



Pastor's Paragraph

Jesus' Birthday

Believe it or not, some theologians and scholars believe that it is possible to determine the exact day that Christ was born. And, they found the information that is necessary to reach this conclusion in the Scriptures. They claim that God revealed the day of Christ's birth in the book of Revelation! I know it sounds like a bizarre conspiracy theory, but it makes for an interesting Bible Study! The passage is Revelation 12. It is the sign of the pregnant woman and the red dragon. It is obviously a reference to the birth of Christ. The woman represents Israel and the dragon represents Satan who opposes God's plan and stands ready to devour the baby. Clearly, this passage is a symbolic reference to God's plan of salvation, but perhaps it is also something more. It begins with these words: "Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars." (Revelation 12:1) What if it is also a literal sign in the literal heaven (the night sky)? Some theologians have argued that this is a description of the position of the constellations when Christ was born. It could even explain the star that the wise men followed. The woman could be a reference to the constellation Virgo. Her garland of 12 stars tells us that this is Israel (12 tribes) but perhaps it also informs us that this is a constellation. Being clothed with the sun could mean that the constellation passed directly through the ellipse of the sun's path. The fact that the moon was under her feet would indicate that the moon would be directly below the constellation. "And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads." (Revelation 12:3) The red dragon could be a reference to the ancient constellation Hydra, (a 7 headed sea-monster). This would fit well with the reference to seven heads! "And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth." (Revelation 12:4) So, is it possible that God was telling us that Christ was born when the Hydra constellation (the red dragon) was positioned before the Virgo constellation (the woman) when Virgo was positioned in the sun's path and above the moon? Amazingly, astronomers can tell us when this happened. And, even more incredible, you can see it yourself. They have astronomy websites that reproduce the view of the heavens from any day in history! You may even be able to see the star that the wise men followed, because something else was happening on that same day in a different constellation. The constellation Leo is the royal constellation because the lion is the king of the jungle. Jesus is the Lion of Judah, born of the royal tribe. The main star of this constellation is Regulus, the regal star. The exact time that the woman and the dragon were aligned in the heavens like Revelation describes, the king of the planets, Jupiter, was aligned with the regal star, Regulus, in the royal constellation Leo. Perhaps that is the star that the wise men saw, and they knew that a king had been born! Astronomers tell us that all of these astronomical events occurred in one night on September 11th, in the year 3 B.C. I don't know if Christ was born on September 11th, but I can do some math. If He was born in September, it is possible that He may have been miraculously conceived on December 25th! ~Pastor

December 2019



"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Luke 2:14

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 Monday Prayer 7pm <i>Pastor/Day off</i>	3 Deacons' Mtg 7 pm	4 Prestige 10am AWANA 6:30-8:00 pm Pockets Night! Rick Hatten	5	6 Ambassador 2-3pm	7 Trustees' Mtg. 8 am SS Program Practice 9 am
8 SS Christmas Program 10:30 am Caroling 6 pm	9 Monday Prayer 7pm <i>Pastor/Day off</i>	10	11 AWANA 6:30-8:00 pm	12	13 Ambassador 2-3 pm	14 Cantata at The Ambassador
15 Christmas Cantata 10:30 am Potluck 5:30 pm	16 Monday Prayer 7pm <i>Pastor/Day off</i>	17	18 Prestige 10am AWANA 6:30-8:00 pm Store Night!	19	20 Ambassador 2-3 pm	21 Teen Progressive Dinner 5:30 pm
22	23 Monday Prayer 7pm <i>Pastor/Day off</i>	24 Christmas Eve Service 7 pm	25 Christmas	26	27	28
29 Guest Speaker	30 Monday Prayer 7pm	31 New Year's Eve				
Pastor on Vacation- 12/26- 1/2				Pastor on Vacation- 12/26- 1/2		

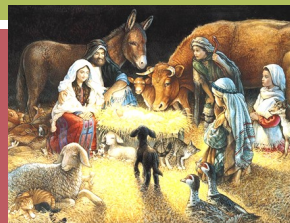
We will be doing Bible dedications in memory/honor of our loved ones this Christmas! Envelopes are available on the back table. (They are due on the 15th.)

Christmas Potluck

This year, for our Christmas Dinner, the committee is having individuals sign up to decorate one table however they choose! Please sign up at the back table and plan to have fun decorating a table for all to enjoy! You pick the theme, color, etc. Whether it's classy, simple, or detailed. every table will be unique! Be creative!

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We would like to provide a variety of presentations which could include solos, group numbers, poems, instrumental, readings, piano selections, etc, please let Faye know by Sunday, Dec. 22nd.



Christmas Events

December 8th
Sunday School Program
10:30 am
Christmas Caroling
6 pm

December 15th
Cantata 10:30 am
Christmas Potluck
5:30 pm

December 24th
Christmas Eve Service
7 pm

October Finances

Balance Forward 10/1/2019

Deacon's Fund	\$709.04
Designated Fund	\$5,211.64
General Fund*	\$35,200.09
Checking Account*	\$41,120.77

October Income	\$12,636.70
October Expenses	\$13,124.43
Net Decrease	(\$487.73)

Year-to-date Income	\$154,532.24
Year-to-date Expense	\$139,299.54
Net Increase	\$15,232.70

Balance 10/31/2019

Deacon's Fund	\$709.04
Designated Fund	\$3,958.29
General Fund	\$35,965.71
Checking Account	\$40,633.04

*Corrected Amount