Sermon Notes: Good News for Ordinary People

Introduction

Point One: God Meets Ordinary People Where They Are (Luke 2:8)

Point Two: God Speaks Good News to Ordinary People (Luke 2:9-12)

Point Three: God Gives Ordinary People a Glimpse of His Glory (Luke 2:13-14)

Point Four: The Good News Demands a Response (Luke 2:15-20)

Conclusion (John 1:11-14)

The Messenger

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Loving God / Loving People

The Lord's Day, December 21, 2025

Order of Worship

Greeting: Dan Strope
Scripture Reading: Clinton Nalley (Luke 2:8-14)
Worship Leader: Lonnie Hewitt
Communion: Rick Lowe
Sermon: Ronnie Hewitt
(Good News for Ordinary People)
Announcements / Prayer: Ed Tichenor

During Sermon

Nursery: Hanna Redden (Sub: Rhonda Denzio)
Pre-K & K: Gina Sowder & Edie Short
1st-3rd Grade Bible Hour: Rachel Hewitt

Schedule of Services

Bible Studies: Sunday 9:30am & 5:00pm / Wednesday 7pm
Worship: Sunday 10:30am

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Welcome

Thank you for being with us today. May you find your time here to be a source of renewal, hope, and belonging.

Recent Prayer Requests

Cindy Davis is recovering from reconstructive surgery. Everything went well. However, she is experiencing some pain.
Ashton Hewitt will be having knee surgery on Tuesday.
Virginia Short had to have a pacemaker and is in University Heights Rehab, room 811.
Lavana Tichenor had an upper endoscopy and was diagnosed with an ulcer.
Gayle Stephens received good news. Due to receiving radiation treatments, her tumor is shrinking.
Tammy Bartels, Amy Wiwczaroski's sister, has had an MRI due to a mass found in her breast. She will be having a biopsy. They are concerned about the irregularity and shape of it.

Long Term Concerns

Gavin Brooks (son of Keith Huesman's friend, heart issues), **Juanita Brunnemer** (shut-in), **Susie Crecelous** (GayLee's friend, bone cancer & lupus), **Eddie Culin** (Wiwczaroski's friend, cancer), **Karen DeFord** (hip deterioration), **Tonya Dowell** (several health issues, undergoing tests), **Nancy Duncan** (Rodney Dowell's sister, needs kidney transplant), **Pam Dowty** (Ronnie Sutton's sister, Parkinson's), **Robert Ewing** (GayLee's nephew, bone & liver cancer), **Gloria** (friend of Hagan's, kidney & heart issues), **Moe Handy** (shut-in), **Rex Hembree** (Della's brother, lung issues), **Angie Hewitt** (looking for employment), **Jamie Jones** (Hagan's nephew, coronary artery bypass & kidney transplant list), **Martin Julian** (shut-in), **Neil Kent** (David's brother, lung cancer), **Pam Lasiter** (Lougene's daughter, ongoing health issues), **Sharon Lasiter** (hospice), **Lynn** (aunt of Lonnie & Sonya's daughter-in-law, breast & spine cancer), **Clayton Marrott** (intestinal issues), **Pat Martin** (Amy Wiwczaroski's dad, Parkinson's, testing upcoming), **Leah Raker** (Kent's great-granddaughter, Rett syndrome), **Anthony Ross** (Gay Logsdon's nephew, dialysis), **Heather Schmidt** (Amy Wiwczaroski's cousin, chemo), **Tim Scott** (Cindy Strope's brother, palsy), **Benny Stephens** (oxygen), **Gayle Stephens** (cancer), **Vonnie Stonebraker** (Sowder's neighbor, palliative care), **GayLee Sutton** (wet macular degeneration, clinical trial), **Blanche Taylor** (shut-in), **Delbert Vibbert** (Lougene's nephew, COPD), **Mary Walton** (Regina Anderson's mom, shut-in), **Tiffany Waskom** (Crystal Miller's co-worker, immunotherapy for cancer), **John West** (Dawn Elliott's friend, cancer), **Wanda Weaver** (kidney disease & lupus), **Heather Wiwczaroski** (Eric's sister-in-law, recovering from spine surgery), **Jimmy Wooten** (Lougene's son, Parkinson's); **Kevin & Mary Wooten** (Lougene's son & daughter-in-law, Kevin - Cardiac Amyloidosis, chemo; Mary - Alzheimer's), **Mary Zarecor** (Davis's niece, experiencing low blood count, undergoing tests).

How do I become a Christian?
Hear the Word (Romans 10:17) / Believe the Word (John 20:31, Acts 16:31) / Repent of your sins (Luke 13:5, 15:7) / Confess Jesus to others (Matthew 10:32-33) / Be Baptized in the name of Jesus for salvation (1Peter 3:21, Romans 6:4-5, Acts 2:37-38)

Upcoming Events

Celebrations This Week

Birthday
None to Report

Anniversary
27th Cliff & Inez Dailey (62yrs)

Calendar Update

Please make note: There will be no Men's Prayer Breakfast this month. We will start it up again on Saturday, January 24th.

Financial Peace University

The next Financial Peace class will begin Monday, January 19th and will run for 9 weeks. For more information, please contact Eric or Amy Wiwczaroski.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Due to Wednesday being Christmas Eve, our regular Bible study will be cancelled. We wish you all a Merry Christmas.

Whenever we have inclement weather and you are wondering if we are having services, please check your email, our Facebook page, or WTHR TV. We just encourage everyone to be safe.

Cleaning Crew
December 21-27 (Team 4)

Finance Record

2025 Budget: $178,787.94 Weekly Budget: $3,438.23
Last Week's Offering: $85.00

Attendance

Sunday: AM Bible Study (0); Worship (0); PM Bible Study (0)

Daily Bible Reading Plan

Sunday, December 21	James 1-5
Monday, December 22	1Peter 1-5
Tuesday, December 23	2Peter 1-3
Wednesday, December 24	1Jonn 1-5
Thursday, December 25	2&3 John
Friday, December 26	Revelation 1-3
Saturday, December 27	Revelation 4-8

Faith Applied: Where Scripture Meets Everyday Life

"The Birth of Jesus"

"*Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all the people were on their way to register for the census, each to his own city. Now Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was betrothed to him, and was pregnant. While they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock at night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood near them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. And so the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army of angels praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace among people with whom He is pleased.'*" (Luke 2:1-14, NASB)

The birth of Jesus stands as the turning point of human history—God stepping into our world, not with fanfare or force, but with humility, tenderness, and purpose. In Bethlehem, in a manger meant for animals, the eternal Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. Heaven touched earth in the most unexpected way.

It's amazing that God chose to announce the greatest news the world has ever heard, not to kings, scholars, or the powerful, but to shepherds working the night shift. The first people to hear about the Savior's arrival were ordinary men doing ordinary work. That was no accident. It was a declaration.

The story is familiar, yet it never grows old: A young virgin named Mary, chosen by God's grace. A righteous man named Joseph, walking in obedience despite confusion and cost. A journey to Bethlehem, a crowded town, and a makeshift cradle. Shepherds keeping watch in the night, suddenly surrounded by the glory of the Lord. Angels announcing good news of great joy for all people. And at the center of it all—a child who is Christ the Lord.

The birth of Jesus reminds us that God's greatest works often begin in the quiet places. He comes not to the proud, but to the humble; not to the powerful, but to the seeking; not in palaces, but in stables. The Savior's arrival reveals a God who draws near, who enters our brokenness, and who offers peace to every heart willing to receive Him.

As we celebrate, may we pause to marvel at the wonder of Emmanuel—God with us. May the simplicity of the manger draw us back to the heart of our faith. And may the good news proclaimed to shepherds long ago continue to echo in our lives today: A Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.