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THE UPPER ROOM CHURCH

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Services:

Tuesday- Bible Study & Youth Service

Wednesday & Sunday Nights 7:00 PM

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 11:15 AM

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Rev. Frank Shreve



YOUTH SERVICE
Come join us in **Youth Service** on **Tuesday** nights at 7:00 PM. Where kids enjoy serving Jesus!!

LEARNING GOD'S WORD

Join us in Bible Study every Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. Paul said, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."



Teacher, Bro. Tom Langford



I believe we all could say glory to the new born King, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords that was born upon this earth almost two thousand years ago. We are celebrating His birth at this time and I thank God that Jesus Christ still can be in our hearts and lives. I know He may have lived almost two thousand years ago, but He still lives in the hearts of men and women that are serving Him and living a life that's pleasing unto Him. We must put Christ first every day of our life not just at Christmas time.

Matthew, the second chapter talks about the birth of Jesus Christ and how the wise men came to seek Him. They had seen His star in the East and had come to worship the King of Kings.

Matthew 2:1-6, "**Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came Wise Men from the east to Jerusalem saying,**

Where is He that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the east, and have come to worship Him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him in Bethlehem of Judaea, for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem in the land of Judaea art not the least among the princes of Judaea for out of thee shall come a Governor that shall rule my people Israel." These Wise Men saw this star rise in the east at the birth of Jesus Christ and they began to follow that star to the place where He was because they wanted to worship the Lord.

Many people have tried to explain what that star was and do

"Gods Unspeakable Gift"

away with the miraculous event of that star shown in the east. They say, some of the different planets lined up and that caused this bright light. As we look at this passage of Scripture this could not have been the case. This star was low enough that these men could follow it. I don't know how many have observed the moon at night when it's full as you are traveling in your automobile. That moon seems to follow you. You could travel ever so far, but that moon stays in pace with you. It could not have been Jupiter or Venus or whatever planet, because they are way up in the heavens. The Word of God says that this star went before them.

GOD'S WORD IS NOT SILENT ABOUT THE COMING OF THE LORD

God gave these men a sign that Jesus was born. They had seen the star and as they came into Jerusalem, they asked the leaders of that time where was this King of the Jews for they had come to worship Him. When Herod heard about it he was troubled because he was king and he didn't want anybody else to be king in his place. He gathered together the chief priest and the scribes and ask them

where was this king to be born. They said it was prophesied and was written by the prophets that He was to be born in Bethlehem of Judaea. God's word is not silent about the coming of the Lord.

"When he heard this Herod called the Wise Men and enquired of them what time the star appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said go and search diligently for the young child and when ye have found Him bring me word again that I may come and worship Him also so they departed."

You'll notice that they knew it was a young child. I know we have in our Christmas stories and plays that the little children put on and they act as wise men that find Christ in a manger. That really wasn't where the wise men found Him which we will find later on. Herod was trying to be crafty and wanted these wise men to go to seek after the young child, pretending that he wanted to worship Him too. Herod had no intention of worshiping Jesus, he wanted to destroy Him as we find later on in this chapter.

"When they heard the king they departed and lo the star which they saw in the east went before them till it came

Upper Room Outreach Announcements



TV Announcements

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Sunday at 7:30 PM and Thursday at 8:00 PM

Dear Reader:

We want to set aside a portion of the Vision Magazine to show you God's plan of salvation. It would be a terrible oversight on our part, if you read this magazine and then missed heaven. We want you to realize:

First. . . . God loves you!

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

Second. . . . Man is a sinner and sin has separated him from God!

For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good and sinneth not. (Ecclesiastes 7:20). For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Romans 3:23)

Third. . . . Jesus Christ is the only remedy for sin!

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18) Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

Fourth. . . . You must receive Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.

Jesus calls this experience the **new birth**. He told Nicodemus: *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3b)*

We invite you now to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Upon doing so you will be a son (daughter) of God. **But as many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name. (John 1:12)**

Pray this prayer and mean it with all of your heart:

Dear Lord Jesus, I now realize I am a sinner. I ask you to forgive me of all my sins. I accept the blood that Jesus shed on the rugged cross of Calvary as the price paid for my salvation. I now receive you as my Savior and ask you to become Lord of my life. Please take full control of me and help me to be the kind of Christian, you want me to be. In Jesus' name I pray.

Amen

If you have prayed this prayer in all sincerity, God has forgiven you... *If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:9-10*

We invite you to write and let us know you have accepted Christ. We will also send you a free copy of our book entitled, **Your New Life**. This book will help you grow in grace and knowledge of your new life in Christ.

Dear Brother Frank

I accepted the Lord Jesus as my Savior. Please send me a copy of your booklet entitled, "Your New Life".

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and stood over the young child." Here's what I was saying about this star. It was low enough for them to follow. Now evidently God had created this star just for this purpose to let those wise men know that Christ was born. They'd seen it in their country where they'd came from and that's why Herod inquired diligently what time this star appeared and they told him. Then Herod told them to go seek the young child.

According to the time that they first saw the star, until the time they saw the Christ Child, Jesus could have been two years old at this particular time.

Nevertheless the wise men did go and they saw this star as it went before them and the star stopped where the young Child lay. The Bible said in verse ten, "**When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.**" They knew they were at the place where the Messiah was. You will notice that when they realized they were getting close to Christ, there was joy. I believe it brought joy and peace to those Wise Men for they

knew their journey was about over. So when they came into the house, *not the manger*, as many times portrayed. As I said this could have been perhaps as long as two years since the star appeared and when they got to the place where Jesus was. The star first appeared on the day that Christ was born, but it took them quite a while to journey from where they were to Jerusalem.

"And when they come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him and then they opened their treasures and presented Him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

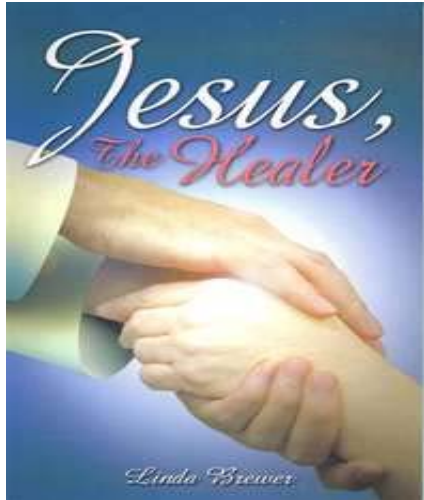
Now these gifts were symbolic of the life of Jesus Christ. They were symbolic of stages of His life that He was to go through. Many times in life God uses different things to illustrate truths in the Word of God. Jesus in His ministry used parables to illustrate great truths and so therefore these wise men presented Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh symbolizing Jesus' life.

Gold was a metal that was for kings. It was a very



Testimonies

by Gail Richards



May, 2011 I had open heart surgery. Everything went well with the surgery and I went home from the hospital then had rehab.

In August I was admitted to the hospital again and after running some tests they decided I needed a pacemaker. I refused to have one put in. My blood pressure was high so they put me on medicine. The medicine made me sick after the first pill so I didn't take anymore.

The Church had special prayer for me and God healed my high blood pressure. I haven't taken any blood pressure medicine since, thanks to God's healing power.

We decided to take a vacation and I thought maybe I should take the blood pressure medicine with me just in case I might need it while on vacation. Then I thought God has healed me and I don't need the medicine anymore. I got along just fine while on vacation. God sure has been good to me.

E.S.

LETTERS FROM OUR LISTENERS



Dear Bro. Frank,

I am writing to tell you how much I appreciate your news letter you send every couple months. When I check the mail and it's there it just makes my day.

I would like for you to remember my family in prayer they all need saved and delivered from drinking problems.

I also love watching your program on TV.

Praying for you all God Bless,
AMJ
Montrose, WV

Dear Pastor Frank,

I listen on WOTR Weston noon and midnight to your broadcast, I hardly miss it.

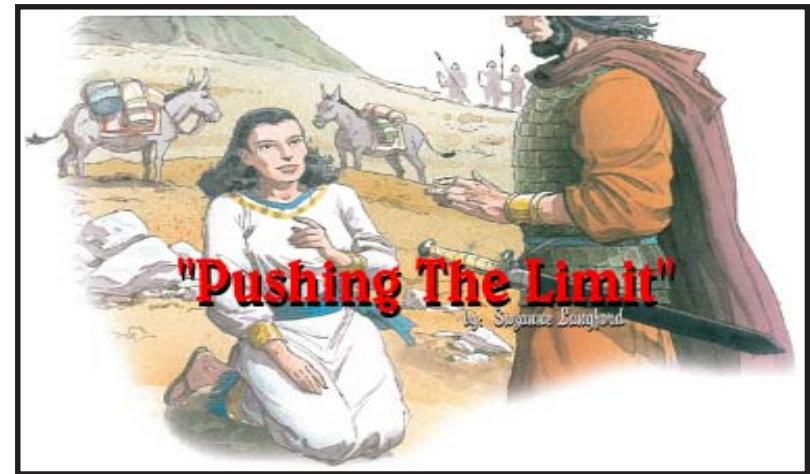
We need more pastors to preach like the old times did with fire and brimstone.

I love my Lord please pray for me.

Thanks,
EM
Weston, WV

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rejoices when we do good. Abigail returned home to her drunken husband that night, but kept her actions a secret until Nabal was sober the next morning then she disclosed to him all she had done. Nabal became very angry, so angry that his heart became like stone, cold and hard, and he had a heart attack and died ten days later. It sure doesn't pay to disobey God and sin against Him. You see when we sin it's against God and ourselves. At the news of Nabal's passing, David sent for Abigail and took her for his wife. David saw the genuine goodness in Abigail and her life was blessed because she chose to do good, instead of evil. She set a pattern in her life to live godly instead of carnally. She chose to allow God, through His Word, to radically change her life forever. When we choose to serve God instead of the devil – God blesses us with salvation. When we chose to do right instead of wrong – God blesses us with joy. When we choose to do good instead of evil – God blesses us with peace. When we choose – that's the key word — we choose to do good our lives will be great because God has secured our future in Heaven with Him. Abigail was good and God blessed her. God also was good, so good to all of us when He gave His Son to die on the cross to save us. The Bible says, *"O taste and see that the Lord He is good."* He is our example of good, let us be good, do good, and speak good as God commands and He will radically change our life forever.



God has always commanded His children, those who believe in Him, who have received Him, who love Him, to maintain good works. Once we have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we desire to set a pattern to do good. The Bible says everywhere Jesus went when He walked on this earth, He did good. God wants us to be holy and perfect as He is holy and perfect. He commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, pray one for another, speak no evil of one another, and to speak soft and kindly to each other. God urges us to help others with their needs, and to give ourselves as Jesus gave Himself that we might be saved. Jesus spent more time during His ministry on earth telling us how to treat others, than telling us how to treat Him. In the Word of God we find David, before he had taken the throne as king, he was fleeing and hiding from the death threats of King Saul.

You see, King Saul had disobeyed God and did not maintain good works. God had removed His anointing from Saul and spoke to the prophet Samuel to anoint David as the new future king. David was in hiding, waiting on God's exact timing when he would be crowned King of Israel, but at this time Samuel had died and David was sad. After Samuel's burial, David arose and took 600 warriors down to the wilderness of Paran. While in the wilderness, David came in contact with Nabal's servants who were there shearing their sheep. Nabal was a very rich man and David and his men were very kind and protected Nabal's men and his possessions from thieves and wild animals while they were camped in the wilderness. After a while, David sent ten of his men to Nabal and told these men to honor Nabal and bring him peace and blessing

sweet smell it was used during the burial. So this gift of myrrh showed that Jesus was not only going to be King and priest, but He was also going to die for the sins of mankind and be buried.

Now this was not what the disciples thought that the Messiah would do. They thought He was



coming as a warrior, a mighty leader, a mighty King upon this earth, and Israel would have their position as a ruling nation, but it didn’t happen at that time.

Christ was crucified upon the cross of Calvary and He died for the sins of all mankind and I thank God that He did.

So these three gifts that were given represented three phases of Jesus’ life. Therefore to all those that accept Him, Jesus Christ is King, He’s our high priest, and He was crucified for our salvation. After the Wise Men had presented their gifts unto the Lord, they were warned of God in a dream they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. After Herod had seen that he had been mocked by the Wise Men, he sent men into the city of Bethlehem and

the cities round about and had every child killed two years old and under. This shows that Jesus could have been as much as two years of age at this particular time when the Wise Men came to worship Him. Joseph being warned by the angel of the Lord to take Jesus down into Egypt that he might remain there until Herod died. That the scripture might be fulfilled, “*Out of Egypt have I called my Son.*”

Christ went through all these things to fulfill the Word of God. Jesus does not need our money, silver and gold. I believe Christ wants us to offer ourselves and give ourselves as a living sacrifice holy and acceptable unto Him which is our reasonable service.

I thank God that we can look to Jesus Christ and magnify His holy name. During this Christmas season we each one should give ourselves to Jesus Christ as a gift unto Him. Just like these Wise Men gave gifts unto Him, we must first give ourselves before any other gifts will be accepted. I believe its good to give to one another gifts during this Christmas time, but I believe most of all, we should give ourselves to Jesus Christ. Even as Christ gave Himself as God’s unspeakable gift. It declares in John 3:16, “*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life*”.



There once were ten men who had leprosy. Leprosy is a terrible disease and one that there is no cure for. Leprosy was also very contagious. That means that someone else could catch the disease if you were around them. In order for this not to happen, the men with leprosy had to live away from town and their families and go live with the other people that had leprosy.

People who had leprosy were called lepers. The leprosy could get so bad that they could lose their fingers and toes. These men were surely very sad because they had to live away from the people they loved and there was no hope for them to ever be cured.

At least that’s what these ten lepers thought. It is true; we have no hope without Jesus. One day Jesus was walking down the road to Jerusalem. The lepers saw Jesus, but they couldn’t come close to Him. They called out to Jesus, “*Jesus, Master have mercy on us*”. When Jesus saw them, He said, “*Go show yourselves unto the priests.*” While they were on their way to show themselves to the priest, they were healed. Everyone of them were healed by the power of Jesus.

Whenever we are in a hopeless situation, we need to turn to Jesus for our help. He is the only one that can give us hope. How excited the men must have been to be completely healed of this terrible disease. They probably went as fast as they could to tell their families what Jesus had done.

A Faithful Healed Man

They could now go back and live with the people they loved. Out of the ten lepers, only one came back to thank Jesus for healing him. He was so excited that he fell down at Jesus' feet thanking Him and praising Him for healing him.

I can just imagine the man running and shouting and saying, "Look at me, I'm healed, Jesus has healed me!" I believe that's what I would be doing. Jesus wants us to have a thankful heart and to praise Him continually. We need to thank Him for all that He does for us. When He wakes us up in the morning, we need to give Him thanks. We all have so much to be thankful for.

Jesus looked around and asked, "Were there not ten men cleansed? But where are the nine?" Jesus said to the healed man, "Arise go your way; your faith has made you whole." The other nine lepers that were healed went their own way. They didn't come back to thank Jesus for healing them. I'm sure they were thankful for being healed, but they never came back to tell Jesus.

Wonder how Jesus feels when we don't tell Him how much we appreciate what He has done for us. Jesus loves us very much and He does such great things for us that we should never forget to thank Him for all that He does. Sometimes we take so much for granted from God. He gives us so much and we give Him so little. Just like the nine lepers that were healed, we don't always thank Jesus for what He has done for us either. We are excited and happy that He has met our needs, but so many times we fail to tell Him.

All of us like it when people appreciate something we have done for them. It makes us feel good to do something good for somebody else. We want to know that people appreciate what we've done. When someone says "thank you" that means they really appreciate what you have done and they have noticed what you have done.

Jesus wants us to appreciate Him and be thankful for all that He does for us. Without Jesus, we can do nothing.

There is always something to be thankful for. He wakes us up each morning and He meets the needs of each new day. He has provided so much for us. Let's not take Jesus for granted. Let's thank Him everyday for all that He does for us. **WHAT A GREAT AND MIGHTY GOD WE SERVE!**

Christ offered up Himself unto God for our sins.

sacrifices for the people so that the people might be forgiven of their sins. Christ didn't offer up a sacrifice like a lamb or a bullock, but He offered up Himself as a sacrifice to God. That's how we are redeemed, we are not redeemed with precious things such as silver and gold not with the blood of bulls and goats as the law demanded. Neither are we redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold, but we're redeemed through the precious blood of Jesus Christ that He shed upon the cross of Calvary.

Now we know that he left this earth and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father, ever making intercession for you and I. Just like the priests here on earth interceded for the people. They went before God on behalf of the people and offered up prayers and sacrifices. Jesus as our high priest does not offer up sacrifices, but He offered up Himself as a sacrifice, holy and without blemish.

Christ knew no sin, the same as in the old Testament a sacrifice had to be without spot. It could not have anything wrong with it, it had to be a perfect sacrifice. In the course of time some of the

Priests would offer the sacrifice up with many blemishes on it. Malachi had to rebuke them and he said, "You bring the sacrifice of your lambs that are polluted. Try offering it to your governor, will he accept this at your hand?"

Jesus Christ was not a polluted sacrifice. He was One without blemish, He offered up Himself unto God for our sins. Jesus said, "They do not take my life from me, I lay it down of myself." Even when He stood before Pilate that day, He did not defend Himself. Pilate began to say, "Know you not all the things they witness against you? Know you not that I have power to release you and set you free?" Jesus did not take His defense, even to the point that Pilate marveled. Jesus told Pilate that he would have no power at all except it was given to him of God. Jesus went on to say, "Know you not that I have power to call twelve legions of angels and deliver me? But my kingdom is not of this world." So Pilate delivered Him to be crucified. This comes to the reason that the Wise Men gave a gift of **Myrrh** it was a sweet smelling balm and it was used when a body was being prepared for burial. Because of its



precious metal and it was used for kings to make their crowns and many times their garments were interwoven with gold. So gold was to show that Jesus was a king and He is still King of Kings and Lord of Lords. In fact, the book of Philippians declares that God has given Him a name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. So gold was a representation that He was going to be king. He did not obtain that kingship while here on earth. In fact He was rejected of men. The Bible declares that He came unto His own, but His own received Him not. This gold was a representation that one day Christ will rule upon this earth and become King over all this world.

It declares in the book of Revelations, He's going to come

with the armies of heaven and defeat all people that rebelled against Him and He's going to set up His throne in Jerusalem and there He will rule over all the nations in the earth. Now Satan has more or less jurisdiction over the things of this world. He's ruling in the hearts of many men, but Jesus one day will become Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

The Wise Men then presented unto Him **frankincense**. This was a sweet smelling odor that the priest used for anointing the many things that they offered up to God. The Wise Men gave this frankincense to show that Jesus was not only King, He is also our High Priest. He makes intercession for us to the Father. In the old testament they had a High Priest over the laws God had given Moses. God designated men to stand in the priesthood to offer up

HAPPENINGS AT THE UPPER ROOM



Bro. Mike Manuel from Logan, WV exalted the congregation on what God will do for His people when we put our faith and trust in Him. The Holy Spirit used Bro. Manuel with many scriptures speaking from Acts 16 how Paul and Silas rejoiced in God even though they had problems and God brought them out of jail. I couldn't even

begin to write down all the scriptures God gave him to speak to the congregation about putting our faith and trust in God. No body could leave the service saying they didn't hear the Word of God.



During our anniversary service Bro. Mike Flannery ministered encouraging the congregation to praise God for it makes one forget about self and put their trust in God.

One of his scriptures was taken from Psalms 2:8 he said, "*Great is the Lord and He's greatly to be praised.*" God moved by His Spirit touching and delivering those that had needs.

The Faith Harmony Boys sang on Saturday of our Anniversary Service. The congregation were encouraged by the songs they sang for God.

DEDICATION SERVICE

We held a dedication service on the land we purchased for the new church. Bro. Flannery brought forth encouraging words from 2 Chron. 5th



To Our Readers,

Christmas is a time we celebrate the giving of the ultimate love gift; Jesus Christ. Our Heavenly Father gave His best, His only begotten Son to a world in need of a Savior, a Redeemer. All He asks in return is our love and our hearts in service to Him.

*'What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would give Him a lamb.
If I were a wiseman, I could do my part; Yet, what can I give Him? Give Him my heart.'*

Christine Gertrina Rissetti

At this Christmas Season, give Him your heart and your life will be blessed above all you can think or ask. We deeply appreciate your letters, prayers, and financial gifts to assist in the spreading of this Great News of God's love and mercy. May your life be filled with love and the desire to serve Him moment by moment.

Christian Love and Prayers,

*Bro. Frank & Family,
the magazine staff, and the
Congregation of the
Upper Room Church*

*Pastor Frank &
Evelyn Shroove*

