

3 Things to Do

1. Google the song, "This is such a strange way to save the world" by 4 HIM. Listen to it.
2. Pray and ask God to help you understand the importance of Bethlehem.
3. Meditate on the 23rd Psalm and ask yourself how much of it is your testimony.

Have an Epiphany

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT

1. What does it mean to have an epiphany? Must every Christian have an epiphany? Why or why not?
2. What does Micah's prophecy in chapter 5:1-4 mean to you? Have you ever felt like Bethlehem, small, weak and insignificant?
3. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is the Shepherd King? How does that impact your outlook on life? What is the Shepherd King doing for you?

Church Calendar

CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY 9:30 AM

MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY 11:00 AM

HOUR OR POWER BIBLE STUDY/ PRAYER MEETING

WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM

[EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2018](#)

Sunday, 14th — Victoria Richardson Day (Ys) Rev. Dr. William L. Ward will bring the Preached Word

Sunday, 15th — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

Sunday, 28th — Marie L. Clinton Day (Buds)

Monday, 29th — 3rd Quarterly Conference, 7:00pm — Ministry Team Meeting will be held following the Quarterly Conference

Church Announcements

Peace Benediction in E^b By Darrell J. Gaskin

Please don't worry about anything
But pray and ask God for
everything you need
Always giving thanks
And He'll give you peace for your
heart and mind.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding
will keep your heart and mind
In Christ Jesus, the Lord.

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Shalom!
It's God's Plan for You!

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Rev. Dr. Darrell J. Gaskin, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Rita J. Colbert, Presiding Elder
Rt. Rev. W. Darin Moore, Presiding Bishop

This Sunday is Epiphany

Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas Season, which begins with the Nativity in the manger and ends with the Magi in the house. It is the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles.

Your Notes

WHAT DID PASTOR GASKIN PREACH ABOUT TODAY?

We often recite the 23rd Psalm. However, do we really appreciate it? God promised through the prophet Micah to give us a Shepherd King who will reign in the power and majesty of the Lord. He will give peace and security to those who serve Him. His reputation will be great throughout the world. Why because He is the Good Shepherd, i.e., He is good to His people. The Magi had this epiphany, a divine revelation that caused them to seek and worship the Christ child, the Shepherd King. We should do the same.

Jesus Christ is the Shepherd King

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing

- I. The Magi had an Epiphany – a revelation of the divine.
- II. How did they find the Christ child? *By the Star (Matt 2:1-12) and Prophecy (Micah 5:1-4)*
- III. Why did God chose Bethlehem instead of Jerusalem? *God prefers the humble to the proud, first David then Christ. (1 Samuel 16:1, Micah 5:2)*
- IV. What did God promise in Micah's prophecy? *To provide us a ruler who will be a good shepherd, bringing peace, safety and greatness.*
- V. When and why did God make this promise? *Bethlehem and Israel was under siege, vulnerable and without leadership. Through a child of Bethlehem, God planned to deliver Bethlehem and Israel.*
- VI. Sometimes we feel like Bethlehem, small, weak and insignificant. However, remember God's promise.
- VII. Be like the Magi. Have an Epiphany. Christ is our Shepherd King. He brings us strength, majesty, security and greatness.

Words to Remember

Marshal your troops now, city of troops, for a siege is laid against us. They will strike Israel's ruler on the cheek with a rod. "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

Micah 5:1-4