

# Welcome to Church

If you are a visitor to our service this morning, please provide your name and address so we can acknowledge your visit by sending you a welcome note.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?"

"And He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
And with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
This is the great and foremost commandment.
The second is like it,
'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
On these commandments depend
The whole Law and the Prophets."

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT
Matthew 22:36-40

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying,
"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
Go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them
In the name of the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;
And Io, I am with you always, even to
The end of the age."
THE GREAT COMMISSION
Matthew 28:18-20

You can use the tear off on the edge of the bulletin and drop it in the offering box or the box in the foyer. Alternatively, you can click <a href="here">here</a> or use the contacts below if you would like to:

- Acknowledge your visit with us (physical or virtual) OR
- Contact us with prayer requests, questions, concerns, needs OR
- Request visitation prayer at your specific location (in your home, at the hospital, or nursing facility, etc.)

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**Curt Deming** 1961 — 2021

December 19, 2021



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# **Melbourne Community Church (MCC)**

Sunday Service — December 19, 2021

With sorrow and condolences to Gina and all of the family, we inform you that our beloved, **Curt Deming**, MCC Teaching Pastor, has passed on to be with our Lord Jesus in heaven.

Details concerning Curt's memorial service will follow.

#### **ORDER OF SUNDAY SERVICE**

Special video opens the service

Old Testament Reading, Micah 5:2-4

Worship

Offering

Announcements of upcoming events

Pastoral prayer for the children before Sunday School classes. The Nursery is available for infants at any time.

New Testament Reading, Luke 2:8-15

"Jesus Birth," by Rick Krebs, from Matthew 2:1-12

The Lord's Supper is offered, along with prayer ministry while worship continues.

**Benediction & Closing Prayer** 



#### **EVENTS THIS WEEK**

### 12/19: Sunday Morning:

**Children's Church:** Pre-school—1<sup>st</sup> grade class and 2<sup>nd</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Regular weekly group meetings are on hold this week with the exception of the following events:

#### 12/22:Wednesday Evening:

Longest Night Service, **6:30 PM—7:30 PM**, for a time of reflection and sharing. The Christmas season, for many, is also a time when loss and grief is experienced.

Adult Bible Study, We will be continuing a study of the book of Romans, 6:30 PM-7:30 PM, as an online Zoom meeting led by Rick Krebs; and/or Susan Krebs.

### 12/24: Friday Evening / Christmas Eve:

Christmas Eve Service, 6:00 PM-7:00 PM, "talent show" including readings and music followed by fellowship time with cookies.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### 12/26: Sunday Morning: Sunday Service at 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Sunday's Sermon, Continuing the Christmas Advent season series on Matthew 2:13-23.

Questions **Prayer Request** l have a 12/19/2021

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Optional) Name

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**Sermon Notes:** "Jesus Birth", by Rick Krebs, <u>Matthew 2:1-12</u>. Old Testament Reading: <u>Micah 5:2</u> -4. New Testament Reading: <u>Luke 2:8-15</u>.

#### Goals for today:

- What were the pointers to the birth of Jesus?
- Who were the Magi & King Herod?
- What was the Bethlehem star?
- Learn more about the songs we sing.

Why is being born in Bethlehem significant? (Matthew 2:1; Ruth 4:22, I Samuel 16:1)

When the Magi asked Herod where was this new King of the Jews, why would that disturb him? (Matthew 2:3)

From the historical record, for what "great" is King Herod the Great known? (see <u>Wikipedia</u> article & sources)

When the Magi inquired of the new King of the Jews, who did Herod ask for answers? Why did he not already know the answer to this question? (Matthew 2:4-6)

Why would Herod go to the Magi secretly to ask when the star appeared? (Matthew 2:7-8)

What does the word Magi mean? (Free Dictionary)

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Why would it be unusual for such esteemed people as the Magi to be so interested in visiting this new King of the Jews? Hint: How were the Jews viewed at that time and place? (<u>Jeremiah</u> 24:9; <u>Lamentations 1</u>)

What was unusual about this star? (Matthew 2:2, Matthew 2:9)

What did these Magi do when visited the house where Jesus and his mother lived? (<u>Matthew</u> 2:10-11)

What is significant about the gifts that were given to Jesus by the Magi? (Matthew 2:11)

Why did they return to their lands another way? (Matthew 2:12)

One of the songs we sing, particularly at Christmas, is "We Three Kings." When was this song written? For what voices were the verses written? (see <u>Wikipedia</u> article & sources)

#### **Additional Notes:**

#### **Internet Resources:**

<u>The Bible Project: Matthew 1-13 Overview; Matthew Overview Poster;</u>
<u>Matthew 14-28 Overview</u>, <u>Daily Moral Inventory; Prayer Revolution, John Smed</u>

