

Why was Jesus born 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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<http://www.firstbaptistchurchlh.org/sermon-studies.htm>

Wednesday Music 81 & 84

Welcome to First Baptist Church of Laurel Hill

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December 20, 2015

Pastor

Rev. Mike M^cVay

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Luke 2

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

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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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You” (choir 271)

Invocation

Angels from the Realms of Glory # 87

Away in a Manger # 80

O Little Town of Bethlehem # 85

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Special Music

“Jesus Christ Is born” (choir 257)

God’s Message

Pastor Mike McVay

Response



Choir Practice ~ 5:00 pm ~ Open to All

Evening Worship Service ~ 6:00 pm

Worship in Music and Prayer

#79 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

#91 The First Nowell the Angel Did Say

#95 Angels We Have Heard on High

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Message from the Bible

Response

While most services are recorded, there is no video recording of the congregation or the invitation/response.

Weekly Schedule of Opportunities for Praise, Worship & Service

Sun-Sat	Visitation Every Day,	Any Time
Wednesday	Prayer and Bible Study	6:30 pm
Friday	Recreation Outreach	6:00 pm
1 st Sunday	Brotherhood Breakfast	7:00 am
Wed > 1 st Sunday	Business Meeting	7:15 pm
2 nd Tuesday	Group Bible Study & Fellowship	6:00 pm
Mon-Sat	Church Cleanup signup in the Foyer	Any Time

Announcements

Lottie Moon collection now & all month of December

for Foreign Missions

Mark your envelopes and checks for Lottie Moon.



John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **James 1:17** Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Good News Club Wednesdays 2:15pm – 3:45pm

Any Adult can Chaperone, security check required.

The Students at Laurel Hill School need JESUS

We’ll start back January 6th after Christmas & the New Year that will give time for security checks if you need one

Is He in you?, please share.

Please see Pastor Mike or Patty ASAP

Helpers and Cooks needed for Recreation Fridays



Sunday Bible Study

If you are missing Sunday School
You are missing an education



2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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