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Luke 2:1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to their own town to register. Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger. Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

***The Ministers and Staff of First Christian Church** would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and Spirit-filled Holiday Season! John, Kevin, Jared, Lance, Amanda, Lynn and Sylvia*

Christmas Eve Service - You will be able to watch the Christmas Eve service on our Facebook page on December 24th at 6:30 p.m. or you can also watch it on our YouTube channel.

The boxed FCC **giving envelopes** for 2021 are available on the counter off the Main Foyer. If you wish to give in this way, please check your name off the list and take your box (or sign your name for an unmarked box).

Christmas Greetings - We need your help to make **Christmas Eve** memorable. We are asking you to record yourself giving a Christmas Greeting which we will add to the online service. If you need help recording this, we will send a crew to record your video for you. This needs to be sent in by Tuesday, December 22.

Christmas Card Exchange - The boxes for Christmas cards will be available now until Christmas in the foyer Monday-Thursday from 9:00-noon. If you have Christmas cards for church members, feel free to stop by during

those times. If you want, you can make a donation to the Shepherd's Fund in lieu of postage. Note: Please file the cards you bring under the recipient's last name initial. Boxes will remain until January 1.

Staff Christmas Bonus – Each year, the congregation gives to our ministers and staff a monetary bonus for their hard work at the church. This year has been especially difficult trying to produce online programs for adults and kids, plus keeping up with everyone. Please consider giving some extra funds to our staff this year! You may mail your gift to the church, drop it by the office weekday mornings, or give it to an elder. Thank you!

The **Red Cross** will be having a blood drive in our Fellowship Hall on Monday, January 6. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-REDCROSS or by visiting their website at www.redcrossblood.org.

PRAYER LIST –

****Ongoing health problems** – Mike Haptonstall, Ginger Howe, Keith Johnston, Linda Homer, Brenda Muckey, Rodney Harrell, Barb Dykema, Karen German, Joni Olson, LeRoy Knox, Gary Icenogle, Shannon Martin, Kelly Neirnyck, Robin Burwell, Judy Hand, Keith Reiff, Becky Mann Johnson, Duane Johnston

****Cancer** – Rick Ford, Kathi Sheets, Jack Swearingen, Grayce Cox, Teri Albertson, Dennis Reside, Everly Stoner

****Nursing Homes - (Kewanee Care) - Jayne Forbis (Royal Oaks) - Judy Huggins; (Hillcrest) - Cindy Clark, Naida VandenDooren - (Betty's Garden) – Reva Steffen, Sandy Jones**

****Courtyard Village** - Rex McCormick, Sharon Bess

****Missions** - Please see our website for a complete listing of international and local missions we support.

****Serving our country** - Zach Hardy, Benjamin Schmidt, Matt Worstell, Matt Elbus (Iraq), Thaddeus Blanks, Andy Moseley, Jarrett Davis, Collin White, Brandon Rohrig, Caleb Franklin, Isaac Frank (HI), Ryan Peed, Arrick Juarez (Iraq), Collin Johnson

Prayer Ministry. . .

****Pray for our church** at a regular time each day!

****Prayer Chain** - Please call Shirley Brokaw (309-883-1677) or Sylvia Giese (853-2617) with requests. Note: If the request is for someone other than you, please obtain their permission before putting the need on the chain. Requests will be called out from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

OFFERING December 13, 2020

General (received)	3,943.00
(needed)	8,309.00
Year-to-date (given)	326,904.00
Budget to date	415,450.00
Capital Campaign	10,250.00
Earl Dean Memorial	145.00
Gene Yarger Memorial	25.00
Angel Tree	100.00

Note: No in-person youth group in December.
No Ladies' Bible study in December.

Snow Removal -

12/21-12/27 – Joe Rohrig and Brad Dyer

12/28 - 1/3 - Dwight Yarger and Steve Spencer