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SERMON SCRIPTURES & NOTES



411 at Gateway City Church

January 3, 2021

WELCOME

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creation; **old things have passed away**; behold, all **things have** become new. (2 Cor.. 5:17)

WEEKLY PRAYER

Pastor Teresa McPhail is conducting a weekly Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:00pm via Zoom. Below is the log in info.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83588125688>

You can choose to call in as well.

Dial 929-205-6099

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YOUTH MEETING CONTINUES ON ZOOM

Our Youth, ages 12 to 18, are meeting every other Friday on Zoom. The next meeting will be

Friday, January 15 at 8:00 PM. They have a fun format, as well as getting to the heart spiritual matters.

Tell all the young people you know to **log in to Zoom on the 1st at meeting ID: 665 740 8306 - Password: Jesus.** Even during this difficult time, they will find friends and feel connected.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

All 2020 statements of giving will be mailed to each tither and giver not later than January 31, which is required by the IRS. If you don't receive your statement or if your figures differ from what's on the statement, call the office at 718-921-4673 or email us at gcc@gatewaycitychurch.net



CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL - THE MAGI

Matthew 2:1, 10-11

Who were these foreign visitors that arrived at the steps of Herod's palace? We know very little. They're often referred to as wise men, or magi, or even kings.

We do know that they were from "the East," (Matthew 2:1) which encompasses so much territory that it's hard to pinpoint an exact location. While there are many fascinating theories about these mysterious ambassadors, their origination, and their motivation, we can assume that they were well-educated, upper class, and likely not Jewish. In short, one would not expect rich men of status to travel across the vast expanse of the Middle East to track down a baby in Judah. They recognized a star in the sky that was leading them on to the Christ child, and they followed it until they found the Boy.

How did they respond at the end of their journey, as this pivotal moment came to fruition? "They rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him" (vv. 10-11). Imagine the look on the faces of Mary, the teenage mother, and Joseph, the carpenter, when these exotic visitors entered, knelt in worship, and then presented gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were gifts of great value, befitting a king. As if a visit from the angels wasn't enough, now foreign dignitaries were entering their humble home. Not only had the heavenly realms proclaimed the arrival of the Savior, but earthly kingdoms were recognizing the importance of this moment as well. --- During this season, you'll likely be surrounded by family and friends. Hopefully, many of them will know Jesus intimately, but others may be like the wise men. They may be coming from a place far away—not physically, but spiritually. Share the hope of Christ with them. Like the wise men, Jesus may be exactly what they're looking for, and—once they've found Him—they, too, can rejoice "with exceedingly great joy" (v. 10)!



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Are you on Face book? ____ Yes ____ No

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Age group (please check those things he held dear.

¹⁶ one): ____ 12 -17

____ 18-24 ____ 25-29 ____ 30-35

____ 36-44 ____ 45-60 ____ 60+

This is my:

1st visit ____ 2nd visit ____ 3rd visit ____

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