



“THE CALL”

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEAVERTON CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

December, 2019

A couple things to share before I start to ramble. First, this is in the church newsletter and the newsletter accepts the ramblings and thoughts of others as well.

Write it up, email it to Peg McKimmy(mckpeg@sbcglobal.net) by the second Sunday of the month and share your thoughts. Secondly, it has been a long time since I have received an "Ask the Pastor" question. I really do appreciate them as they help keep me studying.

Now, Ramblings. We are not far from celebrating the birth of our Savior and that always gets me to pondering. The greatest event in the history of the world! He enters the world as a helpless Baby, announced by angels to a few shepherds who ran to see what had happened. The Savior of the world, a Baby lying in a manger, attended by Mary, Joseph, a few shepherds, and maybe a few animals.

Wouldn't it have been more fitting for His birth to be heralded by angels to all the kings and world leaders that they might bring great gifts and welcome His coming?

The Israelites had anticipated the coming of the Messiah for generations (Isaiah 53:5 and others). They heard the news and rejoiced when Jesus entered Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-38). Here comes the conquering King! They would now be freed from the Roman rule and once again see the glory that was David's kingdom!

They forget that they had been freed before, and enslaved again. Moses led them out Egypt and Egyptian slavery. Gideon led them to victory over the Midianites (Judges 7). So many other times those who oppressed them were conquered, and soon another conquered them.

Jesus Christ did not come to give them victory over the Romans, but over sin and death itself. I Corinthians 15:56-57 *"The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."* Through Him came victory over the source of sin. I John 4:4 *"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."*

Through His humble birth so many years ago those who believe in Him are more than conquerors. Death, sin, and the power of sin has been conquered through faith in Him and nothing can change that!

"...We are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:37-39)

Take some time this Christmas season to ponder the wonder and the scope of what salvation through Jesus Christ really means to you. Share the love, the hope, the peace, and the joy that is ours through the birth of Jesus Christ.

Shalom,
Pastor Bill

Keep the story of Christmas alive all year long!

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6



“GIFT” THE BABY PANTRY



During the month of December you may place your gift of young children’s clothing beneath the Christmas tree in the narthex. All donated items will be taken to the Baby Pantry in Beaverton to help families with youngsters. Monetary gifts may be given to the Women’s Fellowship who will pass on the donations. Boys clothing in sizes 3 to 6-6X is especially appreciated.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

***** **Outreach** cup offerings for September, October, November and December are designated for Heifer, International

***** **Birthday and Anniversary Sunday**, December 1, worship service

***** **Prayer group**, Sunday, Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m.

***** **Birthday party for Jesus**, following worship, Sunday, Dec.15

***** **Vet’s dinner**, Sunday, Dec.15, 6:00 p.m.

***** **Christmas Eve service**, 7:00 p.m.

What are your prayer requests?



gathering of friends

time for instruction

Join Us

prayer for each other

Sunday

December 1

7:00 p.m.

IT'S A BIRTHDAY PARTY!!

FOR JESUS



Please join in a celebration of Jesus' birthday on Sunday, December 15.

Potluck dinner will be held immediately after worship service. Cake and ice cream will be provided.

Gifts and treats will be given to the children. Please bring a friend with you. The more the merrier!!



2020 CALENDARS FOR SALE



Once again calendars are available to purchase. The beautiful scenic calendars are only \$5.00 this year with proceeds going to the youth for camp and National Youth Conference. Calendars are in the narthex with an envelope for your contribution. They're great for gift giving!



Women's Fellowship

Please join us for Bible study at 9:00 each Wednesday and the monthly Fellowship meetings and outings. The women will be traveling to Pride & Country on Thursday, December 5th. Please meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. to carpool to the shops. The next fellowship meeting is Wednesday, December 4th after Bible Study.

All women are welcome.....
a good time to connect, study, pray.....and laugh!



“And if you give yourself to the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then your light will rise in darkness and your gloom will become like midday. And the Lord will continually guide you, and satisfy your desire in scorched places, and give strength to your bones; and you will be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.” **Isaiah 58:10-11**



FUNERAL DINNERS—a ministry of this church.

Any one of these ladies or Pastor Bill may be contacted when there is a need.

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