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North Street Christian Church

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# North Street News

Welcome to North Street Christian Church and thanks for joining with us today. North Street Christian Church is a Bible kind of church and we strive to be a Jesus kind of people. We value prayer first in all things, holding high the Word of God in our teaching and preaching, living sincerely and loving genuinely. As the Word says, "let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith . . ." (Hebrews 12:1b,2a) Let us worship the Lord together, today!

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SUNDAY, DEC 29

9:30 Fellowship in Dining Room

10:15 Gathering for Worship

MONDAY, DEC 30

7:00 Freedom

4:30 Worship Rehearsal

TUESDAY, DEC 31

New Year's Eve

Office Closes at Noon

WEDNESDAY, JAN 1

New Year's Day

Office Closed

THURSDAY, JAN 2

FRIDAY, JAN 3

SATURDAY, JAN 4

## NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH TODAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

The menu is all new for today – the Sunday after Christmas, a fifth Sunday! Come to the Dining Room at 9:30 and share in some fun fellowship and enjoy some coffee and donuts and other morning goodies. About 10:07 or so, drift on up to the auditorium. Worship will begin at 10:15 being led by the Klutiny Crew. Jake will be preaching the final message of our Experiencing Christmas series – Experiencing God's Love taken from John 1:1-14. Chapel Hour and Sunday School will not be held today. Let us worship the Lord with gladness and in spirit and truth.

## Offering Envelopes for 2014

The offering envelopes for 2014 are available for pick up on the table in the narthex. The envelopes are not numbered, so you can take the box of your choice. It is helpful for our record keeping if envelopes are used whether giving by cash or check. Electronic giving is also possible at NSCC. Please contact our treasurer, John McIntyre to fill out the needed form if you are interested in giving electronically.

## READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

Pick up a free copy of READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR booklet. The booklets are found on the table at the rear of the auditorium and at the Welcome Desk in the Sunday School annex. You can get started on Wednesday and by reading a few chapters a day you will have read the complete Bible by this time next year! It fun and fulfilling – give it a try!

## NSCC Office Hours

Our regular church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:30 – 4:00. We are closed on Fridays. This week, in observance of the New Year's Holiday, the office will be open on Monday, Tuesday until noon, and on Thursday. We will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, which of course is New Year's Day. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

## Serving Today

### Gathering at 9:30

Fellowship in the Dining Room

### The Gathering at 10:15

#### Communion Preparation:

The Huber's

**Greeter:**

The Convery's

**Nursery:**

Kathy Twerdok & Joan Cole

### Children's Church:

During The Gathering at 10:15

Room 303-305

Ages 4yrs - 2nd Grade

## Christmas Poinsettias

The three live poinsettias at the front of the church were given as follows:



Given by

Vivian Kalberer in memory of loved ones.

Given by

Vivian Kalberer in memory of loved ones.

Given by

Carl and Irene

Divers in

memory of loved ones.



## Wednesday Night Youth and Thursday Night YAG Dates to Remember!

2014 is *almost* here! Let's continue to grow together as we study Gods Word throughout this New Year.

Here are some upcoming dates to keep in mind:

JANUARY 24th – Bowling Night

--- Where: Meridian Lanes Bowling Alley

--- When 9-11 P.M. (8:50 show up)

--- Cost – Nothing, **FREE** come have Fun!!!

FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> – Lock In

--- Where: BUTLER Y.M.C.A

--- When – 11:00 P.M. – 5:00 A.M.

--- Cost --- \$8 Per Person (this covers everything)

Swimming (bring modest bathing suit), Basketball, Rec Room,

Dodge ball, Volleyball, Tons of Food, Friends.

Don't miss this!!!



## Offering Report

General \$ 4,400.38

Designated \$ 1,965.00

Total \$ 6,365.38

Building Fund Total

\$ 213,553.00

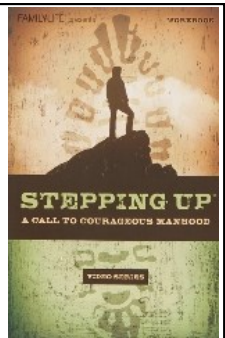
## Library News:

For Men: STEPPING UP "A Call to Courageous Manhood"

Family Life Wove together expert teaching, engaging stories and real life testimonies to help men fully experience God's design for manhood in a 4 hour video event. This resource can be used as a group or individually.

Contact Sherry Singer if you are interested at 724-482-2802.

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthian's 16:13



## **Christmas Bible Quiz: 20 Good Questions**

How well do you think you know the Christmas story? Here are some Christmas Bible quiz questions for you to think about. Many of these are basic knowledge questions, but some of them will make you dig to see if my answer really is right.

### **Joseph and Mary**

1. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
2. True or False: Mary and Joseph went to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus because they were following a star.
3. What form of transportation did Mary and Joseph use to get to Bethlehem? The answer is not a taxi cab.

### **Jesus**

4. Which Old Testament prophet had the most to say about the birth of Christ?
5. In the accounts announcing the birth of Christ (Matthew 1 and Luke 1 and 2) how many times did an angel or angels appear?
6. Who told Joseph the baby's name was to be Jesus?
7. Can you list 5 names of Jesus found in the Bible? Some on my list are from Old Testament prophecies.
8. What are the meanings of the names Jesus and Emmanuel?

### **Shepherds and Wise Men**

9. The shepherds and the wise men went to see Jesus. Which group followed a star and which group went to find the baby because an angel told them where to look?
10. What did the angels sing to the shepherds?
11. When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?
12. How many wise men or kings or magi came to see Jesus?
13. Matthew 2:8 says that Herod asked the wise men to inform him where the baby Jesus was. Why does this verse say he wanted to know?
14. How old was Jesus when the wise men found him?
15. What are the three gifts which are mentioned being given by the wise men?
16. Which emperor ordered all the young children be killed?
17. What animals does the Bible say were present at the birth of Jesus?
18. What was the name of the unkind innkeeper who would not allow the pregnant Mary to lodge in his inn?
19. What is the name of the priest who was told he would not die until he saw the Savior?
20. Two of the four Gospels do not mention the birth of Christ. Which two?

by David Peach

## **Answers:**

1. Caesar Augustus. He ordered the people to go back to the city of their forefathers. Joseph's family was from Bethlehem. Luke 2:1.
2. False. As in the previous answer, they went not because an angel told them or because a star led them. They were obedient to the established governmental authority.
3. The Bible does not say how they went from Galilee to Bethlehem. It was an 80 mile trip for them. It is likely that they rode some type of animal, but the Bible gives no details. It is commonly depicted that Mary rode a donkey while Joseph walked along side. But that is simply an artistic depiction. We don't really know.
4. The book of Isaiah has much to say about the birth of the Savior. If you have ever heard the oratorio by George Handel called The Messiah, you have heard many direct quotes from the book of Isaiah concerning the birth of Christ.
5. At least 3 angelic announcements for the birth of Christ and 1 for the birth of John. For Christ an angel appeared before Mary and Joseph individually and a multitude of angels spoke to the shepherds. For John's birth announcement in Luke 1 Gabriel appeared before John's father to announce the birth of John the Baptist. Matthew 1:20-24; Luke 1:11-20; Luke 1:26-38; Luke 2:9-15.
6. An angel in Matthew 1:21. The Bible does not say that this was Gabriel; however, it is assumed to be him since he was the one specifically mentioned as the messenger to Mary and Zacharias in Luke 1.
7. Jesus, Emmanuel, the Christ, Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21, 23.
8. Jesus means Savior and Emmanuel means God with us. Jesus is the same name as the Old Testament name Joshua which also means Savior. Matthew 1:21, 23.
9. The shepherds followed the instructions of the angels in Luke 2:9-15. The wise men followed the star to find the place where Jesus was. Matthew 2:1, 2.
10. Technically angels are never said to "sing" in the Bible. Each time they appear they only speak. However, to answer the question, the angels praised God with these words: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.
11. A baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. Luke 2:12.
12. The Bible does not say how many wise men there were. Tradition says there were three because of the three gifts. There are even names given to the three wise men in different countries and cultures, but we don't really know their names. It is also very likely there were many more than just three.
13. So that he could worship the child. But we know that his intentions were far from worship. Matthew 2:11-18.
14. It is certain that Jesus was somewhere between a month old and a couple of years old. The wise men saw His star at his birth and began following it. If the journey was 500 miles from Persia and Mesopotamia (around modern day Iraq) then it would have taken at least a month. By the time they arrived Jesus and His family had moved into a house. Later in the story Herod ordered all the children aged 2 years and younger to be killed. Therefore, Jesus was at least a month old and not yet 2 years old. Matthew 2:9-18.
15. Gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11.
16. This was Herod. He ordered all the children in Bethlehem and the outlying areas who were 2 years old and younger to be killed. However, Jesus and His family had already moved to Egypt (Matthew 2:13).
17. In the New Testament accounts of Christ's birth there is no mention of any animals. However, Isaiah 1:3 could be a prophecy talking about at least a donkey seeing the crib of his Master (God). It could allude to the fact that an ox was there too. If a bunch of shepherds were there, one would assume sheep would have been present. But there is no definite list of animals mentioned in the Bible.
18. The Bible does not say. Nor does it even say that they were inhospitably turned away from an inn. It just says there was not room in the inn at Bethlehem. There may have been many hundreds of people camping in the streets and countryside during the mandatory census. Luke 2:7.
19. Simeon. Luke 2:25, 26.
20. Neither Mark or John tell the story of the birth of Christ.

I know some of these answers were tricky. However, I hope they caused you to think. In fact, one of the answers is based on a very educated guess and may not be completely true. I challenge you to figure out which one that is and come up with a better answer ☺