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Snow!

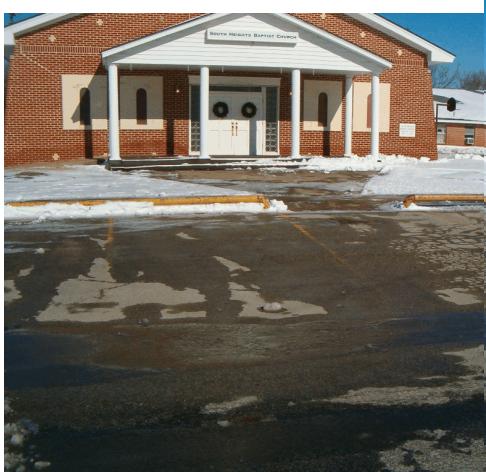
The "Great Oklahoma
Blizzard of Ought-9"
sure did cover us up!



There Will Be One Service Today

at Three o'clock.

Cleaning Up From 10" Of Snow Isn't As Easy As One Would Think!



As you can see, it looks MUCH better, but totally getting rid of the snow and ice isn't really possible.

Trying to clean up the results of the effect of nature is like trying to clean up after the effects of Adam's sin - even with the best of intentions, equipment, and effort, we still fall short of the goal. Without God, in Christ, doing it FOR us, we are hopelessly lost, for, unlike these parking lots and sidewalks, which can be used to get into the buildings even if only partially clean, our hearts must be totally clean in God's sight in order for us to enter into His presence. Thankfully, God provided The Way in Jesus Christ!

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned" (Romans 5:12).

"For he hath made him [to be] sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (II Corinthians 5:21).



From Bethlehem to Golgotha

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God" (I John 4:13-15).

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We celebrate Christ's birth because of His death. Consider this poem written by John Donne, British poet and preacher during the early 1600's:

*Twas much,
that man was
made like God before,
But that God should
be like man
much more.*

It is a marvelous thought to think that God made human beings in His own image. That He would pattern us after Himself, knowing of our sin nature is truly miraculous. But even more marvelous is the thought that Christ took on our form and became a man.

Christ didn't enter our world simply to see what it was like. He didn't merely want to experience our culture, partake in our customs, or learn our ways. Jesus came to earth for one purpose: to die on Calvary to pay for the sins of mankind.

Even as Mary, the mother of Jesus, cradled Him in her arms that first Christmas night, she knew that one day He would save the world from their sins. She had been told that Jesus' purpose on earth was to provide salvation for a lost and dying world.

We do not celebrate the birth of Christ simply because of the fact that He left Heaven to come to earth. We celebrate His birth because of His death.

Jesus coming to earth and assuming upon Himself the form of a man is cause to rejoice. What a wonderful God who would leave the glory of Heaven and enter humanity's imperfection! Yet He did so for a reason. He had a mission for coming to earth and that mission was to die on Calvary as a payment for the sins of the world.

As you reflect on Christmas, don't forget to also reflect on His death. Remember that He was born so that He could die for your sins on the Cross. The payment God required for sins could never be satisfied unless a perfect sacrifice was offered. God's only Son, Jesus Christ, willingly offered to be that sacrifice so that one day you could be with Him in Heaven for all eternity.

Have you thought on Jesus' death this Christmas season? Have you thought about the reason for His birth? Jesus sacrificed His own life so that you could live forever. Don't take for granted the reason for Christ's birth. Thank Him that when there was no other sacrifice, He willingly became a sacrifice for you and me. ■

NEWS OF INTEREST TO CHRISTIANS

by Evangelist David W. Cloud

□ **LUTHERAN LEADER SAYS BIBLE NOT SOLE AUTHORITY** - Mark Hanson, president bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said on December 6 that the Bible is not the final word on homosexuality. In a meeting in Chicago he said, "*The understanding we have of homosexuality today does not seem to be reflected at all in the context of the biblical writers,*" but he thinks that is O.K. because "*God is still speaking to us*" (Lighthouse Trails Research, Dec. 7, 2009). Thus, according to this Lutheran leader, the Bible is clearly not the sole authority for faith and practice. So much for Martin Luther's *sola scriptura*.

□ **PRECISE BLOOD** - The following is from Creation Moments:

"While most would agree that our circulatory system is vital to life, many of us don't fully appreciate the almost miraculous workings of that system. Your heart pumps about one-hundred thousand times every day. That means that your heart pumps the equivalent of 10 tons of blood every day or 80 million gallons in a lifetime. Your circulatory system brings that blood to every cell in your body through a capillary network that is so large that the combined capillaries of only four people, stretched end to end, would reach from the Earth to the moon! But your circulatory system involves quality as well as quantity. The chemistry of your blood is monitored and adjusted to within incredibly fine limits to keep it in precise balance second by second, day by day, year in, year out. For example, the acidity of your blood is adjusted constantly to within one part in a hundred million. Our circulation system cannot be simply 'good enough'; it has to work perfectly. So if mindless evolution created us, it had to make the whole system perfect the first time. There is no room for millions of years or for a poorer circulation system to be improved by mutations. Here, the facts clearly support Scripture, strongly indicating that we were created in finished form--not developed slowly by trial and error." ■



NURSERY MINISTRY WORKERS FOR THIS WEEK

3:00 p. m. Service ----- *Cradle Roll 1: Kristi Hooper*
Cradle Roll 2: Andrea Hooper

Wednesday Eve. Service ---- *Cradle Roll 1: LeAnna White*
Cradle Roll 2: Seth White

AND THE PEOPLE CAME...

Week of December 20, 2009

Sunday School -----	22
Sunday Morning Service -----	40
Sunday Evening Service -----	35

AND THE PEOPLE GAVE...

Week of December 20, 2009

Undesignated Tithes & Offerings ----- \$ 1,071.08
Total Received for Week of 12/20/09: \$ 1,071.08

*Average amount of Undesignated Offerings needed
to operate the church
EACH WEEK,
as a minimum = \$ 1,400.00* 

FUND DRIVE REPORTS

We Are Suspending Our Specific Fund Drives Until Our Regular Weekly Offerings Come Back Up To Where They Need To Be. Please Give As Much As You Can To Help Us Catch Up After The Extremely Low Giving We Experienced This Summer And Fall.



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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE SAVED

1. *Admit that you are a sinner.*
 2. *Admit that God says all sins must be paid for.*
 3. *Accept the fact that Christ took upon Himself the suffering necessary to pay for all your sins.*
 4. *You must change your mind about sin and sinning (God calls this repentance).*
 5. *By an act of your will, accept by faith the Lord Jesus Christ, who can save you from the penalty of sin. Then, tell God about this in a simple prayer. Believe that God keeps His promise to save you, and thank Him for His salvation.*



Please Remember To Be Faithful to Give!

As with everything else, the costs of keeping a church going never go down - they always go **up**. Bills wait for no one, and churches are no exception to this. An extra, sacrificial gift today by everyone present would go a long way...

We encourage all of our membership to practice obedience to God by being faithful every payday to give back to Him His tithe (10%). *If every family in our church would practice this one simple discipline, we would never have weeks where we have to put off paying some bills until the following week!*

Everything is expensive, especially for a small church like ours, but ours is a **BIG** God, and He LOVES to bless His children when they are obedient to Him!

If you are already a tither, we thank you, and encourage you to also give offerings as well. If you're currently not tithing, won't you please start ***today - OK?*** Thank you.

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