

News Of The Churches

THE BABY THAT NEVER GREW UP!

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Dallas, Trucksville, Free Methodist Church

CHRISTMAS 1956. As this happy holiday season carols in upon the world once again, men's minds are crowded or clouded as never before with the stupendous, mystifying facts of the past twelve months. In the words of Thomas Paine, "These are the times that try men's souls."

"What", asks the inquiring mind, "does a baby, shivering in a manger, some nineteen hundred and sixty years ago have to do with these days' disturbances?" The answer is, "Precisely none at all, if the manger story ends in the stable!"

A beautiful story about a helpless baby in a stable with wise men peering over the shoulders of humble shepherders, pulls at the heart strings, it causes women to weep, and men to lose control of their chins, but this reaction has little effect upon man and his problems.

The Christmas story is not completely told in the little town of Bethlehem. The Christmas story is completed in the mature life and death of the God-man Jesus Christ, who said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

One of the most pathetic sights on the face of the earth is a child who never grew up, who is still in his cradle after ten or fifteen years of life.

Jesus Christ came into the world, not to remain an infant but to grow up and to confront men as God. Yet, at Christmas, everyone makes a sentimental response to the baby Jesus, but few make a moral response to the man, Christ Jesus.

The Christmas story effects today's problems only if it is allowed to point man to his relationship to the God who is all in all and who was in "Christ reconciling the world to himself."

DALLAS FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Grove Armstrong

Friday, December 21, 8 p. m., Sunday School Christmas program.

Saturday, 7 p. m., Married Couples Christmas night.

Sunday, Sunday School, 10 a. m. Worship Service, 11:15 a. m. Evening Evangelistic Hour, 8. Fred Mintzer will preach.

Wednesday, December 26, 8. Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Romans, Chapter 9.

TRUCKSVILLE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Grove Armstrong

Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9:15 a. m. Worship Service, 10:15 a. m. F. M. Y. Service, 6:45 a. m. Evening Evangelistic Hour, 7:30, pastor preaching. Caroling, 8:15. Refreshments, 10:15.

Thursday, December 27, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study. Romans, Chapter 9.

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN

Rev. Frederic H. Eidam, Pastor

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Sunday School with Christmas Festival of the Nursery and Primary Divisions.

11 a. m., the Service with music by the Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Alfred Boysen.

7 p. m., Luther League.

8 p. m., Luther League will go carolling.

Monday, 10:30 p. m., the Traditional Candlelight Service and the Administration of the Lord's Supper.

At the service last Sunday, memorial windows to Sallie Kitchin Wagner and Anna S. Heidere were dedicated by Pastor Eidam. The

Wagner memorial was given by Mrs. Wagner's children, Charles W. Wagner and Dorothy A. Wagner. The Heidere memorial was given by the Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

SHAVERTOWN METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend Robert DeWitt Yost

Sunday: 9:45, Church School with classes for all ages.

11: Nursery during Church for pre-school children.

11: Morning Worship Service—Christmas Sermon—Christmas music by the quartet and all choirs.

4: Church School Christmas program.

6:30: Christmas Caroling in community by M. Y. F.

Monday, 11 p. m.: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, with Sacrament of Holy Communion.

A welcome is extended to all services of the church.

DALLAS METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Russell Lawry, Pastor

A Nativity Scene Pageant will be presented in the social room of the church at 9:30 Sunday morning. A large birthday cake in honor of Christ's birthday and the presenting of gifts of money to be sent to the Children's Home.

Divine Worship at 11. "A Savior is Born." Special music by the Senior, Descant and Carol Choirs.

Sunday afternoon the Couple's Club will hold its Christmas party in the church social room from 4 to 6.

Sunday night the M. Y. F. will meet at 6:30.

Monday: Christmas Eve Communion Service in the sanctuary at 8. Anyone is cordially invited and welcome.

Wednesday: Descant Choir rehearsal at 6:45. Senior Choir rehearsal at 8.

Thursday: Boy Scouts will meet at 7:30. Nine of our members will

participate in the Nativity Scene in Kingston.

PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH

Rev. William McClelland, Jr.

Sunday, December 23, 8 a. m., Holy Communion. 10 a. m., Morning Prayer and Sermon. 10:45 a. m., Church School. 11:45 a. m., Church School and Christmas observance.

Christmas Eve, 11 p. m., Holy Communion and Sermon.

Christmas Day, 9:30 a. m., Holy Communion.

HUNTSVILLE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. C. H. Frick, Pastor

Morning Worship, 9:30.

Church School, 10:30.

Church School hour will be devoted to the children's Christmas service.

Thursday night, 6:30, the congregation will attend the annual meeting. Brief reports of organization will be read and a program will be presented.

OUTLET FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. M. W. Sweezy

10:00, Sunday School.

11:00, Worship Service.

7:15, F. M. Youth.

7:45, Evening Service.

These services will have special Christmas emphasis.

Annual Christmas program, December 21, 7:45.

SHAVERTOWN BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. R. W. Edmondson

Sunday: 10 a. m., Sunday School, classes for all ages. 10:45, Morning Worship. 7:45 p. m., the Sunday School group will present the Christmas program.

Wednesday: 7 p. m., rehearsal for Christmas program.

Thursday: 7:45 p. m., Mid-week Prayer and Praise Service.

Saturday: 7 p. m., final rehearsal for Children's program.

ALDERSON-NOXEN CHARGE

Rev. Ruth Underwood

"A King Is Born," the Christmas pageant, will be presented by the Alderson-Noxen Youth Fellowship Choir in the Noxen Methodist Church Sunday evening at 5:30. The pageant is directed by Mrs. Fred Swanson with Mrs. Warren Montross organist.

Musical numbers are: Chorus, "How Marvelous the Story" by the choir; Solo, "Comfort Ye My People," Joyce Shalata; Chorus, "Rejoice in the Promise," choir; Chorus of Women, "Starlight," Solo and Chorus, "In Bethlehem of Judea," Male Chorus, "The Christ Has Come," Solo, "Sleep My Little Jesus," Chorus, "Lord of the Lawly," Choir; Solo, "The Birthplace of a King," Joyce Dymond; Chorus, "Come Ye," Duet, "He Cometh," Chorus, "A King is Born," Choir; Chorus, "Joy to the World."

Christmas programs: Kunkle Sunday School, Sunday morning at 10.

Ruggles Sunday School tonight at 7:30 in the church;

Alderson, 7:30 p. m., tomorrow.

Noxen Sunday School, Tuesday evening at 6 in the church.

A program of special music will be given in the Kunkle Church Sunday evening at 7:30. The opening number will be "The Coronation March," by Dorothy Dodson, organ; William Thomas, clarinet; Ken Cosgrove, baritone euphonium; Howard Cosgrove, violin. "The Hope of the World" will be sung by the Church Choir. Mrs. Clair LaBar will sing "Gesu Bambino," with violin obligato by Howard Cosgrove. The Choir will sing "The Song of Christmas," Robert Bachman will sing "The Holy City," accompanied by the ensemble. The Euphonium solo, "The Flight of Ages" will be given by Ken Cosgrove, accompanied by the ensemble. Howard Cosgrove is director of Kunkle Church Choir, Mrs. Fred Dodson organist.

During the Sunday evening service a number of children will be presented for baptism.

Church services with the pastor preaching, and Sunday School will be held in the other churches of the Alderson-Noxen Charge on Sunday:

Ruggles Church, 8:45 a. m., Sunday School, 10 a. m. Alderson Church, 11:15 a. m., Sunday School, 10:15 a. m. Noxen Church, 10 a. m.; Sunday School, 11 a. m.

OAKDALE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Oscar Saxe, Pastor

The annual children's program is scheduled for Sunday night at 7.

A welcome is extended to everybody by the Sunday School superintendent, Edgar Whitesell, and the minister.

BEAUMONT BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. Truman Reeves

Activities of the week:

Wednesday, 7:30, Mid-week prayer service.

Sunday, 10:00, Sunday School.

6:30, Young People's meeting. 7:30, Evening Worship Services.

Monday, December 24, 7:30, Children's Christmas Program.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Bowmans Creek

H. J. Deats, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11:00; Praise Service, 7:00 p. m.; Evangelistic Service, 7:45 p. m.

Rev. Lewis Payne, Superintendent of the Wilkes-Barre District will be with us this weekend. He will preach in the Friday evening service, also Sunday morning and evening. The morning service will be followed by Communion of the Lord's Supper.

Gets Four-Point Buck

Gerald Brunges, Claude Street, hunting at Mooretown with his father, Walter Brunges, brought down a four-point 150-pound deer.

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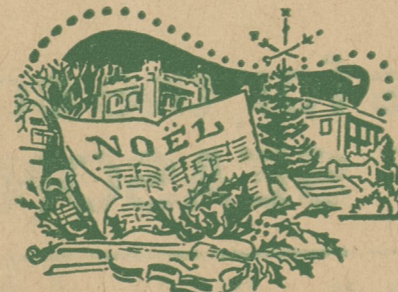
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