

**THE "WRITTEN WELCOME" OF  
THE WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH  
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Hey there everyone! We are sooooo very happy and blessed that you are here with us this morning. If you are visiting with us, you and your entire family are very welcome. If you are looking for a spiritual church home, we offer you our services!

Everyone, please use the insert card in your Newsletter to give us your prayer requests and visitor information; and thank you for your support.

## **OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES**

Continental Breakfast for everyone (9:00), Choir Practice starts (9:30), Bible Study begins (10:00), Southern Gospel Mini Concert commences (10:40).

### **MORNING WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:58**

Praise/Worship coordinated by Matthew Maynard

Cheryl Presnell - **MUSICIANS** - Larry Strange  
Charlie Ownby, Jerry Thomas, Bryon Ownby



**"THE SONSHINE FOR SHUT-INS  
BROADCAST"**  
**OVER WLIK (1270 AM) and WORLD  
WIDE WEB**  
**(SUNDAYS 11:00-12:00 EASTERN)**

**"SHAKE 'N HOWDY TIME"**

Followed by

**"PREACHER PAPA'S" KIDS' KORNER"**

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings; and PrayerTime**  
(Conducted by Rita McNabb)

### **BROTHER TOM'S MESSAGE FOR TODAY:**

**"The Personalities of Christmas - The Holy Spirit"**

(He was very much involved in the first Christmas; as well as inspiring the writers of Scripture to tell us about it.)



### **THIS AFTERNOON**

**"IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS" RADIO  
BROADCAST**

(With Evangelist R. V. Maynard)  
SUNDAYS ON WLIK: 1:00 - 1:30  
(Notice the sign on I-40 West-bound)

## TONIGHT

Coffee Club begins in the "Lion 'n Lamb Café and Activities begin in the Gymatorium at 4:30.

Church Choir and Children's Church Practice at 5:00  
(Adults in the Chapel : Children in the Auditorium)

Then we will swap facilities for our beautiful "Music of Christmas" tonight at 6:00 in the Auditorium; and will feature a presentation by the Children's Church (after which, they will move to the Chapel for practice.

If you have a song, a reading, a word, or a testimony; in the words of the noted Frogpond Poet Laureate:

## "BRING IT"

**IMA SIGN SAYINGS (or "I'm just sayin')**  
"The Lord did not give "stocking stuffers" at the first Christmas - No, He gave the very best He had!" (Jordan Williams, 12/4/01)

## THE CENTER PIECE

### "THE SYNOPTICS AND JESUS CHRIST"

(By Tom Mooty)

The four "Gospels" are unique writings that present the Message of Jesus The Christ primarily to unique audiences from primarily unique points of view.

The first three Gospels are called "Synoptics" (from the Greek, "Syn" ["together"] + "Optic" ["seeing"]).

Matthew was inspired to write his "history" to present the unique message of Jesus' being "The King of the Jews" to his primarily unique audience of Jews.

Mark was inspired to write his "history" to present the unique message of Jesus' being the "The Suffering Servant" to his primarily unique audience of Romans.

Luke was inspired to write his "history" to present the unique message of Jesus' being "The Son of Man" to his primarily unique audience of Greeks.

John was inspired to present his "history" to present the unique message of Jesus' being "The Son of God" to his primarily unique audience of The Church.

This is important to know because it explains why some details are included in some Gospels and omitted in others. Matthew was emphasizing those details that would reach his "audience" to drive home his "point". That is why in the "Genealogy of Jesus" in Chapter 1, he starts with Abraham to Judah to David to Solomon to Joseph to Jesus The Christ.

In his *Genealogy of Jesus*, Luke started with Jesus The Christ and began working backward to Mary's family to Nathan to David to Judah to Abraham to Adam.

The necessity of this is because Matthew had to deal with the line of the "legal father" of Jesus - Joseph to establish His bonefides as Israel's King; and Luke was

dealing with the particulars of Jesus' virgin (miraculous) birth into Mary's ancestry.

They had different points to prove and different audiences to which to prove them.

John's Gospel is altogether unique because It was written 60 years after the Crucifixion primarily to the unique group of individuals who had formed by that time - the Christians! It, therefore, is not considered as a "synoptic" Gospel. Matthew deals with the royalty while Like (a physician) deals with the medical aspects and middle class. Mark doesn't deal with the Birth of Jesus at all; because, frankly, his "audience" (the Romans) could not have cared one little bit about Jesus' Ancestry. As far as they (the Romans) were concerned, Jesus was "just another Jew"; and Mark's goal is to present Him to them in His role of "sacrificial servant".



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you are looking for a spiritual church home for your entire family, we offer you our services; and ask that you please consider us. Brother Tom will be happy to discuss this with you at any time!

We receive members anytime the church is in session; any way the Gospel authorizes - Christian Baptism, Statement of Christian Faith, or Transfer of Letter.

**We have a new Class soon underway in Sunday School; for all Young Adult Singles/Couples. It will be meeting in the Sunday School Annex at the fire escape with Duane Huskey as teacher. Be praying for this group as they begin this exciting new ministry. Help spread the word about this; and if you are in this age or category classification, why not attend this class each Sunday at 10:00? We think you'll like it!**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 14** - Wonderful Wednesday Bible Studies for Youth and Adults; and the Children's Church will practice their Christmas Program.

**THURSDAY, DEC 15** - Brother Tom's Victory Bible Class will meet at 7:00 (if needed). Everyone invited!

**FRIDAY, DEC 16** - The Liberty Church of Cosby will present "Ebenezer's Candle" at 7:00 PM on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, written by the Pastor, John Rush. Our Van will leave our church at 6:00 PM; and we would love to have a good group to go up and support them.

**SATURDAY, DEC 17** - Everyone is invited to the wedding of Amanda Ball and Nick Holt in our auditorium at 4:00 PM; followed by the reception in our Family Center.

**SUNDAY, DEC 18** - Brother Tom continues his series of Christmas Messages:

"The Personalities of Christmas - The Virgin Mary".

The Evening service will feature the Children's Christmas Program at 6:00; followed by the Church Christmas Party in the Family Center Gym. Check the "white board" (Little Billy Board) in the Chapel for items you can bring to this delightful fellowship.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 21** - Back to our "Wonderful Wednesday" Bible Studies for the Adults, Youth Group, and Children's Church all beginning at 6:00 PM.

**SUNDAY, DEC 25 - One big beautiful Christmas**



**Morning Celebration of the Birth of Jesus The Christ begins at 11:00! There will be no Sunday School that morning or Choir Practice or Evening Services that evening.**

**Brother Tom will conclude this year's series of Christmas Messages with "The Personalities of Christmas - The Lord Jesus The Christ".**

**WEDNESDAY, DEC 28** - Fellowship and Activities begin at 4:30 and classes for all age groups begin at 6:00 PM. The Children's Church always has a fascinating program for the little folks planned; the Youth Group meets in their "Youth Room" upstairs in the Family Life Center Complex; and the adults have another great Bible Study under Brother Paul Stiefvater's extensive teaching ministry in the Chapel.

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