

Vancleave Church of Christ

December 24, 2023

Bro. Wade Phillips will be preaching this morning

Sermon Title: "Why We Cannot Sin That Grace May Abound?" **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Prayer Requests

Johnny Bean	Home recovering from gallbladder surgery.
David Robinson	Recovering from outpatient surgery.
Cragin Gilbert	Friend of Roman, is in need of a kidney transplant.
Maxine Robinson	Recovering from a heart attack.
Joe West	Passed away Tuesday, December 19th. Services were yesterday.

Please be sure to give an update on these at: vcocannouncements@gmail.com

An Encouraging Scripture for the Week Ahead

For unto you is
born this day
in the city of David
a *Savior*, who is
Christ the *Lord*.
Luke 2:11

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Earl and Linda Kenney	Frank Sentelle	Jeff Jellum
Wayne and Lanette Girod	Susan Flurry	Kristina Myers
Rick Bedwell	Kathy Cooper	Cindy Jones
Jayne Murphy	Charles McDaniel	Rick and Connie Matthews
Charles Stringfield		

MERRY
CHRISTMAS



“You shall call His name...”

One of the earliest predictions about the birth of Christ came from the prophet Isaiah. Seven centuries before our Lord was born, this Old Testament preacher wrote: “Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). This passage would be repeated later to remind us that Jesus is our Immanuel (Matthew 1:23).

In the Bible, names mean something. “Immanuel” comes from two Hebrew words. When they are combined, they mean “God with us.”

Unlike any other person in history, Immanuel would be conceived by true miracle. By the miraculous power of the Holy Spirit, he would be conceived in the womb of a virgin.

Unlike any other person, Immanuel would never commit any sin (Hebrews 4:15).

Unlike any other person, Immanuel would “be with us” and never, ever leave us (Hebrews 13:5).

I once watched an artist paint a picture. As she started painting, the picture was dark and even foreboding. She drew in trees without leaves – looking dead. The sky was filled with dark clouds – which made everything dark. Snow wasn’t falling. It was coming in among sheets of sleet. In the distance, she painted a small, dark house. It looked like something from a nightmare. But then, with a simple stroke of bright yellow, she showed a warm, bright light coming out of the one and only window. The light was inviting, and it represented warmth and light and friendship. It was a “welcome home” type of light. The artist finished her work by giving it the title – “HOPE!”

That’s what our Immanuel means to us. He is HOPE in a world made dark by sin.

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Announcements / Other:

- Wade Phillips, our missionary to Guam will present an update on the work to us during the 9:00 a.m. Bible Class hour this morning.
- Please continue to pray for and support our mission works in Guyana, India, and Guam as well as the good works at Gulf Coast Bible Camp.
- As of (Dec 15th) Current pantry requests **have changed** to the following:
Canned pastas, Fruit & Jello cups, Toilet paper and Paper towels.
- There will not be an evening service today. Bro. Duane will be posting a video on our YouTube channel around 5:00 p.m.

Candy Cane Day
December 26th



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Worship Schedule:

Sunday
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study