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# From the Editor

What a strange world we live in. The most wonderful time of the year is nearly here and so much of our world is not in the spirit of the season. Businesses are afraid to use the word Christmas in their advertising. Angry atheists scream foul over nativity scenes at City Hall. Elementary schools replace Christmas programs with Winter Festivals. One hardly dares issue a “Merry Christmas” at the grocery store for fear of retribution.

One might have thought Santa Claus posed a threat to the Reason for the Season, but Ole Saint Nick is nothing compared to the threat we are facing today. The secular enlightenment organizations desire not just to divert attention from the Christ Child, they want to eradicate him completely.

What a shame that a season of charity such as Christmas would be defaced by the ugliness of unhappy and hateful people. Who would have thought that anyone would ever have joined with King Herod of long ago in seeking to eliminate the Christ-Child; a Child so holy, meek and mild?

Thank God for the hearty souls who have not caved to the madness of this political correctness but have counteracted the propaganda of the day with Christmas lights, pageants, carols, cards, and cheer. Because of their indomitable spirits, the festival of Christmas has not succumbed to political hijacking but is alive and well. May its light never go out but continue to illuminate a dark and sin cursed world.

**\*Note:** Strangely enough, Christianity has received support in recent days from an unusual source. Richard Dawkins the avowed atheist and author of *Outgrowing God*, among other atheists have admitted albeit reluctantly, that Christianity is, and has been good for our country. In fact, they are coming to realize that their secular enlightenment ideals may have only achieved success because they wielded influence on a Christian culture. “Without Christianity man may indeed be unable to know the difference between right and wrong.” Dawkins has actually issued a warning that, “benign Christian religion” might be replaced by something decidedly less benign, and that perhaps we should take a step back to discuss what might happen if the evangelical secularists are successful in destroying or banishing Christianity.” He went on to write that “ending religion”—once his fervent goal—“would be a terrible idea, because it would give people a license to do really bad things.” “People may feel free to do bad things because they feel God is no longer watching them.” ~TRF



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# THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Rev. Donald Nichols



*A*s Christmas nears, everyone is busy preparing for the season. Decorating trees, hanging lights, buying gifts, attending Christmas parties and planning church programs and services take a lot of time and energy. Is it possible that the One we are celebrating may get lost in the holiday shuffle? Go back in time with me to another occasion when Jesus got lost in the busyness of the moment. Pressure built on the family of our Lord when He was just a lad. They had made the trek from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. Traveling in a group of

family, neighbors and friends, Jesus' parents left Jerusalem for home, not realizing He wasn't with the group. They traveled a whole day assuming He was with them. After searching, they returned to Jerusalem and found Him three days later in the temple, seated among the doctors, listening and asking questions. He was doing what His Father wanted Him to do. His mother and Joseph had taken much for granted, and Jesus was missing from their presence.

Across the Conference our churches will be celebrating Christmas with Cantatas, programs and plays or concerts. Our ministers will be sharing the timeless stories that relate different parts of the Christmas story. It is a wonderful opportunity to reach those who do not know the Lord. Starting with the Christmas story, the Gospel can be readily shared with a neighbor or friend. May God help each of us, regardless of our Christmas responsibilities, to make certain of His Presence during the Christmas season. His presence will dissolve doubts and fears and bring peace. His presence will convict of sin and point to His gracious mercy and forgiveness. May He authenticate all our observances with His presence. May our gifts and gatherings reflect His love. May our sermons, musicals and presentations proclaim His "unspeakable gift" for us. May all our activities give honor to Him. His presence is most important.

Ruth and I wish all the Pilgrim family a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*Rev. Don and Ruth Nichols*

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# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM OUR FAMILY TO YOURS



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## CONFERENCE CHRISTMAS DINNER

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## Two Free Publications to Assist Pastors and Laymen

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Natalie Zeigler







**W**hy do we limit ourselves to what's familiar? Will we ever grow if we stay within the circle of our comfort zone? The Lord has challenged me to care for the "untouchables" in our world today... to love them despite what people may think or say. To show compassion although it may cost other "friendships", to love relentlessly and with the Light of Christ.

I'm learning that there will never be a time in my life where I'll be able to please everyone. People will throw foundation-less accusations and judge my interactions with the "less worthy of our time" people.

But you know what? I don't care. **There's one person that truly knows my heart, and He's the King of the Universe. He sees my motives and died to give me the grace and mercy I need for every day.** The grace and mercy that He has called me to extend to everyone around me.

I can stand before the throne of grace and hear the Father say "Not Guilty" as my life's story is recounted on that judgment day. And I don't

believe that the lost and hurting souls surrounding us in this world deserve any less a chance to have their record wiped clean as they enter eternity.

I don't want to only rely on my conservative appearance as my "witness", but I want people to see Christ in my actions and words and say, "Wow, she's not like other people. She's genuine." I want nothing more to love like Jesus did... and still does. I want to be the arm that reaches out to those that are looked down upon. I want to remind them that they are of priceless value, and no lifestyle can change that. Jesus made even "them."

Lord, help me to be intentional and to love people like you do.

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**I don't believe in any religion apart from doing the will of God. ~Catherine Booth**

## A FOCUS ON GRATITUDE

**Corrie Ten Boom** was sent to a prison camp for hiding Jews from the Nazis. There, her sister said they should thank God for everything in their barracks. Corrie refused to give thanks for the fleas that infested their bedding, but later she found out that those fleas kept the guards from entering the barracks, enabling them to have daily prayer meetings. So, she said, "Thank you, Lord, for the fleas!"

So, while you're thanking the God "who satisfies your mouth with good things" (Psalms 103:5), remember that He's in control and He knows best. Let's bless the Lord in all things, because God is good all the time!

*Father remind me that time changes circumstances. Let me display grace and thanksgiving throughout these holidays, regardless of what I want. Help me to exhibit kindness, patience and joy to my family and friends. In Jesus' Name, Amen. ~Selected*



## *Just like Jesus*

**On a trip to Africa**, a Jewish journalist, David Plotz, was stranded at a Malawi airport. There he met an African pastor who took Plotz to his home, fed him for two days, and testified to him about Jesus the Messiah. David Plotz later wrote, "I don't believe anything that this man believes, but I am awed by his conviction. He feels Christ moving in him, which is why he took in a stranger, and housed him, and fed him, and clothed him." This African pastor understood that we are called to follow Jesus example by living intentionally.

**PHILIPPIANS 2:5-7 LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, WHICH WAS ALSO IN CHRIST JESUS: 6 WHO, BEING IN THE FORM OF GOD, THOUGHT IT NOT ROBBERY TO BE EQUAL WITH GOD: 7 BUT MADE HIMSELF OF NO REPUTATION, AND TOOK UPON HIM THE FORM OF A SERVANT,**

A salvation that does not lead to service is no salvation at all. ~Catherine Booth



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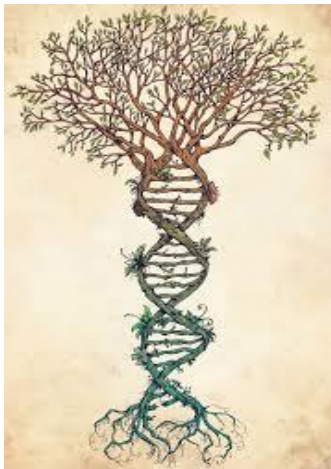
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Dr. Steve Gibson and Dr. Randall McElwain have contributed to this project. To meet the entire SGC team and learn more about this effort, go to [WWW.SHEPHERDSGLOBALCLASSROOM.ORG](http://WWW.SHEPHERDSGLOBALCLASSROOM.ORG)

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## Jesus: The Son of David (Matthew 1:1-17)



In the Greek New Testament, the first two words of Matthew are *biblios genesis*, a phrase that would have reminded Matthew’s first readers of the book of Genesis. Just as Genesis demonstrates God’s sovereignty over creation, Matthew demonstrates God’s sovereignty over history. The genealogy in Matthew shows that all of Israel’s history was leading to the birth of the Messiah.

Matthew’s genealogy records three groups of fourteen names. This was a common Jewish memory aid. Regular groups helped students memorize long lists of names. Readers of Matthew’s genealogy would have known that this list did not

include every ancestor between Abraham and Joseph. Matthew’s phrase “was the father of” could refer to any ancestor. Jewish genealogies often skipped some generations. Matthew focuses on important members of Jesus genealogy and omits other names.

Because Matthew omitted some generations, the names he includes are particularly interesting. Matthew chose these names for a purpose. For instance, Matthew lists four women. This was unusual in a Jewish genealogy. These names each have questionable backgrounds. Rahab and Ruth were foreigners, Tamar, Rahab, and Bathsheba are associated with sexual shame. Similarly, some of the men in the list had suffered disgrace. Judah treated Tamar shamefully. Jeconiah’s line was disqualified from the throne of Israel. Most noticeably, Matthew identifies David, not with his great accomplishments, but as “the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah.”

These names identify Jesus with sinful humanity. God brought his Son into the world not through a spotless family line, but as the descendent of ordinary sinners. Jewish leaders mocked Jesus’ disreputable birth and rejected him as unworthy. Matthew shows, “If the Messiah can be born from this kind of ancestry, he can be a deliverer for all kinds of people, even disreputable ones.”

## Jesus: The Son of Adam (Luke 3:23-38)

Matthew traces the genealogy of the “King of the Jews” to Abraham. Luke traces Jesus’ genealogy to Adam. This fits with Luke’s emphasis on Jesus as the “Son of Man.” Luke’s genealogy emphasizes Jesus’ humanity. Luke places the genealogy just before the story of Jesus’ temptation. This reminds the reader that Jesus, the second Adam, succeeded where the first Adam failed.

Last night I finished reading the courses for Shepherds Global Classroom... Wow! These are nothing if not comprehensive, (including all or nearly all information on all topics considered) and thorough (not superficial but done with great care and completeness). Thank you for giving me the opportunity to read this amazing compilation of truth, illustrations, and foundational knowledge of the Scripture. Anyone, genuinely saved, who completes what you have done will be equipped to be an extraordinary pastor! **Dr. Connie Palm, Educator, Missionary**



## Jesus: The Son of God (John 1:1-18)

The Gospel of John begins with a divine genealogy; Jesus was the Son of God. “The life of Jesus did not begin ...at the moment of birth. He came into the world from a preexistent state to fulfil a specific mission.”

In the Old Testament, God's *shekinah* glory dwelled among Israel in the tabernacle. Now, God's glory dwells among us in the person of Jesus Christ. God's divine glory was now revealed in human form.

The Word was eternal: “The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The Father and the Son lived in eternal fellowship. Why did Jesus come into our world? To reveal the Father. No one has seen the Father, but Jesus “has made Him know” to us. When we see Jesus, we see the Father.

Today, many people portray Jesus as a loving friend and the Father as a harsh judge. However, John 1 shows that the character of Jesus is identical to the character of the Father. When we see Jesus, we see the Father. ~Dr. Randall McElwain

**John 1:1-4** *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

## A Closer Look: The Genealogies of Matthew and Luke



Matthew 1 and Luke 3 give differing genealogies for Jesus. Matthew moves from Abraham through King Solomon to Joseph. Luke traces the genealogy from Joseph back through Nathan (another of David's sons) to Adam. The genealogies are the same between Abraham and David. However, between David and Joseph, the two genealogies trace different lines. A likely explanation for the difference is that Matthew records the ancestry of Joseph and Luke records the ancestry of Mary. Joseph's ancestry in Matthew is a “royal” genealogy tracing back through Solomon. This fits with Matthew's theme of Jesus as King. This is Jesus' legal descent – which must come through Joseph.

Mary's ancestry in Luke is a “physical” genealogy tracing back through David's son Nathan. This genealogy fits Luke's emphasis on Jesus as the “Son of Man.” To show this, Luke traces the physical genealogy of Jesus through Mary.

Mary's lineage provides the blood connection to David. Joseph's lineage provides the throne rights through Solomon.

~Dr. Randall McElwain

The Gospel represents Jesus Christ as a real, living, mighty Savior, able to save me now. ~Catherine Booth



# Gift-Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes



Rev. Don Walden

**Luk 2:7**, “And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes,”

No doubt that day in Heaven, when the Son of God was born incarnate upon the earth, was one filled with much activity. From our point of view, surely there were many things to be accomplished. The greatest event in all the world was about to transpire. Gabriel had appeared a few months earlier to a little Jewish girl with a message, “...behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.” (Luke 1:31) That message was about to be completed and filled.

Since Joseph and Mary lived in Nazareth, it looked as though that’s where he would be born. But the prophet, Micah, had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem (the house of bread.) Micah 5:2. God makes no mistakes, and His prophets are never in error, regardless how long it may take to be fulfilled.

Isn’t it a wonder that Caesar Augustus, for some reason, decided to make a decree at this time of year? The decree required all the world to be taxed and that everyone should go to his own city for that purpose. Now, Joseph was from Bethlehem, therefore, they must leave Nazareth and go to Bethlehem to be taxed. The journey was approximately 60 miles. It looked like the Lord Jesus still might not be born there, as there was no room at the Inn. However, when God plans, He will always provide for that plan’s completion. If the Christ child was not born there, then all the prophecy was in error. If He was born there, Bethlehem not being

a kingly place, would confuse the public. How would the world know the prophet was correct?

## ENTER THE SHEPHERDS

“And there were in the same country (near Bethlehem) shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.” (Luke 2:8) Perhaps about this time in heaven there was a great cry, “Come forth, get ready.” The Father and Son have already said their goodbyes. The Son is about to be born the incarnate (union of divine nature and human nature) Son of God. These shepherds were special shepherds watching over sheep that were designed to be sacrificed. The shepherds were in the area of Bethlehem.

**Writers have indicated these shepherds would take the new-born lamb, examine it to be sure it was free of defects, then wrap it with the strips of cloth mentioned earlier. Once the lamb was wrapped, the strips helped to keep it free from injuries. They then placed it in a manger (feeding trough).**

Meanwhile, Mary and Joseph found no room in the Inn. They found lodging in a cave nearby; no doubt a cave where the shepherds had kept the lambs. “And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger.” (Luke 2:7) Here she wrapped the Son of God, gift wrapped in swaddling clothes. Think of all the gifts contained in that wrapping. The blemish-less Son of God was kept in a feeding trough. The “Lamb of God” waiting to be sacrificed!

Now, the Heavenly host is ready. They are standing in awe at this miraculous event. They hear a cry, “It is complete!” God dispatched an angel down to the shepherds to announce this great birth, “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes (white strips of cloth), lying in a manger.” (Luke 2:10-12)

## ENTER THE HEAVENLY HOST

A multitude joined the angel and praised God. When the angels were gone away, the shepherds determined to “...go see this thing which is come to pass...”. They found Mary and Joseph, and the babe was lying in a manger, “Gift wrapped



# The Velvet Slippers



By Kim Forsee

THE TINY VELVET slippers had become a tradition. Every year as we unpacked the Christmas tree and carefully arranged the lights and ornaments, we were sure to display them in a prominent location. They were as much a part of our Christmas ritual as the donuts and eggnog. It simply wouldn't have been Christmas without them. I still remember the evening at Value City in Norwood, Ohio when I found them in the baby section. It has been twenty-one years ago now, but I remember it like it was yesterday. What happiness I experienced as I lifted them from the baby bin. They were perfect. I was ten weeks along in my first pregnancy and was out baby shopping. What fun it was to scour the department store in search of hairbows, shoes and accessories. I could just imagine my little girl in each of the darling outfits. Girls seemed to run on my side of the family, and I was just sure that this baby would be a blue-eyed, curly-headed little girl. My childhood dream of being a wife and mommy had finally materialized. In a few months the baby dolls I used to play with would be replaced by a living, breathing bundle of joy. I could hardly wait! I lovingly placed the red slippers in my cart knowing in my heart she would wear them on her first Christmas.

How unprepared my husband and I were for our first taste of sorrow. The pregnancy complications, Doctor Marmion's grave announcement that our little girl had gone to heaven, and the trip to Clermont Mercy Hospital in Batavia are like a bad dream in my mind.

**How could such a thing happen? Why would such a thing happen? We were overwhelmed by the heartache of it all.**

That Christmas season without our little Jesse Lauren was the loneliest we remember. Our hearts were as empty as her silent nursery. How we longed to take her in our arms and comfort her (and thus ourselves) but it was not to be. Our only consolation was that she was safe in the arms of Jesus.

We hung her slippers on our tree where they have remained throughout our married life; a Christmas reminder that one day we will have the privilege of meeting our little Jesse face to face. As Christians we know that life begins at conception and God never loses or forgets a soul that He has created. He indeed knows best and allowed this disappointment to happen for a purpose. If we are faithful to Him, one day we

will have the privilege of taking her in our arms. We will be reunited to live together forever in the presence of our Lord. We have tried to impress this fact upon each of the eight boys God has since given us, reminding them of the family reunion waiting for us in heaven. (We also have little Jamie waiting for us as well.)

Now one might think this is the end of the story, but it's not. Last November we received a mid-life surprise. At a time when we thought we were through having children, God saw fit to bless our home once again. What a shock it was for our family to open that envelope and read "It's a GIRL!" We sat in stunned silence before exploding in exclamations of disbelief and joy. A girl? Who would have dreamed that such a "miracle" could take place?

**How like our God it is to take a surrendered desire for a little girl and grant it in His time and fashion. He truly is a wonderful heavenly Father.**

This Christmas as we retrieved our ornaments from the attic and began decorating for the season, my hands reached for the little red slippers. As I hung them on the tree, I remembered the little one that we had lost so many years ago, and tears of joy filled my eyes. My heart swelled with praise as I realized those slippers were the perfect fit for Abigail Grace, the sweet baby girl that God has placed in our home. The meaning of the name Abigail is "my Father is joy" and truly our Heavenly Father has filled our hearts to full and overflowing.

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## Joyful or Joyless?



**ARE YOU A GRINTCH?** Would your friends and family testify to you being nothing but a “streak of misery” to be around? Does nothing provide you with lasting satisfaction? If that is the case, we recommend that you turn to Jesus. The world offers happiness through earthly friends, possessions, pleasure, and power; but the problem with earthly happiness is that it evaporates when these things are taken away or fail to meet our expectations. Jesus and His great salvation offer us joy which is far better. Joy is an excitement of pleasurable feelings. Joy is a delight of the mind, from the consideration of the present or assured approaching possession of a good thing. Do you see the difference?

When the disappointments and hard times of life come, with Jesus there is an inner wellspring of delight that continues to bubble up regardless of our circumstances. We can continue to rejoice and praise God for the reality of His person, power, and promises, both for our present and future.

There is no drug that offers a “high” that is as clean and exhilarating as this joy. If you don’t have it, why not receive it today. It will so change you that people will enjoy being around you. *Isa 55:2-3* *Why do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not? Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.*



# 6 REASONS

## FOR BIBLE COLLEGE

1. Workers for Christian service is the one job -related prayer request Christ instructed the church to present before God. Luke 10:2
2. As Christians we have a different value system than the world. Secular occupations, necessary though they may be, do not compare to the necessity and glory of ministry. Romans 12:1-3
3. It may be God’s will for you: Have you prayed about what God wants you to do with your life? Have you offered yourself to Him as a candidate for ministry? You should not make any career-related decisions until you are confident of His will. Ephesians 5:17
4. You need a systematic education in Christian beliefs if you are to be effective in carrying out the Great Commission. Your local church can be invaluable of course in accomplishing this objective, but a good bible college can carry things to whole new level. 2 Timothy 2:15
5. There is a great need for full-time Christian workers. This is true of foreign lands (missionaries), as well as our own country. (Pastors, teachers, evangelists, etc.) Matthew 9:37-38, John 4:35-38
6. Bible college is a great place to meet a future spouse. It is more difficult to meet someone of like convictions in a secular atmosphere. 2 Corinthians 6:14

### Bible College Students 2019 -20



**Top Row:** (From left to right) Clayton Plemmons, UBC; Ryan Burley, HSBC; Caleb Zeigler, PVBI; Daniel Forsee, UBC; **Bottom Row:** Danae Durgan, HSBC, Jarilyn Gibson, Caleb McBee, Ben Forsee, UBC.



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# A Lesson

## FROM THE ASSATEAGUE PONIES



Would you believe that there is an island filled with cute, short, stubby ponies? There is one! Off the coast of Maryland, Assateague Island is famous for its ponies. Over 300 ponies run wild all over the island. Each year, thousands of people come to see the world-famous Assateague wild ponies. Now, no one is quite sure how the ponies got there. Some think a Spanish galleon carrying a load of ponies wrecked on the island, and the ponies have lived there ever since.

Right next to Assateague to Chincoteague. The two are divided by a strip of water. Now, let's get this straight. Assateague is a pony island, and Chincoteague is a people island. Each year on Chincoteague, the people have a festival where the famous pony swim takes place. This is when the Assateague ponies swim across to Chincoteague, where the firemen round up some of the younger ponies to auction off. A couple of days later, the ponies swim back to Assateague.

Assateague used to be an insignificant island. Then, the ponies came, and the island became famous. The ponies "told the world" that Assateague existed. Like the ponies made Assateague famous, we were made to make God famous—to tell the world how awesome God is! We were made to be a witness.

**Matthew 5:16** "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

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# The **BIG** Picture

I've been thinking lately about spiritual growth. It takes time for God to save and sanctify us. It takes time for God to mold us into His image. His refining work is not always done in minutes and hours, but sometimes in months and years. On occasion I have thought, "if only I had known at age 25 or 30 what I now know at 45-50" 😊, but God sees the big picture of our lives and works accordingly. It's caused me to see how carefully patient I should be with others whose "life experiences" are different than mine. I am also reminded that there is always more to learn. Isn't this a beautiful verse, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18



*Leah Plemmons*

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**Gift Wrapped:**



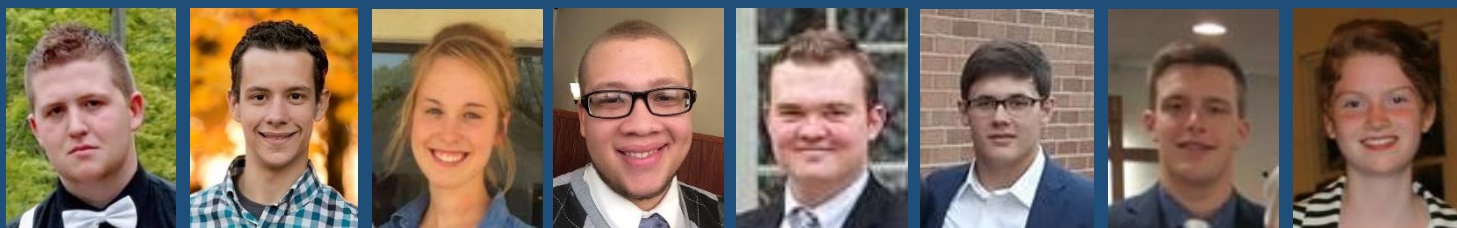
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in swaddling clothes". Anyone who seeks Him will also find this great Gift, ready to be received. "Thou shalt call His name JESUS, for He shall save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) I say, Hallelujah, Praise God!

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I know not what He is about to do with me, but I have given myself entirely into His hand. ~Catherine Booth

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