

## NO ROOM FOR JESUS

There was "no room" in the inn and, so, the Savior of the world was born in a stable? The words "no room" seem almost to have been a prophecy of what our Lord's life would be like in this world. Men and women have always had trouble finding room for the Son of God! Even today, Christ is still being excluded. He still finds Himself often on the outside. The Innkeeper mentality is not dead. Consider some ways in which there is "no room" for Jesus.



**1. No Room in Politics, Government and Business.** Christ has been largely banished from the halls of government. The policies of our government are often framed so as to reflect the teaching of Christ. In our country the principle of the "separation" of Church and State has been distorted to mean the total isolation of Christianity from the process of government. Nor is there any evidence of the influence of Christ in the boardrooms of our giant corporations! There is "no room" for Jesus in public life.

**2. No Room in the Schoolhouse.** Christ has been barred from the classroom. It is permissible to speak of Hitler or Napoleon or Stalin or other figures of history who have bathed the world in blood, but it is not permitted to speak of the Prince of Peace. The ACLU has repeatedly filed suit to keep Jesus out of the school Christmas pageant. In their view, Karl Marx or Charles Darwin should be made welcome in our classrooms, but not Jesus Christ!

**3. No Room in Many Churches.** Modern religion is often embarrassed by Christ and His teachings. Liberal churches deny the virgin birth, the resurrection, or the divinity of Christ and feel no loyalty to His standards of morals and ethics. Many churches are more interested in social issues than the are in the atonement.

**4. No Room in the Lives of Many Who Claim to Follow Him.** Often there is little evidence of the compassion, mercy, love, and morality of Christ in the lives of His would-be followers. Christ should be more visible in our lives! (Galatians 2:20). Many call themselves Christians but can't make room in their lives for regular worship attendance, generous giving, Bible study, prayer and Christian service!

We live in a world which has veered frighteningly out of control. We are so advanced technologically and scientifically and yet our world is full of loneliness, heartbreak and sin! Is there any wonder ...? We have left Christ out of things! Life will always be empty and off course as long as we refuse to make room for Christ.

The poet said:

No room for Him,  
We grieve that it was so,  
And then we go, busy upon our way,  
With no more courtesy  
Than they who turned our Lord away!

- Bobby Dockery, *Bulletin Digest* -

*No room in the inn, but you can make room in your heart!*

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. The Covid-19 restrictions still apply (masks & distancing).

**SYMPATHY:** To Daniel & Cindy Mehlmauer at the recent passing of Cindy's dad, Harold Bowers. God bless and comfort the Melhmauers.

**POTTERS HOME:** Today is the last day for donations. Give your money to one of the elders or Rico.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Will Montgomery and Betty Smith who will be married this afternoon. Best wishes to them for many years of happiness.

**PANTRY:** Tuna & noodles.

**TO HAVE SURGERY:** Linda Parkes will have very serious brain surgery to remove a tumor on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd at UPMC, Pittsburgh. Remember Linda, her family, her doctors and medical team in prayers as she undergoes this procedure and for her speedy recovery.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Randy Waite, Randy Beagle, Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Cam Adamson, Doris Dunham, Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV), John McClung (address on bulletin board), Josh Morrison (having testing; surgery upcoming), Alex Harless. **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE THE YEAR LONG

**The Gift of Praise** - Appropriate mention - right in front of the fellow - of superior qualities or of jobs or deeds well done.

**The Gift of Consideration** - Putting yourself in the other fellow's shoes, and thus providing your genuine understanding of his side of the case.

**The Gift of Concession** - Humbly saying at just the right point, "Sorry, you're right and I'm wrong."

**The Gift of Gratitude** - Never forgetting to say "Thank you" - and never failing to mean it.

**The Gift of Attention** - When the other fellow speaks, listen attentively. If his words are directed to you personally, meet his eye squarely.

**The Gift of Inspiration** - Plant seeds of courage and action in the other fellow's heart. Help him to strive for greater accomplishment and lasting satisfaction.

**The Gift of Your Personal Presence** - In sickness, in trouble or in a day of great joy, there is nothing quite equal to your personal expression of sympathy or congratulation.

**These are the gifts that all can bestow through the year and be richer for the giving.**

- Author Unknown - (via *Beacon*, Bellview Church of Christ, Pensacola, FL)



"May joy and peace surround you,  
Contentment latch your door,  
And happiness be with you,  
And bless you evermore."