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SIMPLE BIRTH, MIGHTY RETURN

A Hebrew peasant woman, named Mary, was going to have a baby. A carpenter, named Joseph, was the baby's father. There was no room at the inn, and so, the baby would be born in a manger where animals are kept. WAIT A MINUTE! This does not sound like the birth of a great and mighty king or a savior, a messiah. After all, Isaiah prophesied in Isaiah 9:6-7, "For to us a child is born... He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace... He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom." This baby should have been born in a beautiful castle, amongst kings, people bowing, and people celebrating everywhere. But instead, there was no one around but Mary, Joseph, and some animals in a manger. The greatest human being to ever walk the earth was born and it seemed that no one cared.

This prophesied king and savior was born without earthly privileges, royalty, or power. He was as human as one can be... and... that's the point. He had to be fully human to do what He came to do. Hebrews 2:14 says, "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death-that is, the devil." Later in v17-18, the Hebrew author says, "... he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted."

Our Lord understands how difficult life is because He lived a life on earth. He understands our pain. And so, we draw strength and comfort knowing that our Lord knows our struggles. And then there is the part where we can draw our hope. Not only was our Lord human, born from a woman, but He went on to live without sin. Thus, He became the perfect sacrifice for man's sin. Not only that, but He went on to conquer death in His resurrection from the dead. Jesus became flesh to bring us hope. It is a hope that is made available to everyone.

John 1:14 tells us, "The word became flesh and dwelt among us." God was born into this world, not to reign over an earthly kingdom, but rather, to reign over all in an eternal kingdom. He was born into this world to deal with the issue of our sin, so that we may become citizens of His eternal kingdom. That's what the angel told Joseph when he announced the birth of Jesus in Matthew 1:21, saying about Mary, "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

Without the plan that God had set in motion from the very beginning; without the plan that all of the patriarchs, prophets, and poets talked about from long ago; without the birth of Jesus; without the death, burial, resurrection of Jesus... we would not have hope for eternal salvation; we would not be saved from sin.

Our sin demands our death or the death of a sinless substitute, and that is ultimately what the birth of Jesus is all about. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Jesus came the first time to save the world from sin. Jesus will come the second time to bring His faithful home. The second coming is going to be different from the first. The first time, few people saw Him. At His return, everyone will see Him. The first time He would be called Jesus. At His return, He will be called King of Kings, Lord of Lords; and every knee will bow before the Eternal King. Share the story!

~ Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

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| Dec. 9 9:30 am Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Dec. 13- 10-12 pm Saturday Ladies Bible Study Dec. 13- Holiday Progressive Dinner-sign up sheet is posted | Dec. 19- 5:30 pm Young Adults Christmas party at church building. Dec. 27 10am- 12:30 pm Families with Young Children Christmas Breakfast | Benevolence- Collection for a single mom and her 4 y.o. daughter in need- list on back door. Items due Dec. 14 | <i>Welcome visitors-please share a record of you visit by filling out the Welcome card or using the app on the laminated card, both located on the pew in front of you,</i> |
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Prayer Requests

*Pray for Jay's **Uncle Skip** and family, his wife passed away recently.

*Pray for **Karen Springer's mother** who is now on hospice care. Prayers for all the family.

*Pray for **Greg Cerminara** who is recovering from knee surgery.

*Pray for positive results from **Mike Ross's** endoscopy.

*Pray for **Anthony Katz** who is recovering from eye surgery and other medical issues.

*Pray for **Audrey Parks** (Nadine's mother) who is dealing with intense back pain. Also for her cousin, **Oliver**, whose wife passed away and for his 3 children and family. Also for Kimberly's friend **Tia**, who had a seizure.

*Pray for **Nuris** who is in a lot of pain.

*Pray for those in Jamaica and all affected by the recent hurricane.

*Pray for Debbie Christy's niece, **Kia Marsha** recently diagnosed with breast cancer and is recovering from surgery.

*Pray for **Pamela Pimpton** who has been dizzy and not feeling well.

*Pray for Joanne and Bob's grandson, **Leo, post bone marrow transplant..** Prayers for the whole family also,

*Pray for **Mary Lou** as she is dealing with back problems and for **Ron Sr.** for his procedure

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Judith Gomez, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Tom Byer**

***Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.**

*Pray for **families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to**, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers **for our church leaders.**

Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia, Gina Porto

***Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:** Deserine Forbes, Emille Jones, Mike Ross, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, Nadine Keller, Greg & Linda Cerminara, Pat Yaglowksi. Meegan and Irene, Nuris Gomez, Karen O, Anthony Katz, Jasmyn Malagutti, Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes, Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood, Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

***Opportunities** to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you,

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

7:00 pm via zoom

Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11am

Online bible class and worship service go to our website:

trumbullchurchofchrist.org

Week of 12/7/25

Song Leader: Derin Wilson

Lord's Table: Wiley Mullins

Closing Prayer/Announcements: Luis Ruiz

Usher: Ray Fernandes

Week of 11/30-12/5/25

Donations :\$2857 Expenses:\$612

