

Happy Birth-Night, Jesus

CHRIST WAS BORN to a family scrambling to comply with government orders. Struggling to meet the dictates of the Roman census, a full-term pregnant Mary had been bounced along the rough roads to Bethlehem. Road trips usually take longer than expected and perhaps Joseph insisted Mary take rest stops along the way. Arriving late, this poor family without options were shut out of any decent shelter.

That night God was born. Eternal life became human life. He would live 33 years, trading in his perfect life so you could have eternal life. That birth-night an anonymous couple held the fate the human race in their trembling hands. His rough life began with his exhausted parents laying him in a feeding trough for animals. This is how Jesus was born.

We can guess that as soon as he could, Joseph lined up and registered his family with the Roman government. On a long forgotten official document lost to history, were the routine orderly scribbles of a scribe noting their existence. ***“Under the authority of Caesar Augustus, in the governorship of Quirinius of Syria, town of Bethlehem...”*** you would scan down, down the long list, line after line, until finally, ***“Joseph and Mary of Nazareth of the house and lineage of David... Children: 1... Name: Jesus.”*** Unremarkable. Bureaucratically boring. Officially registered in black-and-white on some government record, now turned to dust. Same for the great Caesar: dust. And Quirinius, and the census-taker, and the government scribe, and even the mighty Roman Empire: dust, dust, and dust.

What lives? The child of that ignored, insignificant couple named Jesus. He lived, died for our sins, was bodily resurrected, ascended to the Father, sits at the right hand of God, and will return a second and final time to close out history, and redeem his people.

Mighty Rome is dead. The Weakness of God lives. So will each man and woman who give their lives to him.

Mark

We Are Serving Breakfast To the Homeless TOMORROW at “New Visions”, Monday, May 16th. 9:00AM – 11:00AM. ***Isn't it about time you came and helped out?*** See Brenda Collier to find out how you can help. Location: New Visions, 555 Atlantic Ave, Camden, NJ.

Our Camp Manatawny Church Retreat is NEXT weekend, ***May 20-22.***

Save the Date: Bridal Shower for Elisha Wall is June 4th, Saturday, 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

Hannah is Performing in “Cinderella” at the Baptist Regional School. See the bulletin board for information. Youth Group is going on May 27th.

Cathedral Kitchen: We will be serving 3:30-5:30, May 24th. See Vivian for details.

Fellowship Meal “COOKOUT” May 29th, 12:00 Noon: Our FIRST cookout of SPRING will be right here in our Fellowship Hall. **Hospitality Team 2 will be in charge** of serving and cleaning-up. Everyone is encouraged to bring picnic-type foods. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Josh Henderson (Psalm 3)

Opening Prayer: Scott Schoener

Lord's Supper: Rick, Darren, Carl Smith, Thanh Ly

Scripture Before Message: Jess Nitla (Rev. 21:1-5)

Announcements & Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

When You Buy Your Groceries Remember the Church Food Pantry Needs RE-Stocking: Many people come to us needing non-perishable foods. **Right now we are very low** on cans of Chunky-soup, Spam, Tuna, low-sodium canned goods, powdered milk, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Cereal, Oatmeal, Breakfast-bars, and other non-perishables.

300 White Horse Pike
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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)



Play
Trip

Fay and "Prince Carl"

Nursery:

Chris Ann & Elaine Next Week: Marguerite & Hannah

Pink Cleaning Team: May 18-21. **Howard & Donna** coordinate

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher
Church Office- (856) 854-0197

Worship 151
Bible Class 85
Wed. PM......51

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Contribution **\$4,169**
Budget Goal.....\$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 36
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Father-Son Campout

