

The Question
That Hangs Above You This
Christmas

None of us chose to be born. But when Christ was born he came willingly. If it was a military operation, it would have been called a "suicide mission." It was. But his own life wasn't the focus. He loved us more than his own life. He said Yes to the most ambitious rescue mission of all time.

It began in a manger. It seemed to end on the cross, but didn't. His death was followed by new life, resurrection, and the start of his church. The real end will come when he returns again to close out time and history. For now, there is *a rare and beautiful chance*.

This Christmas the largest question of your life hangs above you, waits to be answered. Christ is waiting for you to say Yes to him. Postponed, your chance dies and falls under the avalanche of all the "stuff" we'd hoped to get to someday but never did.

But **Yes?** Yes to Christ, opens the door. It's a narrow door but you can get through if you will bow down to go through it. Once through you have to walk a narrow path but you can walk it. Because you will be walking it with Jesus. Your life will become like a well-watered garden that nourishes others even as it blesses you.

It's not a gimmick; it's the gospel truth. The message of the cross is here waiting for you to answer Yes. While you listen and while you read, we pray and we plead. Come to him. He was born in a manger, walked this earth, died on a cross, rose to life, and he's coming back. Come to him. Say Yes.

Mark

Gingerbread Houses: will be made **TODAY**, after Worship Service, downstairs. Questions? See Debbie

Youth Group: **TODAY**, Make and Help with Gingerbread Houses. AND PLEASE stay after to help the Powers with the big clean up. ***There will be an award for the most original house made by a teen!***

Youth Group: **Saturday, 12/12- Cookie Baking & Kresson View Collection @ the McEntire's, 7pm-9pm.** Come hang out at the McEntire's! We will be making holiday cookies to give & eat as well as collecting small gifts to give to the seniors at Kresson View Center. More info on the gift needs & a sign-up sheet for cookie ingredients to follow.

Haircuts for Missions: December 12th.

Our Church Christmas Party December 13th, 6:00 PM: There **IS a sign-up sheet for you to be part of the Talent Show** and a sign-up sheet to **bring food**. Hospitality Team #2 will be serving and cleaning-up.

KFC grades 1-5, Dec. 13th ! Our next get-together is scheduled for **Sunday, December 13th from 1-4**. We will meet for pizza at the Francoeur's followed by a holiday concert at the Mount Laurel Public Library. Admission to the concert is free!
Please text Laura at 413-210-6944 if your child can attend.

Winterfest 2016 for the Youth Group: Please **sign-up** if you are going to Winterfest, Feb. 19th – 21st. We need **a final head count** by Dec. 31st. There is a sign-up sheet on the Teen bulletin board. See Nawana with questions.

The Camden Church of Christ: cordially invites you to the Installation of their Minister, Kenneth Spence on December 13th. See the bulletin board for details.

A Bridal Shower for Melissa Hogan Dec 20th

As you may remember, Melissa Hogan is engaged and we want to give her a Shower. Please let Pam Goen know if you will be attending.

The Children’s Church Teaching Schedule: is on the back of the “Worship Participant’s List” given out with the calendar last week. There are more in the slots in the foyer.

Please Be Kind Enough to Police Your Area:
before you leave the Auditorium on Sunday morning.
Thank you, The Janitor

Today’s Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Cook
Welcome & Scripture: Carl Smith (Psalm 136:1-9)
Opening Prayer: Tim Jones
Lord’s Supper: Nelson, Kevin Finn, Henry Duncan, Ben Churchill
Scripture Before Message: Jonathan Powers (Rev. 1:12-18)
Announcements & Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Update on Our “Thanksgiving Catch-Up” Special Collection: What a blessing it is to give! Praise God! Our final figure as of THIS week is **\$34,094!**

Nursery: Norma & Brenda Next Week- Hoa & Fay
Green Cleaning Team: Dec. 9-12 **Hardee** Coordinates

<u>OUTREACH/MINISTRY</u>	Worship 140
Mark Finn – Preacher	Bible Class
Church Office- (856) 854-0197	Wed.PM.....
<u>ELDERS:</u>	
Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876	
Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276	
Bret Goen (856) 996-5267	
Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179	Contribution \$2,880
Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969	Budget Goal \$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 28

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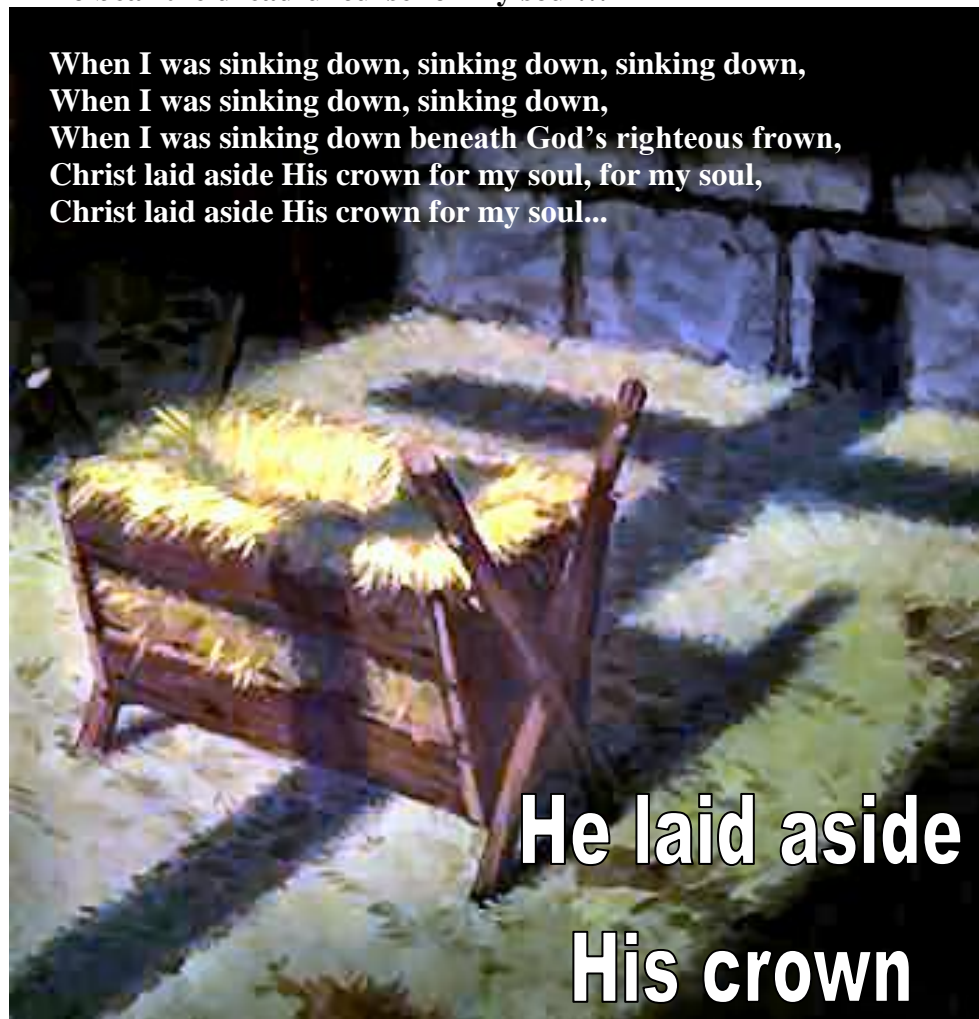
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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul...

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul...



**He laid aside
His crown**