

# The Word



Where is He that is born King?  
By  
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"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

Our King made the simplest of entrances onto our planet. He was expected, his coming anticipated yet when he came he was rejected! From afar they came. They were 'Magi,' eastern philosophers or as some believed: "prophets in the kingdom of Saba and Arabia, who were of the posterity of Abraham by Keturah; and they taught in the name of God, what they had received in tradition from the mouth of Abraham." They were certainly wise because they came seeking Jesus Christ to worship Him; and that is true wisdom!

Their search however, exposed the spiritual darkness of Israel and humanity at that time. Whereas all Jerusalem ought to know of that great event it was not so; no one knew where the King was to be found. How sad! God had spoken beforehand but Israel neither listened nor believed.

Now, to the Shepherds He spoke by an Angel, to the Magi by a star, each had to follow the light they had. Today, we have the true and complete light, the New Testament Scriptures; failure to believe and follow its contents result in our spiritual darkness. Israel was meticulous in preserving the integrity and safety of the Holy Scriptures, but they were kept in the wrong place. They stored the Scriptures on shelves instead of in their hearts. Consequently, the birth of the King would have passed them by, had it not been for these "afar off" ones, who came asking, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?"

Their inquiry got the interest of King Herod who when he heard these things "was troubled." Herod, though evil, knew where to look when in need of right answers, "And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born" (Matt. 2:4). His inquiry of the Christ was to carry out the work of the Devil. He sought after Christ not to serve Him but to kill Him,.

These Magi having found Jesus worshipped Him. Herod had sought to slay Him, but these men came to serve Him; Herod sought to put him down, but these men came to lift Him up; Herod saw Him as a rival king, but these men saw Him as the King of Kings.

They worshipped Him and they opened their treasures and gave Him gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh. These were what they had, their free will offerings, "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (2 Cor. 8:12). Their gifts symbolized the tripartite work and mission of Christ. They offered him gold, as a king, frankincense, as God, and myrrh, as a man that should die.

God, King, Man. Jesus is all these and more. He is Sovereign Lord to be worshipped and served. He is King, our lawgiver, the ruler of our hearts and lives; we bow down to Him because He is worthy to be served. He is our intercessor and our only mediator, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). We thank God for those Magi. They came seeking the King, they found Him, they worshipped Him and they blessed Him. Let us follow their example.

## CHELMSFORD LIFE LINES

DECEMBER 16, 2012

*Come, let us sing for joy to the lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. Psalm 95:1-2*

### December 16, 2012

Greeters Loiselle Family  
Song Leader John Ferullo  
Welcome Bruce Corcoran  
**2 We Praise Thee O God**  
**3 Hallelujah Praise Jehovah**  
Prayer Bob Smith  
Scripture Skip Jacquard  
**John 6:22-40**  
**431 Break Thou The Bread of Life**  
Communion John Ferullo  
Servers John Wolfert  
**446 Hear O Israel**  
Contribution Bill McIninch  
Scripture John Wolfert  
**Matt. 2:1-2, 9-12**  
Lesson Lancelot Watson  
**410 He Leadeth Me**  
Prayer Earl Mosier  
**867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way**  
Announcements  
Shepherd's Blessing

### December 23, 2012

Greeters Loiselle Family  
Song Leader Chengsheng Luo  
Welcome Phil Dumont  
Prayer Earl Mosier  
Scripture John Ferullo  
Bill McIninch  
Communion Phil Dumont  
Contribution Bruce Corcoran  
Servers Bob Cascio  
Skip Jacquard  
Lesson Rich Cascio  
Prayer Skip Jacquard  
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Prayer Requests

Janice’s mom had a biopsy done on her liver and is diagnosed with cancer. She has been feeling poorly lately and needs our prayers for healing. Prayers for Janice’s comfort as well being so far from her mom at this time.

Continued prayers for those of our family who are sick, and may be struggling with their roles as caregiver.

Pray for Carolyn, Janice's mother for healing, peace, and assurance of salvation. She does not have pancreatic cancer, however she does have kidney cancer and the cells from her liver do not match the ones in the kidney. They are testing her digestive tract for cancer as well.

Pray for the Dumonts safety as they travel to Kansas to be with Janice's mother. Pray for their comfort and strength to deal with the situation.

Pray for Maria who has pain in her head, shoulders and back.

Pray for Stu Sheets who is suffering pain in his back.

Pray for Rene's friend Kaddy who is having surgery due to complications from Marfan Syndrome. This will be her 2nd year in the hospital at Christmas

Prayers for Jackie Christle (former Member)

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who had a major heart attack and is in need of a transplant.

Pray for all the students as they complete school work before the Christmas break. Pray for the teachers as they work to finish up the semester

Pray for all those dealing with the violence in society.

Pray for Felicia who asked for the prayers of the church for strength as she continues her Christian walk.

Thanksgiving for Stephanie's friend’s baby Brittany, who though premature is healthy.

**Worship Opportunities**

**Sunday**  
Fellowship 9:00 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Bible Classes 11:00 am  
**Mid-Week**  
Wednesday 7:00 pm

Our mid-week service offers a prayer devotional and classes. Please join us for that midweek lift.

Calendar of Events

**Potluck Meal and Fellowship—1st Sunday**  
**Monthly Ladies Gathering—January**  
**Men’s Breakfast—Last Sat of the month**

Outreach Building Use:  
AA Young Adults - Mon. 7:00pm

	12/9/12	12/2/12	11/25/12
Fellowship			
Worship	40	37	32
Contribution	5430.35	1952.90	783.05
Mid Week Devotion	15	11	13

Announcements

We are once again making food baskets for the Christmas holiday. If you are interested in helping in any way, please see Rene or Sandy. ALL DONATIONS NEED TO BE HERE TODAY FOR TIMELY DELIVERY.

A Christmas service is planned for December 23rd.

Congratulations to Jenny for her promotion; However it comes with sadness as we understand it will mean she will be reassigned.

There will be a Men’s Breakfast on December 29th, the last Saturday of the month. For details, please see Lance or Rich.