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Hear (Romans 10:17)

Believe (Mark 16:16)

Repent (Acts 17:30)

Confess (Matthew 10:32)

Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Remain faithful (Revelation 2:10)

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#### **PREACHER**

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#### **SERVICES**

Sunday Morning Bible Study: 10:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service: 11:00 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service: 6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00 PM



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"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip (Hebrews 2:1)." PAGE 2 CAMPAIGN COURIER

# "WE DON'T KNOW CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY" BY: ROGER COOK

As we head into the Christmas holiday season much is said about joy, peace, and goodwill to man. At no other time of the year do we hear as much about these three attributes than at Christmas. Basically it is good to train our mind on such qualities. But I think it should be done the year around and not just during the Christmas season. While we have been taught and many believe Christmas is Christ's birthday, there is no biblical proofs to substantiate such theories. The Bible says: "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1Thessalonians 5:21.

If one would read the sacred scripture (the Holy Bible) from cover to cover, he would not find the exact date of Christ's birth. Again the Bible says: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." Luke 2:8. According to Bible scholars, shepherds would not have had their sheep out on a December's night. Therefore, the most likely date for Christ's birth was either in the spring (late March, April, May, or early June) or in the fall (from September to December). Even at this we still can't be sure. If the Lord had wanted us to celebrate his birth he would have told when and how, just as he has told us in everything else he has commanded.

Since we don't know the date of Christ's birth we had better be careful how we celebrate the Christmas holiday. The Bible says: "Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." 2 John 1:9.

We see scenes around Christmas time of a babe in a manger surrounded by supposedly three wise men. There are two things that disturb me about this. One is we are not told by the scripture the number of wise men who came to see the baby Jesus. All we know for sure is there were more than one. Matthew 2.

And two, according to Matthew the second chapter the baby Jesus was in a house when the wise men found Him and not still in the manger as so many scenes, stories, and songs show and tell.

Because of the above reasons my family and I don't celebrate Christmas as Christ's birthday or as a religious holiday. We celebrate as we would any other national holiday. I am sure to most this is being sacrilegious. But since we have no biblical authority to observe the birth of Christ we would be going beyond the teachings of the Bible. This is something we are warned not to do. Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; and Revolution 22:18-19.

Many in our family send greetings not as a religious gesture, but as gesture of joy, friendship and goodwill. This is an attitude that we all should have all year around, not just one season of the year.

I think this would please our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ more than our trying to observe His birthday, especially since we don't know when it is. Being pleasing to Him is what's important!

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Please remember to pray for the sick.

Mark 14:32 says, "And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray."

#### **BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER**

<u>"My Most Favorite Thing about</u>
<u>Teaching a Bible Class"</u>
<u>By: Greg Rowland,</u>
<u>Wednesday Night Teenage Bible Class Teacher</u>

I love children of all ages. I want to teach them God's Word. I would like to help them form their lives and be an example to them, and be someone they would feel comfortable about approaching for advice.

#### **NEWS**

- Prepare to worship God!
- Thanks to all who prepared food for the Fruit Basket Work Night this past Wednesday, December 17.
- Help us to restock the Pantry. This week's suggested pantry item is canned carrots.
- Happy Birthday to Lori Rowland, who will celebrate this Saturday, December 27, if the Lord wills!
- Happy Birthday to Connor Dixon, who will celebrate next Sunday, December 28, if the Lord wills!



## New Year's Breakfast

Saturday, January 3, 2015

9:00 AM

Prepared by the Men to Show Appreciation to the Women