



In Isaiah 9, Jesus is called by many names and one of those names is Mighty God. I think that is an interesting name for Jesus – especially when we think of him at this time of year. The Mighty God became a helpless, human baby, born to a young, insignificant woman in rough conditions and a shoddy home, amongst barnyard animals. The Mighty God was a young man who grew up to learn a modest, manual trade from his mortal father. The Mighty God stripped himself of all privileges so he could come and live with mere humanity. Jesus, though, was magnificently mighty as well, but he never flaunted his majesty at people. This humility was a quality that attracted people to him.

When we read the Gospels, we realize there is something magnetic about Jesus. Something about Jesus attracted people. Crowds, thousands of people, sought him out. Was it because they had friends that had been healed? Like a Black Friday deal, they didn't want to miss out. No, coming face to face with Jesus meant meeting someone different, more than anyone else they had met. To ordinary people, Jesus showed himself to be powerful but patient, strong but loving, commanding but gentle. Humanity and impeccable at the same time.

He opened dull, unseeing eyes so they could see. He loosened tongues so they could praise him. He restrained demons and brought sensibility to people's minds so they could tell others about the Mighty God. Most of all, Jesus, God in the flesh, stripped of what he truly deserved, and separated himself from his Father so he could overcome death. This mighty act turned the sky dark, caused an earthquake because it was mind-blowing and earth-shattering. Jesus overpowered the darkness of death that we so dread not for himself but precisely because he doesn't want you and me to know the pain of separation.

Let's celebrate Jesus, the Mighty God, this Christmas.

In Our Prayers

Thomas Pruitt
Juanita (Abby's Mother)
Tim Taylor
Pam Aldrich
Dennis Rosenbaum
Nolan Adams
Terry Sallee

Danielle Harmon
Crystal Emery (Gloria's mom)
Enrique Lira
Linda Guthrie
Pam, Leanne, Barbara
Saul Moncada (Abby's brother)
Cella Lemberger (Jessica's Aunt)

Rory Burke (Marilyn's gr. nephew)
Kay Kinnamon
Ryker Berens
Betty Peptone (David's Sister)
Kevin Carter (Zeb's Dad)

Upcoming Events

Wednesday Night Bible Hour [Wednesday]

There will be NO Wednesday Bible Hour this week.

Youth Group [Tonight]

There will be Youth Group Tonight at 7:00 PM at the Church Building.

Ladies Bible Class [Jan 14]

The Ladies Bible Class is on a break until January 14 when they will start a study on the book of Esther. Let Pam know if you would like a book.

Announcement [Jan 11]

Our monthly potluck fellowship meal for January will be on January 11 - NOT on January 4.

Save the Date:

December 24 - Christmas Eve Service at Great Bend Church of Christ - 6 PM

January 11 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)
February 8 - Young Family Ministry (St. John)
March 8 - Young Family Ministry (Stafford)

Birthdays

None

Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Darrel & Shannon Bauer

Song Leader: Gary Hornbaker

Sound System: Zoey Carter

Gathering: #997 - O Come, All Ye Faithful

Welcome: Chris Mansel

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Isaiah 7:14)

Song: #1012 - Go Tell It On the Mountain

Song: #995 - It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Communion: Stan Aldrich (Chris Stott, Darrel Bauer, James Harmon)

Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, 3)

Lesson #1: Zeb Carter

Shepherd's Prayer: Richard Brensing

Song: #96 - I Stand in Awe

Scripture Reading: Jayce Feril (Isaiah 9:6)

Lesson #2: Zeb Carter

Song: #1001 - Hark! The Heald Angels Sing (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Jerry Kinnamon



Giving Link

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril, Zachary Marks
Minister: Zeborah Carter