

## Why was Jesus born and placed in a manger?

Many do not realize that Micah prophesied that kingship would come to the "Daughter of Jerusalem" at Migdal Eder: Micah 4:8 "As for you, O watchtower of the flock [Hebrew *Migdal Eder*], O stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to the Daughter of Jerusalem."

Migdal Eder was a watchtower located in the northern part of Bethlehem built to protect the Temple flocks. During lambing season the sheep were brought there from the fields, as the lower level functioned as the birthing room for sacrificial lambs. Priestly shepherds would wrap the newborn lambs in swaddling clothes and place them in a manger until they calmed down to keep them without defect, suitable to be sacrificial lambs for the sin of the Israelites. Bethlehem was special because the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem raised lambs for the Jewish temple in Jerusalem. The shepherds who heard the angelic choir and came to see the baby Jesus were certainly familiar with the technique to birth a sacrificial lamb, and were likely puzzled by why a baby was birthed in the manner and location of a sacrificial lamb. In fact the angels did not have to tell the shepherds precisely where to go in Bethlehem to find Jesus, because there was only one manger where sacrificial lambs were birthed, the cave under the watch tower of Migdal Eder.

Before Jesus had taken his first breath God had decided that his life was to be given as a sacrifice to pay the penalty for our sins. God testified to his intent by having Jesus be born in the manner and location of the sacrificial lambs of the temple just as the prophet Micah proclaimed.

<http://www.pas.rochester.edu/~tim/study/Why%20a%20manger.pdf>



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# Welcome to First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill

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December 22, 2013

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## Luke 2

<sup>10</sup>And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a **Saviour**, which is **Christ the Lord**. <sup>12</sup>And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

December 22, 2013 *Merry Christmas*

*Opening prayer with the pastor ~ 9:30 am*

*Bible Study / Sunday School ~ 9:45 am*

*Morning Worship Service ~ 11:00 am*

Welcome, Announcements

Worship in Prayer

Call to Worship

“What Can I Give Him” (choir 263)

Invocation

Angels, from the Realms of Glory #87

The First Nowell the Angels Did Say #91

It Came upon the Midnight Clear #86

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

“Christmas Medley” (choir 284,288,285)

God’s Message

Pastor Mike McVay

Response



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Choir Practice ~ 5:15 pm ~ Open to All  
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*Evening Worship Service ~ 6:00 pm*

Worship in Music and Prayer

#83 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

#90 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

#80 Away in a Manger

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Message from the Bible

Response



**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship is next week.**  
Start planning now to fill up the fellowship hall.

## Weekly Schedule of Opportunities for Praise, Worship & Service

Sun-Sat	Visitation Every Day,	Any Time
Wednesday	Good News Club	2:30 – 4:00 pm
Wednesday	Prayer and Bible Study	6:30 pm
Friday	<b>Youth Recreation Outreach</b>	6:00 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Brotherhood Breakfast	7:00 am
Wed > 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	Business Meeting	7:15 pm
Last Thursday	Church Council	6:30 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Care Givers Support Group	2:00 pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Group Bible Study & Fellowship	6:00 pm
	Suspended until January	

## Announcements



**Lottie Moon collection  
all month of December  
for Foreign Missions**

Mark your envelopes and  
checks for Lottie Moon.

\$510 collected so far



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The youth are taking up a collection for the  
Florida Baptist Children's Home in Pensacola FL.  
We are collecting toys, food & clothes. Cash & gift cards too!  
See Gretchen for details also [www.fbchomes.org](http://www.fbchomes.org)

## Worship Christmas Night in Music & Celebration

The Nativity in music-video and prayer followed by light snacks,  
bring desserts and snack food, help celebrate Jesus as a Family

## Helpers and Cooks needed for Youth Rec. Fridays



## Bible Study

### Courage

Mathew 1:18-25; 2:19-23

Next week

*An Identity You Must Embrace*

Romans 6:8-18

**WE would LOVE to see YOU in Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am**