

# The Incarnation Word

January 2013



This year, I resolve to lose 40 pounds. I'll quit eating all unhealthy food. I'll exercise every day. I'll be motivated and disciplined, rising early every morning to work out and make a healthy breakfast. In short, I resolve to be a completely different person, no longer plagued by pesky shortcomings. I resolve to be a machine, doing only the things that are good for me.

Sound familiar? No wonder most of us have fallen short of our resolutions by February, slinking off in disgust and self-loathing, our inadequacies confirmed once again by our failure to keep this year's resolution.



But what if, this year, we made our resolution a little more like that of the famed Three Wise Men of the Epiphany season. They saw a star that seemed out of place and took it as a sign of divine activity. And

they resolved to follow that star. They didn't say how long they'd follow or over how many miles. They didn't promise they'd want to get up every evening to follow - in fact, I'll bet they even slept in some nights or just stayed camped where they were for an extra day or two. They took the journey at a pace that made sense, trusting God to continue to lead them. And God did. For perhaps as long as two years, God continued to beckon them with that mysterious star.



Where have you felt God beckoning you? Are you feeling drawn to read the Bible more, but not sure if you can commit to the Bible Challenge? Join us and give it a try. Resolve to do only your best, trusting that God will continue to beckon

you and inspire you. When you need to take a day or two off, do it! Accept the grace and forgiveness God holds out to you. And then start your journey again.

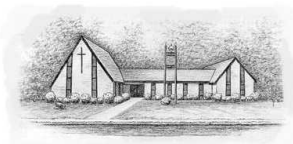
The Wise Men were rewarded for their efforts. They ended up face to face with the Lord God Almighty, at that point a cooing toddler. I make no promises about where the Bible Challenge might lead you, but I do know that whenever we faithfully follow God's leading, God journeys with us. And that may be reward enough!



God's Peace,  
Jenny+

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Thank you for the Christmas cards and presents. I really appreciated and enjoyed them. We give and receive many gifts during the Advent and Christmas seasons. One that I received touched me to my very soul. To be available during Eucharist to pray with you was a great gift to me. To be entrusted with lifting up to God your joys, your concerns, your hopes and your needs was a great honor and privilege for me. I believe that one of the greatest gifts we can give another person is to pray for and or with them. There is a powerful group of Prayer Warriors at Incarnation in the Daughters of the King and both Jenny and I will always lift you up when you ask us to.

Please continue to prayer for each other also as there is a mighty power in prayer and gift in prayer. Thanks for who you are and the great gift you are.

Love and Blessings,  
Pat

**Godly Play**  
Sundays, 9:30-10:15

Our children will explore the stories of Jesus' life and ministry. This month they'll wonder about:



**January 13 - Jesus is Baptized**

Like so many others, Jesus stepped into the River Jordan to be baptized by John. But something very different happened...

**January 20 - Follow Me**








People began to listen to what Jesus was saying. So he told some of them to follow him. And they did...

**January 27 - A New Teaching**

Jesus came near the poor and sick, and taught that others should do the same. This was a new teaching, and even the unclean spirits obeyed him...

**Adult Education -  
The Bible Challenge**  
Sundays, 9:30-10:15

Resolve to rejoin the Bible Challenge in the new year. And don't miss the chance to discuss what we've been reading with Bishop Waldo on Sunday, January 20 when he's with us.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 6:00 HE/ Healing 7:00 Choir	3	4 Rector's Sabbath	5 9:30 Daughters of the King
6 Epiphany 8:30 HE I 9:30 Breakfast 10:30 HE II 4:00 Convocational Epiphany Service	7	8	9 6:00 HE / Healing 7:00 Choir	10 	11 Rector's Sabbath	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast
13 1 Epiphany 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II 11:45 Worship Committee	14 	15	16 6:00 HE / Healing 7:00 Choir	17	18 Rector's Sabbath	19 8:30-12 Vestry Work Day
20 2 Epiphany Bishop's Visitation 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 Confirmation 11:45 Vestry Mtg.	21	22	23 6:00 HE / Healing 7:00 Choir	24 	25 Rector's Sabbath	26 Bishop's Jr/Sr Warden Confer- ence
27 3 Epiphany Fourth for Food 8:30 HE I 9:30 Godly Play & Adult Ed. 10:30 HE II	28 	29	30 6:00 HE / Healing 7:00 Choir	31 		

# January Servers' Schedule

Date	Jan. 6 10:30	Jan. 13 10:30	Jan. 20 10:30	Jan. 27 10:30
Acolytes	Tim Beaty	Alaina Hartman	Ellis Greene	Arnold Tucker
OT Lector	Luke Harding	Tonja Blackwell	Frank Bamwell	John Gelok
NT Lector	Cindy Love	Renée McFalls	Leslie Brown	Michael Darnell
Intercessor	Danny Stacy	Bobby Love	Scott Glidden	Pam Bradburn
Euch Min	John Guthrie	Michael Darnell	Lori Thompson	Leslie Brown
Altar Guild	Jackie Hoffman LaDonna White Carla Winter	May Ella Blanton Charlotte Hartman Pam Bradburn Hope Greene	Dawn Bridges Betty Weaver	Sudie Gelok Cindy Love Lois Beam
Greeters	Danny & Martha Stacy	Bobby & Cindy Love	Leslie & Ronnie Brown	Mike & Pam Bradburn
Nursery	Lois Beam	Marty Maret	Sara Harding	Julie Taylor
Kids' Chapel	Ree Batten	Volunteer	Luke Harding	David Taylor
Godly Play	None	Lois Beam Marty Maret	Michael Darnell Renée McFalls	Carol Pirkey Cynthia Glidden
Coffee Hour	Breakfast	Nancy Patterson	Dawn Bridges	Sudie Gelok
Counters	Bob Friedman John Gelok	Bobby Love David Taylor	Bob Friedman John Gelok	Bobby Love Arnold Tucker



January's reading are:

T, Jan 1 II Sam.13-15, Psalm 94, Acts 9  
 W, Jan 2 II Sam. 16-18, Ps.95, Acts 10  
 T, Jan 3 II Sam. 19-21, Ps.96, Acts11  
 F, Jan 4 II Sam. 22-24, Ps 97, Acts 12  
 S, Jan 5 I Kings 1-3, Psalm 98, Acts 13  
 S, Jan 6 hear Scriptures read in church

M, Jan 7 I Kings 4-6, Psalm 99, Acts 14  
 T, Jan 8 I Kings 7-9, Psalm 100, Acts 15  
 W, Jan 9 I Kings 10-12, Ps 101, Acts 16  
 T, Jan 10 I Kings 13-15, Ps 102, Acts 17  
 F, Jan 11 I Kings 16-18, Ps 103, Acts 18  
 S, Jan 12 I Kings 19-21, Ps 104, Acts 19  
 S, Jan 13 hear Scriptures read in church

M, Jan 14 I Kings 22, Psalm 105, Acts 20  
 T, Jan 15 II Kings 1-3, Ps 106, Acts 21  
 W, Jan 16 II Kings 4-6, Ps 107, Acts 22  
 T, Jan 17 II Kings 7-9, Ps 108, Acts 23  
 F, Jan 18 II Kiings 10-12, Ps 109, Acts 24  
 S, Jan 19 II Kings 13-15, Ps 110, Acts 25  
 S, Jan 20 hear Scriptures read in church

M, Jan 21 II Kings 16-18, Ps 111, Acts 26  
 T, Jan 22 II Kings 19-21, Ps 112, Acts 27  
 W, Jan 23 II Kings 22-24, Ps 113, Acts 28  
 T, Jan 24 II Kings 25, Ps 114, Romans 1  
 F, Jan 25 1 Chr 1-3, Psalm 115, Rom 2  
 S, Jan 26 1 Chr 4-6, Psalm 116, Rom 3  
 S, Jan 27 hear Scriptures read in church

M, Jan 28 1 Chr 7-9, Psalm 117, Rom 4  
 T, Jan 29 1 Chr 10-12, Ps 118, Rom 5  
 W, Jan 30 1 Chr 13-15, Ps 119:1-32,  
 Rom 6  
 T, Jan 31 1 Chr 16-18, Ps 119:33-72  
 Rom 7

## Readings

	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
Jan. 6 Epiphany	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matt. 2:1-12
Jan. 13 1 Epiphany	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17 21-22
Jan. 20 2 Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan. 27 3 Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21

## Bishop's Visitation

Sunday,  
January 20

Come be part of Sunday School this morning as Bishop Waldo joins us for our discussion of the Bible Challenge - or whatever else is on your mind.

At 10:30, Bishop Waldo will preach and celebrate as we all renew our baptismal vows and prepare for another year of loving and serving the Lord.



## Vestry Work Day

Saturday, January 19  
8:30 - noon

This will be the first meeting for the 2013 vestry! We'll go over the results of the Parish Life Survey, learning from it what we're doing well and where we may need to focus our attention. Then we'll set goals for the coming year. And finally we'll divide up areas of responsibility.

If there are items you want to be sure the vestry discusses, let one of the members know before this meeting!

And vestry, don't forget that we'll also meet with Bishop Waldo after the 10:30 service on January 20.

## Oyster Roast

Mardi Gras!



Saturday, February 9  
6:00-8:00 PM

Come celebrate Mardi Gras with one last party before Lent begins. We'll feast on oysters, shrimp, and all the fixins. Bring your own knife and glove as well as whatever adult beverages you might wish to enjoy. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-12, and free for those 6 and under. Tell all your friends to buy their tickets right away—advance tickets are required. And sign up on the poster in the parish hall to help with the cooking and cleaning! Let's make this the biggest and best yet - and *laissez les bon-temps rouler!*

## Prayer List



Those participating in the Bible Challenge

The Sick:  
Isaac Gelok

Those on the confidential DOK prayer list

Those Expecting Children:

Shelly and Michael Brown  
Caitlin & Tyler Rohn  
Angharad and Ben Torres

Those Serving Overseas in the Military:

Matthew Hall

The Homebound and

Those with Long-Term Needs:

May Ella Blanton  
Mary Bolinger  
Linda Caggiano  
Lori Crook  
David Fort  
Peggy Fort  
Beth Gettys  
Barbara Gupton  
Dave Hewey  
Francis Higgins  
Billie Kajma  
Jim Kennedy  
Bobby Parris  
J. L. Peake  
Marcia Peake  
Charles Smith  
Keith Smith  
Jim Spigner  
Mary Threadgill  
Priscilla Throop

## Birthdays

David Taylor	Jan. 2
Anna Owens	Jan. 3
Trip Hartman	Jan. 4
Hannah Green	Jan. 4
Glenn Stacy	Jan. 6
Bobbi Albert	Jan. 8
Leslie Brown	Jan. 8
Joe Hartzog	Jan. 9
Pat Throneburg	Jan. 12
Patterson Greene	Jan. 12
Lois Beam	Jan. 13
Daniel Meade	Jan. 15
Arnold Tucker	Jan. 16
Jamie Ellison	Jan. 22
Austin Poole	Jan. 26
Bob Friedman	Jan. 28

## Anniversaries

Miles & Jenny Gettys	Jan. 22
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## Attendance

Sunday, Nov. 25	62
Wednesday, Nov. 28	12
Sunday, Dec. 2	63
Wednesday, Dec. 5	23
Sunday, Dec. 9	55
Wednesday, Dec. 12	15
Sunday, Dec. 16	53
Wednesday, Dec. 19	20
Sunday, Dec. 23	61
Wednesday, Dec. 26	No Service
Sunday, Dec. 30	27