



The Characters of Christmas

Week 3: 'Herod: The Monster of Christmas'

Matthew 2

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, ² "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

³ King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

⁴ He called a meeting of the leading priests and teachers of religious law and asked, "Where is the Messiah supposed to be born?"

⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they said, "for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶ 'And you, O Bethlehem in the land of Judah, are not least among the ruling cities of Judah, for a ruler will come from you who will be the shepherd for my people Israel.'

⁷ Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. ⁸ Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!"

¹² When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. ¹⁶ Herod was furious when he realized that the wise men had outwitted him. He sent soldiers to kill all the boys in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under, based on the wise men's report of the star's first appearance.



Vitals for December 12th

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$2,536

Disaster Relief: \$1,327

Sunday School - 35

Worship Service - 84

3 easy ways to give:

1. 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
2. Go to newheightsconnersville.com/giving
3. Mail to the church office



Savannah Higgs - covid

Phyllis Tinch - heart issues

Jason & Kendra McCalley (Jones daughter) upcoming surgery on baby when he is delivered

Fred Finkbinder (Levi Monk's grandpa)

Freida Painter (Levi Thompson's grandma)

Ashlee Taylor (Gordon's daughter)

Doug Scaggs (Marcia Clark's cousin)

Judy Whipple - receiving a pacemaker on Dec. 23

Elijah Rader (student of Diane Burks)

*Names are left on the prayer list for only three weeks; but if you wish for a name to remain longer, please let the office know. ***If you would like a copy of the long term prayer list, you can pick one up in the lobby.***



Christmas Service

Sunday, December 26th

Sunday School 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tonight at 5 PM