



**The Characters of Christmas**  
Week 1: 'Joseph: The Unsung Hero'

**Matthew 1 & 2**

18 This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. 19 Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.

20 As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. 21 And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

22 All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet:

23 "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

24 When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife.

25 But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.

13 After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

14 That night Joseph left for Egypt with the child and Mary, his mother, 15 and they stayed there until Herod's death.

19 When Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt. 20 "Get up!" the angel said. "Take the child and his mother back to the land of Israel, because those who were trying to kill the child are dead."

21 So Joseph got up and returned to the land of Israel with Jesus and his mother. 22 But when he learned that the new ruler of Judea was Herod's son Archelaus, he was afraid to go there. Then, after being warned in a dream, he left for the region of Galilee. 23 So the family went and lived in a town called Nazareth. This fulfilled what the prophets had said: "He will be called a Nazarene."



### Vitals for November 28th

Weekly Need: \$3,200  
Actual Given: \$2,045

Sunday School - 39  
Worship Service - 75

#### 3 easy ways to give:

1. 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
2. Go to [newheightsconnersville.com/giving](http://newheightsconnersville.com/giving)
3. Mail to the church office



### **BOARD GAMES FOR DCS FAMILIES**

We are collecting simple board games to bless the families that DCS support in Fayette County. The games don't need to be overly expensive, and even simple card games like UNO will be perfect for helping families to create long-lasting memories. Our goal is to collect 20 board/card games as a church.



- 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)
- Chris Garrett (friend of Milbourn's) covid pneumonia
- Ron & Teresa Scott
- Jim Powell - recovering hip surgery
- Paul Tinch - recovering knee surgery
- Doug Scaggs (Marcia Clark's cousin)
- Raymond Chew
- Judy Whipple
- 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.***

**Thanksgiving/  
Christmas Dinner**

*Sunday, December 12*

**Meat & Drinks will be provided.  
Bring your best Thanksgiving or  
Christmas side/goodie!**