor!

Surely after more than a decade of laboring in Joseph’s carpenter shop, He had accumulated some degree of measurable wealth. He had no wife and no children to support, but once more He became poor! He traded His modest, but secure vocation for the hardships of an itinerant Evangelist. He paid the price. For by His own testimony He was a homeless pauper, “...The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head” (Matthew 8:20).

On this eighth Christmas of the third millennium I pray that you will...

## Consider the Passion of His Poverty—“yet for your sakes”

Dear Reader, Jesus became poor for you! As you gather around the Christmas tree to exchange gifts with your parents, brothers, and sisters, consider the passion of His poverty. When you read the story, when you sing the carols, when you open your presents,

ponder His passion. Let your soul drink it in! Let your mind cherish the thought! Let your heart melt in His presence for you are His greatest passion!

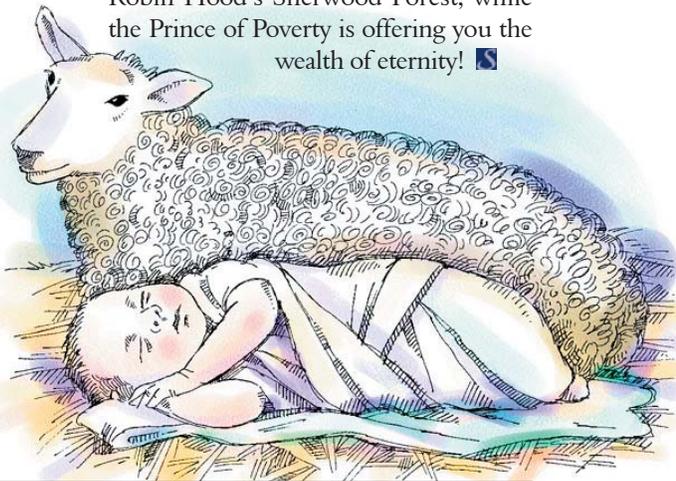
## Calculate the Price of His Poverty—“though he was rich”

Christ’s poverty was an immeasurable poverty. It was a pre-meditated, deliberate poverty. He was rich beyond what time can tell. He left more than finite minds can calculate. He left His Father! He left Heaven! He left Home!

## Comprehend the Purpose of His Poverty—“that ye...might be rich”

Why did He do it? What did the Son of God hope to accomplish? Saint Paul wrote down the answer. He wants you to be rich—rich in character, in conduct, in courtship, in courage, in conversation, in chastity, and in countless other ways that He will show you if you trust Him.

So, don’t be robbed this Christmas! Don’t let the values and standards of the twenty-first century push you into Robin Hood’s Sherwood Forest, while the Prince of Poverty is offering you the wealth of eternity! ■



# The Standard Pulpit

SERMON THOUGHTS FROM GMC MINISTERS PAST AND PRESENT

## The True Meaning of Christmas —*Matthew 1:18–25*

Christmas day is when we celebrate the birth of our king! The birth of Jesus was the best news that ever reached the ears of men and women.

The birth of Christ means several vital things to us. In Christmas we see:

### 1. God Redeeming Man (v.21)

- If we miss the message that God came to redeem man, we have missed the message of Christmas.
- Until sin has been effectively and definitely dealt with in our hearts and lives, we can never realize what Christmas means.
- The mission of our Lord was not primarily social, political, or physical; but it was spiritual.

### 2. God Remembering Man (v.22)

- God had been faithful. There were people who felt that God had forgotten His promises and His people. But God had kept His promises many years since Genesis 3:15. God came to earth on His time, not man's time. Unfortunately, when He came, there were very few that recognized Him. There were few whose hearts were ready to recognize or receive Him.

### 3. God Revealed to Man (v.23)

- Emmanuel = God with us, Isaiah 7:14
- In Christ, God brought to man a perfect revelation of Himself, John 1: 14, 14:9
- He revealed himself to us by:
  - Purity - a babe in the manger
  - Wisdom - at the age of 12, He was teaching at the temple
  - Power - He walked on the water, calmed the wind, turned water to wine
  - Humility - He washed the disciples feet
  - Love - He died for us.
- God visited man in the garden. But sin destroyed the blessed relationship. Now God has returned to restore: 2 Corinthians 5:19.
- Christ did not come to fill a manger and to be surrounded by oxen and donkeys, He came to live in the hearts of men and women and commune with them, Galatians 1:15-16, Matthew 16 **S**



BY BARRY ARNOLD

*Barry Arnold is senior pastor of the Lebanon God's Missionary Church.*

## QUOTES

It is worthy of our consideration that Jesus was born poor. He did not inherit a princely estate. He was not cradled, as many are, in a palace. He had no rich friends. He had virtuous, pious parents, of more value to a child than many riches. —ALBERT BARNES

Here were three ways of treating the news concerning Jesus. Some wondered, and there the matter ended, as, it is to be feared, it ends with many who hear it in these days. Mary weighed all these things in her heart; to her they would be a perpetual source of blessing. The shepherds showed their piety in another manner, for they glorified God by telling the glad tidings to others. Have we not good cause to follow their example? —CHARLES SPURGEON

# H O P E



## WAS BORN WITH JESUS

by H. C. Morrison

**W**hen Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea it was not the coming into existence of a new being; it was the infinite Son of God clothing himself in human form - God manifest in the flesh.

Jesus Christ had existed from the eternities. He said, "Before Abraham was, I am." He speaks of the glory He had with the Father before the world was. But in order that He might reveal God to men He incarnated the eternal Spirit of the Son in the flesh, became visible, and made His dwelling place among men.

The world had never had a proper conception of the Father, nor could it have understood Him had not the Son revealed Him in the flesh. He came, lived among us, suffered with us, taught us how to love and suffer, ate with sinners, forgave them and said, "He that hath seen me, hath seen the Father."

It was through the love, teachings, compassionate mercy, condescension and love of Jesus Christ that man finally got a true conception of God, of His infinite compassion, of the love that stoops to the lowest depths of humiliation and suffering to rescue and lift up fallen humanity.

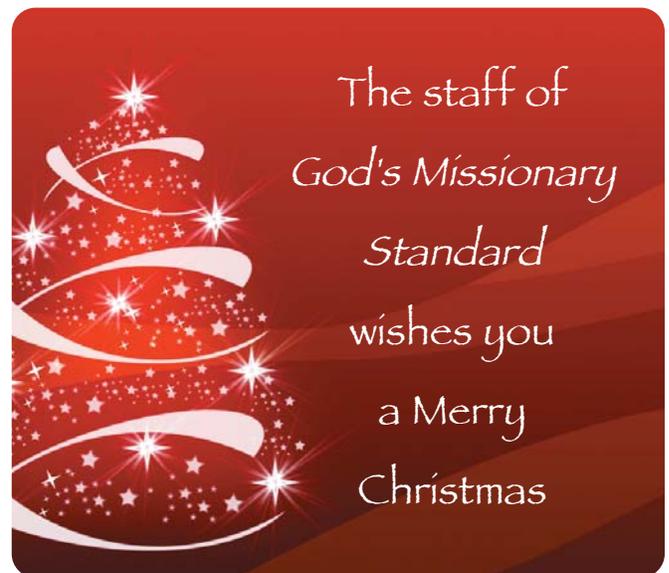
Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He changed his residence from the glories of heaven to the desolations of earth. "Though rich, he became poor, that we through His poverty might be made rich." He came down to us, lived among us, tramped the weary paths of human life, toiled with his infinite hands, tasted the bitter cup of grief, and through these experiences became a high priest who can be touched with the feelings of our infirmities.

God created man, but he had never been a man. He had seen men toil, but he had never calloused his hands with carpenter tools. He had seen men weep, but He had never wept. He had seen men bleed and die, but He had never bled and died. He had seen the millions lie in darkness of the tomb, but He had never spread His omnipotent shoulders on the bottom

of the sepulcher. He determined, in the solution of the sin problem, to come into the world, be a man, live and labor, suffer and die, like a man. He arose out of the tomb like a God and ascended into heaven as our representative and great High Priest. Tempted in every point like as we are tempted, yet without sin, He is able to help those that are tempted!

All hail Christmas time! The birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, the song of angels, the wonder of wise men and devout shepherds, "Joy to the world; the Lord is come." The era of human hope was born with Jesus, and in Him is our hope and joy.

Make Christmas a time of joy and song. Send out presents, cheer the sick, help the poor, visit the imprisoned, wish everyone a glad and merry time! Forgive all who have sinned against you. Rejoice in God, worship Christ, receive the Holy Spirit in greater fullness, and live a higher, holier life. —*selected* ■





# Travel Notes

HARRY F. PLANK

**Aug. 3:** The closing day of Penns Creek camp meeting. We were so thankful that God met with us through out the camp and that the altar was lined with people night after night.

**Aug. 6:** I conducted a pastoral election, which resulted in Rev. Gordon Kincaid being the new pastor for the Coopersburg congregation.

**Aug. 8-17:** I preached at the Elim Grove Camp Meeting at Center Valley, PA. Rev. John Walter has been the very dedicated president of this camp meeting for several years. I trust the Lord will continue to bless Elim Grove camp meeting under the direction of the newly-elected camp president, Rev. Marvin Mosley and Vice President, Rev. Rodney Keister.

**Aug. 25-28:** We attended several services of the traveling Inter-church Holiness Convention.

**Aug. 29-30:** We were honored to have Ronald & Grace Martin and family in our home. They were in the area to attend the beautiful wedding of their niece. Congratulations Martha (Robertson) and Joe David Davolt.

**Sept. 4:** I took my parents to Sayre, PA for an appointment with the specialist concerning Dad's cancer. He was told that there is really nothing they can do to help him and they were surprised that he was not in a lot of pain.

**Sept. 5:** We attended the conference wide Patriotic Youth Rally held in the G. I Straub Tabernacle.

**Sept. 7 & 8:** This morning in our visit to the Kissimmee church, we enjoyed a delightful Sunday School in the main sanctuary. It was shared

by three teachers; Esther Sweitzer, Stanley Fink and George Fink.

We traveled on to the Orlando church for the evening service. Thank you, to Pastor and Mrs. Bickert who entertained us well, and the following day, helped us get in to see the Holy Land Experience at a discounted rate.

**Sept. 9:** We traveled to Auburndale, FL to visit Rev. & Mrs. Donald Hughes. We found them doing fairly well, but not able to get out much.

**Sept. 10:** We visited the Fort Myers Rescue Mission and I preached in the Wednesday evening prayer meeting. There were several encouraging testimonies from the men. Rev. & Mrs. Robert Walker need our prayers, as he has a lot of responsibility with the day-to-day running of the mission and he has a lot of her care, since she is mostly bed-fast.

**Sept. 11:** In the afternoon, I went to visit C. W. Betts at the nursing home (Pinellas Point Nursing & Rehab Center, 5601 31st St. South, room 31, St Petersburg, FL 33712) . I am sure he would love to receive a card from his friends.

**Sept. 13:** The 32nd annual Florida God's Missionary Conference opened at 9:00 a,m, We took part in a communion service before the morning message. The election results in the afternoon were as follows: J. Bates, District & Camp Vice President; M. J. Smalley, District. & Camp secretary; B. Sweitzer, District Treasurer; T. Bickert, Camp treasurer; J. Cancio and J. Gandee advisory members of the Florida District and the Florida camp meeting.

**Sept. 14:** We visited the Seffner church.

**Sept. 15:** We tried to make a hospital visit to Rev. Paul Gagnon, but learned that he had been released the day before. We were able to see him later at his home. We also made a short visit to Bonnie Cleaver. She was very concerned about all her Haitian friends because of the severe hurricane damage.

**Sept. 16:** We enjoyed breakfast with Rachel's sister and our nephew, Raymond, in Jupiter; then eventually headed to the airport for our flight back to Baltimore and on home to Middleburg, arriving about midnight.

**Sept. 18:** I attended a board meeting for the World Mission Department. We discussed our strategy in helping our Haitian people, including the possibility of rebuilding the six churches which were destroyed by the recent hurricanes.

**Sept. 22:** We traveled to Ohio and spent the night in the Cleveland area. We were pleased to know that we stayed across the road from the hotel where Senator John McCain was staying the same night. The next morning we walked over and watched him exit the hotel and enter "The Straight Talk Express" bus.

**Sept. 29:** We traveled home and arrived in time to meet with our children to celebrate my 61st birthday a day late and our granddaughter, Jennifer's 8th birthday a few days early.

**Sept. 30:** Attended a board meeting for the Missionary Youth Crusaders. I was "interrupted" during the board meeting by a phone call from Afghanistan. It was so good to hear the voice of our son Andrew. ■

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*January*  
**15-25, 2009**

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- Saturday, January 24, 10:30 AM—Fort Myers Rescue Mission
- Saturday, January 24, 2:30 PM—GMC World Missions
- Sunday, January 25, 2:30 PM—Penn View Bible Institute

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 The camp is 1/2 mile on right.

**For More Information Call:**

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**Camp Phone:** 813-634-4158

**Camp Address:** 703 Sundance Tr,  
 Wimauma, FL 33598

**Camp Treasurer:** Rev. Barry Sweitzer  
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