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The Prophecy of His Coming (Encore)

By Rev. Dr. William E. George

Wonderful Counselor—

This title could be translated “Wonder of a Counselor.” The word

“wonderful,” used in the Old Testament, describes those things associated with God that are supernatural and extraordinary.

When counselors of the kings used only human wisdom, it was folly. Human advice lacks the spiritual wisdom that God alone gives. **Mighty God**—This title points to the deity of the child. “For the LORD your God is the God of gods and the Lord of lords, the Great, the Almighty.. **Eternal Father**—The quality of fatherhood is defined by the word “eternity.” The Messiah is an eternal Father. In the Old Testament God is called “Father” eight times in seven verses.

Prince of Peace—Peace characterizes the reign of the Messiah. The concept of “peace” in the OT is very rich, “Shalom...is more than just peace; it comes from the meaning *to be whole*



and speaks of *wholeness, soundness, health and well-being.*” Someone has said that ‘peace’ is not the absence of trouble but the presence of God. The words Jesus spoke shortly before His death were comforting to the disciples:

“Peace, I leave with you; My peace I give you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (Jn 14:27). Only when we are at peace with God can we be at peace with other human beings. According to this prophecy, there [would] be no end to the increase of His government or of peace. The throne of David [and] His kingdom [would be established and upheld] with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore.

This prophecy of the incarnation of Christ, stands related to mankind as their Savior, His Infinite majesty and God-head are shown. He shall appear as a child, born of a woman, born as a Jew, under the law, but not in the way of ordinary generation. He is a Son...given—the human nature, in which the fullness of the Godhead was to dwell, being produced by the creative energy of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin. As being God manifested in the flesh, He was wonderful in His conception, His birth preaching, miracles, sufferings, death, resurrection, and ascension; wonderful in His person and His works. He is the Counselor that expounds the law; shows its origin, nature, and claims; instructs, pleads for the guilty; and every appears in the presence of God for men.



**Join the
Vision and Mission**
“Serving P.I.E.”
&
“Reaching the Lost
and Teaching the
Cross”



Your Voice, Your Vote By Jewel McGahee

Although you may not be old enough to vote, please understand that you can have an effect on the political process by getting involved in future local, state-wide or national elections. Some ways you can get involved include helping conduct voter registration drives, hosting a debate watch, becoming a citizen journalist to inform others, volunteering for campaigns, attending city council or county commission meetings, and writing letters to politicians to express your opinion.

One of the reasons the presidential race was so important is because the president has the awesome power to nominate Supreme Court justices whose decisions last generations. The president also puts people in power who have a direct influence on American life.

The presidential election is every four years; however, there are usually elections in Memphis at least once a year. The mayor, council-

and commissioners make laws for the city. State representatives, state senators and the governor make laws for the city and the state. Congressmen, senators, and the president make laws for the city, the state, and the nation.

People died for the right to vote. Do your research, get involved and let your imagination be your guide.

Ushers Training Workshop By Gladys Alexander

The Ushers Training Workshop was held on November 5, 2016. Presiding was, Dorothy Johnson, who presented Henry Martin for Invocation and Grace.

A delicious brunch was prepared by Chef Harold Osborne.

Purpose was given by Donna Thomas who expressed that training is essential and an ongoing process. Other workshops have been planned to prepare us to work together efficiently and accurately.

Presenter, Millicent DeWitt, President of Ushers, reminded us that we should be humble in our service because whatever we do, do it heartily, as to Lord, and not unto men. (Colossians 3: 23). She also stated as we enter the sanctuary we are assembling to worship and praise God. (Levites 19: 30).

Therefore, during, Call to Worship, Affirmation of Faith, and Scripture Readings, there should be no movement by ushers or worshipers. The Pulpit and Chancel Area should not be crossed. Messages are to be delivered from the side doors.

The usher gets the attention of someone in the pulpit to come to the door and deliver the message to the Pastor/appropriate person.

Visitors Cards should be given to the announcer before she goes to the podium.

Group Work was done in a question and answer session. Junior, Young Adult and Adult Ushers participated.

Closing Remarks were given by Dorothy Johnson.

Remarks and benediction were given by Rev. Bethel L. Harris Jr.

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SUMMARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS, FALL QUARTER

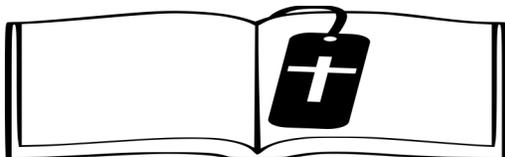
By Robert Garrett

The quarter opened with a message from the prophet Isaiah. We learned that being a good and faithful servant guarantees us a place in God's peaceful kingdom. God is the Creator, the beginning and the end. He never grows tired or weary. His power is not limited. He is the Almighty sovereign God.

The Son, Jesus Christ, is the imprint of God's glory. The Son is superior to all the angels. They must worship Him, for He is the great High Priest. We should keep a strong faith in God and know that Jesus is always with us on our earthly journey. We should "put off" our sinful ways, keep our minds on heavenly things and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

In the month of November, we studied the writings of John on the Island of Patmos. The believers' purpose is to live in the light of Revelation's promise of the renewal of all creation. God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. There will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain in the New Jerusalem. Everything in the former life will pass away. John did not see a temple in the city, because its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb.

The lessons, in the month of December, are taken from the final chapter of the Book of Revelation. John tells of an angel that showed him a river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. On each side of the river is a tree and its leaves are the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curses, nor darkness of nights. The Lord God will shine on them and be their light. God's gift of abundant life is a present and a future gift.



10.30.16 Trunk of Treats



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Monthly Greenwood Updates

- ⇒ December 4 Hanging of the Greens 10:30a
- ⇒ December 9 Book Reading at Cherokee Elementary 10a
- ⇒ December 13 Church Conference 6p
- ⇒ December 14 Book Reading at Red Robin Academy 10a
- ⇒ December 17 146th Founder's Day, Mother Liberty, Jackson, TN 12noon
- ⇒ December 18 Christmas Program 9a
- ⇒ December 22 Super Saturday Preparation 7p
- ⇒ December 24 Super Saturday 8a
- ⇒ December 25 Christmas Day Worship Service 9a/Student Recognition Day
- ⇒ January 1 New Year's Day Service 9a

Were you There ?

