

# Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

*Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry*

November 28, 2021

Scripture Reading: Psalms 104:1

## Glad Tidings of Good Things *by Duane Patton*

**A**t or about the time of Jesus' birth, certain shepherds were visited at night by an angel of the Lord. The angel announced the arrival of the world's Savior. Today, we can read of this strange but true account of this event as it has been faithfully recorded and preserved in **Luke 2:8-11**

"Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid, for behold, **I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people.** For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" (NKJV, emphasis mine, DP)

Immediately afterward, another amazing event happened. We read that "...suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!'" (**vv.13, 14**). The shepherds were so awe-struck at this supernatural news that they immediately traveled to Bethlehem because, in their own words, they wanted to "see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us" (**v. 15**). They saw the infant Jesus and afterward began telling others "...the saying which was told them concerning this Child" (**v. 17**). So joyful about all of this good news were the Shepherds that, as they returned to their fields, they began "glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them" (**v.20**).

The angel, Gabriel, earlier informed the father of John the immerser that God sent him "to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings" (**Luke 1:19**). The apostle Paul wrote that the preaching of the gospel of peace is related to "glad tidings of good things" (**Romans 10:15**). Salvation from sin, fellowship with God, citizenship in the eternal, heavenly kingdom with those of like-precious faith are all part of what Scripture identifies as "glad tidings of good things." This is the kind of news that the world needs to hear. Let's announce it!

## Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

### Services:

#### Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Class

10:00 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

#### Wednesday:

6:00 PM

Prayer & Bible Study

### Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children's Home

Gulf Coast Bible Camp

Local Food Pantry

Annual Youth Events

Back-Pack Buddies

The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)

(Every Sunday at 6:30 AM)

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Guyana, South America

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The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

### **Recent Prayer Requests:**

- ➔ **Mary McDaniel:** continues to need our prayers as she improves somewhat at home.
- ➔ **Weldon McAdams:** has returned home from physical therapy and is on the improve!
- ➔ **Paul Langham:** has colon cancer. He and his family need our constant prayers. Paul is a former coworker of brother Roman Holmes.
- ➔ **Linda Kenney:** has been fighting chronic bronchitis and is hoping to clear it up with steroids.
- ➔ **Virginia Mobley:** Still suffers with much unexplained pain. Please remember her in prayer.
- ➔ **Others:**

*Please Continue to Remember These in Prayer*

David Hines	Joan Martin	Cindy Stevens	Tonya Organ
Harvey Goldensup	Jack Hayes	Roy Corbin	Mike Kenney
Mary Culbreth	Gayle Sexson	Mark Damron	Lou Dick

*Have requests or other announcements? Send email to [vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org](mailto:vcocministry@vancleavemschurch.org)*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ➔ **Fruit Baskets Ministry** was a really great success. Thank you all who supported this good work!

**WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT:** Even though the world takes so much out of us, so to speak, it helps to remember that God gives us everything we need to endure all things.

“Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15, ESV)

### **Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021**

#### **Week 46**

- MONDAY**    **Luke 23; John 18-19**  
Why do you think people then, and still today, argue about the existence of absolute truth?
- TUESDAY**    **Matthew 28; Mark 16**  
What, according to Jesus, is basically necessary in the disciple-making effort?
- WEDNESDAY**    **Luke 24; John 20, 21**  
Make sense out these words regarding Jesus and the disciples: Resurrection, Reunion, Reign
- THURSDAY**    **Acts 1-3**  
Think about how the disciples might have felt having seen Jesus ascend. Did this affect their message?
- FRIDAY**    **Acts 4-6**  
How do we today keep the spirit of 4:32-36 without becoming communistic or cult-like?
- SATURDAY**    **Acts 7-8**  
The death of Stephen increased the faith of the early church. Can persecution aid us today? How?
- SUNDAY**    **Acts 9-10**  
Notice that first century miracles were designed to help validate the good news of Jesus.

“...they received the word with all readiness of mind...” (Acts 17:11)