

IT'S NOT IN THE BIBLE

As we travel through life, from day to day

We hear a lot of things that the Bible doesn't say,
They tell us it happened on a cold December morn,
But the Bible doesn't say when the child was born.

The wise men came from the East — to make a call,
But the Bible doesn't say there were *three* after all.
It's true they brought gifts, and raced to see the sight;
But the Bible doesn't say, they rode *camels* that night.

It's a well known fact that angels did sing.
But the Bible doesn't say that the angels had *wings*.
The angels worshipped Him, and the shepherds did the same;
But the Bible doesn't say that *reindeer* came.

The Bible doesn't say, "When they made the Egypt flight;
That Mary rode a *donkey* and Joseph held a light."
It's fine to give gifts, and to visit and to play;
But don't think of Christmas as a Bible holiday.

~ Author Unknown ~

The world "celebrates" this season of the year as the time of Christ's birth. Although no one knows the date of His birth, Christians look beyond His birth.

*Jesus, my Savior, to Bethlehem came,
Born in a manger to sorrow and shame;
O it was wonderful, blest be His name!
Seeking for me, for me!*

*Jesus, my Savior, on Calvary's tree,
Paid the debt and my soul He set free;
O it was wonderful, how could it be?
Dying for me, for me!*

*Jesus, my Savior, shall come from on high:
Sweet is the promise as weary years fly;
O I shall see Him descending the sky,
Coming for me, for me!*

- Author Unknown, Town & Stillman's *Good Will*, 1878 -

JESUS CHRIST

Laid in a manger because there was no room for Him in the inn.
Crucified on a cross because there was no room for Him
in the hearts of men.

Attitudes are contagious. Are yours worth catching?

News & Notes

SYMPATHY: To Twila Adamson, her children, their spouses, and extended family members at the passing of her husband, **Cam**. A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. God bless and comfort Twila, her family, and all who sorrow with her.

OFFERING: Beginning TODAY, the men will be collecting our monetary offering at the pews instead of us using the collection box in the foyer.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

NO NEW YEAR'S EVE GATHERING: Instead, we will have a **covered dish dinner NEXT Sunday, Jan, 1st** at the Fellowship Building followed by our **early afternoon service at 2:00 p.m.** at the Church Building.

HOME VISITS: Beginning in **January**, our Elders and Bro. Rico will be making visits to delinquent members' homes in an effort to restore them.

PANTRY: Baked beans.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS: SICK & SHUT-IN: At Home: David Strum, Jim Hadley, Linda Parkes, Mike West, Barbara DeLong, Claudette Miller, Cheryl Renfro Walker. **Fox, Pepperberry Suites, Chester:** David McCoy. **Weston, WV:** Rick & Sharon Beck, 807 Camden Ave., Weston, WV 26452.

Right Attitudes for Faithfulness

It is clear to every Bible student that you cannot be faithful to the Lord if your attitude is not in keeping with the teachings of Christ (Phi. 2:5; Col. 3:17). Attitude has to do with the content of your mind, your disposition, and the control you exercise over your emotions. The simple truth is the New Testament is loaded with teaching, examples, prohibitions, and warnings about attitude. This spiritually healthy instruction should be the basis of our discipline over our mind. Your attitude toward God is basic. All other phases of attitude are rooted in your attitude toward God. We must hold Him in the highest esteem, revere Him, worship Him, and obey Him with wholehearted love and trust (Ecc. 5:1-2; Mat. 22:37; Rom. 12:1-2; Pro. 1:7).

Once your attitude toward God begins to weaken, all other phases of attitude will likely deteriorate. Let us be aware of this and constantly monitor our attitude toward God, seeking to enrich our relationship with Him. Your attitude toward Christ is a component of your attitude toward God. If God is your father, you will love His Son (John 8:42). If you love God and want to obey Him, you will have a favorable and grateful acceptance of His Son, Jesus Christ. You will regard Him as the perfect expression of deity and humanity, the spotless Son of God who died for you to be free from sin and enjoy eternal life. Likewise, you will read and study His attitude with the highest esteem, seeking to imitate Him in all your behavior.

Your attitude toward others develops out of your reverence for Deity. If you believe in God and follow His Son, your behavior toward others will be based on that. You will seek to do all God has said about how to treat people. You will study and follow Christ's compassion and His boldness in seeking to save the lost. His relationship with others becomes your pattern (see 1 Pet. 2:18-25). Growth and faithfulness depend upon the constant development of our love for God (Mat. 22:37-38; Heb. 11:6).

- Author Unknown